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**League of Women Voters of Ann Arbor Area, Brighton/Howell Unit Holding Virtual Town Hall on Redistricting Process**

*Public invited to learn about redistricting in Michigan*

**LANSING** – The League of Women Voters of Brighton/Howell Unit is holding a town hall event to educate Michigan voters on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission’s process in drawing new legislative and congressional maps.

The virtual town hall will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29th via Zoom. Guest Commissioner M.C. Rothhorn of the MICRC and League representatives will discuss redistricting in Michigan, the commission and opportunities for the public, including Communities of Interest, to provide input to the commission before it draws the maps.

“Redistricting in Michigan has been a very political process that has historically taken place behind closed doors and out of the public eye,” said Ellen Lafferty, Chairperson. “This new independent process gives regular, everyday Michigan residents the ability to draw the state’s legislative districts. We want the public to be empowered with information so they can participate in this important democratic process.”

Leagues across the state have undertaken a widespread educational effort to help voters understand redistricting and to ensure the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is being what voters have asked: for citizens to draw district lines instead of legislators or special interests, and for the commission to respect Communities of Interest.

Local Leagues across the state are holding town hall events throughout March and April. Register for the at https://howelllibrary.libcal.com/event/7573653.

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The League of Women Voters of Michigan is the state league for the U.S. League of Women Voters, which is a nonpartisan political organization that aims to encourage informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Learn more at lwvmi.org.