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## **League Condemns Budget, Hopes for Future Reform**

**Sacramento, CA** – Janis R. Hirohama, president of the League of Women Voters of California, issued the following statement condemning the 2008-09 budget signed today by the Governor.

This budget does nothing to address our ongoing inability to finance vital state programs. It contains gimmicks, tax loopholes, and changes to the budget process that will cause even worse problems in coming years. Yet, it also makes severe cuts in essential programs that Californians depend on—such as schools, health care, and services for the elderly, disabled, and children.

“The budget should advance the priorities of our state government,” said Hirohama, “but this irresponsible document simply manages to fulfill the need to have something—anything—in place so that bills can be paid.”

This sorry state of affairs shows how inadequate our budget process is. “We call on Californians to join us in working for real budget reform that will prevent further fiascos like this one,” urged Hirohama.

The League’s statement follows.

*The League of Women Voters of California, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 87 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.*

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