Statement to Dane County Board Redistricting Subcommittee
November 30, 2015

I’m Diane Martin Liebert representing the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

As is common knowledge, the League has been actively involved in voting issues since 1920, and we also have advocated for the “one citizen, one vote” initiative since the 1930’s.

Open and transparent elections are one of our top agenda items and redistricting is an essential ingredient of the process.

Our aim is to educate our membership, and through them, the public, about the entire election process, from voter registration to Election Day activities.

League members spend time studying and updating our membership on “issues” of the day, and redistricting is on the forefront of our agenda.

Our aim is to take the politics out of the process.

We agree with all of your Proposed Redistricting Criteria for the mapping process.

And, we agree that political boundaries, such as municipalities and school districts should be included in the map content criteria.

The League does not support incumbency as part of the formula for redistricting.

The Dane County League recommends that the redistricting process be done by a non-political commission, and we congratulate the county on establishment of the Redistricting Subcommittee, which includes citizen members.

We agree with those who point out that “Voters should choose their representatives; representatives should not choose their voters.”

Thank you.