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RE: League of Women Voters of Dane County supports the move of Fitchburg's District 1 polling place from the Marketplace Fire Station to Little John's, 2020 Resolution _____

Dear Mayor Richardson, Fitchburg Common Council and City Clerk, Tracy Oldenberg

The League of Women Voters supports efforts to maintain accessibility of polling locations particularly in marginalized communities who may have limited access to transportation and face the highest socioeconomic barriers. Voters in District 1 who do not have access to private vehicles should not have to walk across traffic-heavy McKee Rd for 1.2 miles to vote.

As the resolution states:

"Many residents of both neighborhoods lack reliable access to vehicle transportation and live beyond walking distance. Additionally, the Marketplace Fire Station is located outside of District 1 and not within walking distance of a bus line."

LWVDC is deeply committed to ensuring voting is accessible, that every eligible voter is able to cast their ballot safely, whether by mail or in-person. COVID has exacerbated inequities in our community. It is in these times that equity work is made all the more relevant. Supporting this resolution serves to:

"Provide more equitable, walkable, accessible polling places for residents in Fitchburg's most transportation and income vulnerable neighborhoods, particularly residents in the Anton Drive/King James/Jamestown Neighborhood"

The League of Women Voters of Dane County therefore strongly supports a positive vote on this important issue and is will provide the funding to cover the cost of postage for postcards updating polling location changes for voters in District 1.

Sincerely,

Christine Clements, President