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League of Women Voters Responds to Legislature's Admission that Redistricting Documents Were Destroyed

Tallahassee -- In response to today's revelation that the Florida legislature destroyed documents associated with its 2012 redistricting process, League of Women Voters of Florida President Deirdre Macnab released the following statement:

"The holiday season is usually a time to celebrate the best of human nature, but the latest revelation that House and Senate members destroyed records dealing with the drawing of redistricting maps can only be described as Grinch-like. After all the public comments by legislators expressing their belief that litigation was inevitable, the admission that any redistricting records were destroyed should have Florida voters up in arms. Today's disclosure is just another example of those in charge abusing their power and then hiding behind the lame excuse that they didn't know what they were doing."

The League of Women Voters of Florida is currently challenging the legislature's state Senate and Congressional maps in district court. Last Friday, in a 5-2 decision, the Florida Supreme Court declared that lawmakers could be forced to testify about, and turn over documents related to, their involvement in the re-drawing of maps during the state's 2012 redistricting process.

Please contact LWVF President Deirdre Macnab for further comments.

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