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Wanted: A Stable, Realistic Budget

League of Women Voters Calls on the Legislature to Work with the Governor

Sacramento—The League of Women Voters of California commends Governor Brown for continuing a realistic, balanced approach to putting California’s budget on a sounder footing. We recognize that we cannot continue to enact budgets that rely on borrowing and over-optimistic expectations.

The Legislature has already made many hard choices to cut programs far beyond the comfort level, but a minority continues to follow the previous administration’s policy of borrowing and unrealistic projections. “It’s time for everyone to accept that California must at least continue existing revenues, as the Governor proposes,” stated Janis R. Hirohama, LWVC president.

Under our form of representative government, it is the responsibility of the Governor and the Legislature to work together to produce a state budget that meets the basic needs of its citizens and that provides the resources to do so. To bring our fiscal system back to health, both increased revenues and spending cuts are needed. The cuts are in place. The League urges the Legislature to work with the Governor to ensure that measures are taken to extend current taxes that will otherwise expire soon.

“California cannot return to a thriving economy and a healthy community without a stable and realistic budget,” continued Hirohama. “It is long past time to move in that direction.”

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