



Supervisor John Tavaglione
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June 27, 2010

Dear Supervisor Tavaglione,

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Riverside County was gratified to learn that the issue of 12,500 neglected votes in the June 8th Primary Election was discussed at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 22nd.

We urge you to make this issue a top priority, seek accountability for this serious oversight, and pursue all means necessary to ensure that all your constituent's choices are reflected in the final vote tally.

Unfortunately, once again we are faced with questions concerning the integrity of our election process.

But this election's circumstances are different. No new voting methods are involved, lack of adequate voting instructions, or the arduous task of trying to determine the intent of the voter after the fact.

In this case, the citizens' intent was simply to vote and did so in good faith and in a timely fashion. But, because of a stated 'miscommunication' between two government agencies, voters were denied participation in the election's outcome.

The outcome of the election may not change, but the accuracy of the count is crucial to preserving confidence in our voting system which is the foundation of our democracy

We urge you to remain diligent in seeking a just resolution in which all timely and legitimate votes for the June 8th Primary are counted.

Sincerely,

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