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League of Women Voters Declares Today's Supreme Court Ruling on Redistricting a Major Victory for the People of Florida

Tallahassee -- In response to today's 5-2 decision by the Florida Supreme Court, declaring that lawmakers can be forced to testify and turn over documents regarding their re-drawing of maps for redistricting purposes, League of Women Voters of Florida President Deirdre Macnab released the following statement:

"Today's ruling will finally allow Florida voters to look behind the curtain of Tallahassee's "Chamber of Secrets" -- the persistent political gerrymandering that has plagued the state for decades and made a mockery of open government.

The people of Florida should salute today's action by the Florida Supreme Court, which will help guarantee radically reduced shenanigans during the state's redistricting process. No amount of kicking and screaming by legislators should prevent the will of the people from being followed."

The League of Women Voters of Florida has been working to improve Florida's redistricting process since 1939, when the League first began operating in the state. The League was a strong supporter of Fair Districts Amendments 5 and 6 in 2010 and has been actively engaged since then in advocating for the amendments' fair implementation.

Please contact LWVF President Deirdre Macnab for further comments.

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