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LWVUS Board of Directors,

The League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) Board of Directors wholeheartedly endorses LWVUS adopting a "broad and general" position on voting methods which can be a "guide for acting," as recommended in the LWVUS *Impact on Issues 2018-20*.

Furthermore, LWVCO has studied the language of the proposed *Voter Representation/Electoral Systems Position Recommended by LWVUS for Adoption via Concurrence LWVUS Convention 2020*, and LWVCO supports all but the following majority-criterion bullet point:

"Require the winner to receive a majority of the votes for executive and other single seat offices."

LWVCO asks LWVUS to remove the word "majority" because:

- guaranteeing a majority is impossible when there are more than two candidates
- such a requirement would inhibit Local Leagues from endorsing efforts to adopt better voting methods including approval voting (e.g., Fargo), score runoff or STAR voting (e.g., Lane and Multnomah Counties, OR), single-winner ranked choice voting, and instant-runoff voting (e.g., Maine, San Francisco, Denver)
- adopting such language could be harmful to the League's reputation
- we would like to resolve this concern prior to the 2020 convention.

x Ruth Stember
Ruth Stember, LWVCO President

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