

To: San Diego Ethics Commission
From: League of Women Voters San Diego
Re: Campaign Control Ordinance
Date: January 22, 2004

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, I want to commend the Ethics Commission for the work you are doing to improve the city's Campaign Control Ordinance and, above all, for remaining true to your good judgment and convictions.

The League holds the same goals for good government as you do. We both know that the way campaigns are financed and run is not only a pivotal issue but a very thorny issue, as well. At yesterday's Rules Committee meeting, the thornier aspects of campaign financing and regulation became all too clear.

In a democratic system this will always be an ongoing issue and will outlast the cast of characters on stage at any moment. An informed and educated public may be the most important player in determining which way to go, which means that our work is just beginning.

We'd like you to know that the League is grateful to you for giving formal status to the option of public financing. We will do what we can to work with you and keep this important element of campaign reform alive and kicking.