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August 1, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Contra Costa
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: SB 1107

Dear Supervisors:

Please support SB 1107 (Allen), an important bill to reduce the influence of money in California elections.

This bill will restore local control by allowing our state and local governments to adopt voluntary citizen-funded election programs like those in place in six charter cities. A long-standing ban on public financing currently prohibits innovative approaches to campaign funding that can revive participation and encourage trust in government.

SB 1107 would modify that ban but does not establish any campaign financing program or spend any money. It simply opens the door to local governments that want to consider new approaches like small-donor matching funds or voucher programs that voters around the country have enacted. Any program would have to treat candidates and parties equitably.

The League of Women Voters has long worked to promote maximum citizen participation in the political process and combat public cynicism about government. SB 1107 will create flexibility for local governments to explore public financing options that increase voter participation, restore public trust, and strengthen our representative democracy. Please join us in taking action to support this valuable bill!

Please vote YES to support the resolution on SB 1107.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President
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The non-partisan League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in governmental processes. The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

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