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LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING APPROACHING: WHAT VOTERS CAN DO TO AVOID DELAYS AT THE POLLS

Florida -- Disregarding the precedent set by former Governor Charlie Crist in 2008, Governor Rick Scott has thus far rejected calls to extend early voting to Sunday, November 4, despite reported wait times of up to six hours in some parts of the state.

Stemming from sharp cuts in early voting days, the longest ballot in Florida history and increased numbers of eligible voters, the lines at Florida's early voting locations have challenged the patience -- and physical stamina -- of many of the state's residents.

With only one day left to vote early, what can citizens do to ensure a good voting experience?

The League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund recommends that voters call their local Supervisor of Elections office before heading to the polls in order to find out where the shortest lines in their county are. Also, while they're on the phone, voters can ensure that their address and registration information is up to date. Finally, if citizens are planning to vote on Election Day -- Tuesday, November 6 -- they should verify their precinct location, as many polling places have changed due to the recent redistricting process.

Voters who have received an absentee ballot, but have not yet submitted it, can still vote early or on Election Day. They should simply take their absentee ballot with them to the polls and exchange it for an in-person ballot.

Voters can access their Supervisor of Elections' phone number, as well as a host of other voting information, at the League's voter service website: www.BeReadyToVote.org (or www.BeReadyToVote.mobi for smartphone users). The site is available in Spanish at: www.VamosAVotar.org (or www.VamosAVotar.mobi via smartphone).

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