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League of Women Voters affirms county boards' election reviews, applauds diligence to ensure accuracy and integrity

LANSING – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan** today announced the nonpartisan organization successfully observed Boards of Canvassers for most of Michigan's 83 counties, which certified the results of the Nov. 5 election and affirmed the work of election inspectors in 1,490 jurisdictions.

"The League of Women Voters of Michigan applauds all the election workers and volunteers at the state, county and local levels who worked diligently to ensure that our election this year was fair and accurate," said **Paula Bowman**, co-president of the League. "Every Michigan voter should feel confident that safeguards in our elections worked as they should have, including catching technical and human errors during the canvassing period and then fixing them. Our election clerks deserve credit for their work to make sure every vote is counted."

Following the Nov. 5 election, LWVMI observed public meetings of county Boards of Canvassers to monitor and affirm the integrity of the vote. Altogether, observers submitted more than 500 reports for League leaders, legal staff and nonpartisan partner organizations to review. Reports reflecting serious concerns were elevated to the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

"The League of Women Voters of Michigan strongly supports Michigan's local and county clerks and the Boards of Canvassers. Michigan voters can feel confident that our election officials serve us in good faith and follow the Constitution," said **Denise Hartsough**, co-president of the League. "We are grateful for the diligence of election workers for catching mistakes, which will inevitably happen, correcting those errors, understanding how they happened, and working to prevent them in future elections. As a nonpartisan organization, the League of Women Voters is proud to partner with election officials and other groups to uphold the integrity of our elections."

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The League of Women Voters of Michigan is the state league for the U.S. League of Women Voters, which is a nonpartisan political organization that aims to encourage informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Learn more at lwvmi.org.