

September 3, 2020

## VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

## Re: AB 2151 (Gallagher) – Political Reform Act of 1974: online filing and disclosure system – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on AB 2151 (Gallagher), which would require local governments to post all campaign finance reports online, whether the filings were made on paper or submitted electronically.

The League of Women Voters of California has been a longtime advocate of campaign finance transparency and the public's right to know who is contributing to campaigns and how the money is spent. Currently, 70 percent of all California cities require an in-person visit to a government office to dig through paper records.

Making basic information about how local campaigns are funded more accessible is an important step toward increasing public information. While paper forms are nominally accessible to the public, putting the data online significantly increases Californians' ability to find and use that data.

**The League urges your signature on AB 2151 (Gallagher)**, an important step toward increasing transparency related to how our campaigns are funded. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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