



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



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Jeff Hobson, Deputy Director
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Via e-mail: jhobson@TransFormCA.org

Dear Jeff,

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area is pleased to endorse TransForm's platform, "Strategic Investments for a Better Bay Area," that will be the basis for TransForm's advocacy for the upcoming revisions to MTC's Regional Transportation Plan (now known as the "Plan Bay Area," and the "Sustainable Communities Strategy."

Overall, the platform is consistent with many long-standing League positions. For example, the League strongly supports integrated planning for transportation and land use, and the provision of affordable, convenient public transportation for all of our communities. The platform's emphasis on reducing greenhouse gas emissions is an important factor in the League's endorsement, since it concurs with our position that climate change is a major crisis that must be addressed in every aspect of our work.

We want to thank you for considering our comments on the platform, and for including many of our suggestions, including those that have resulted in greater emphasis in the platform on the needs of seniors, disabled persons, and low-income communities in planning for transit and housing.

It is our understanding that the document we are endorsing is the final version of the platform, and that there will be no additional changes to the text before it is published unless the League, and other endorsing organizations, have the opportunity to comment and to reconsider our endorsement, if that were necessary. Further, we anticipate that it will be necessary to make changes to the platform from time to time, as conditions change and evolve. To ensure full transparency and integrity, it is essential that the League be consulted in advances of any such changes.

We hope and expect that our ongoing collaboration with TransForm will strengthen the effectiveness of both of our organizations.

Sincerely,

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