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Dear Governor DeSantis and Secretary Lee:

The League of Women Voters of Florida and All Voting is Local Florida are committed to ensuring that eligible Floridians can cast a ballot in tomorrow's presidential preference primary. We are very concerned that voters will not be able to find timely information on where to vote due to widespread, last minute polling place changes throughout the state in response to the current Coronavirus pandemic.

As you know, many Supervisors of Elections are moving polling sites formerly located in senior centers and assisted living facilities. Furthermore, if Supervisors experience low poll worker turnout tomorrow we could see many additional last minute polling place changes as we have seen in other states.

To our knowledge there is no single place online that we can direct voters to in order for them to locate their current polling place. County Supervisors are offering information on polling place changes inconsistently and in some cases not at all. There are also concerns that the state's voter information lookup tool is not being kept up to date in real time with the changes being made at the county level.

We ask that the Division of Elections:

- Direct all County Supervisors of Elections to post prominent links on their websites to updates concerning the election tomorrow that include steps taken to protect the health of voters and poll workers, any changes to polling sites, any other changes to election day procedures, and a phone number to contact for more information. These alerts should be shared on county social media and with local media, and translated into all

languages required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. If possible these notices should also be shared via PSAs, print media, and radio.

- Direct all County Supervisors of Elections to text or email all voters who have had a polling site change of their new voting location.
- Direct all County Supervisors of Elections to post notices at closed polling sites of the locations of new polling sites. Staff should be posted at those sites at times of heavy voting to direct voters to the new polling site.
- The Secretary of State should post a prominent notice on her website with information that polling sites have changed and to look at their local websites, along with coronavirus related updates, and election hotline numbers. The page must be updated regularly with updates, and should also be shared on social media.

We thank you for your prompt attention and please, contact us to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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