PLEASE NOTE: CORRECTION of LWVSC POSITION on NOV. 6 EDUCATION REFERENDUM

The current issue of *SCVoter* incorrectly states the position of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina on how our state's Superintendent of Education should be selected. Our position was adopted in Convention in 2017 and is stated in the *2017-2019 Agenda for Action* as follows:

"Gubernatorial appointment of the State Superintendent of Education. The appointee must have substantial administrative and/or teaching experience of K-12 public education."

The referendum that will be on the ballot on Nov. 6 calls for gubernatorial appointment, which is consistent with our position, but does not specify qualifications. It refers only to establishment of qualifications by statute. The General Assembly passed a bill with qualifications, S. 27 (now Act 178), but it fails to meet our standard. The qualifications there include broad experience in K-12 education but also an alternative option that would permit appointment of virtually anyone, even with a total absence of K-12 education. "Broad-based experience in operational and financial management in any field . . . " is simply not an acceptable standard to guide our state's K-12 education.

In summary, the League of Women Voters of SC does not oppose gubernatorial appointment, but does oppose appointment of those without substantial

appointment, but does oppose appointment of those without substantial experience in K-12 education. We encourage all members to consider these pros and cons and and make their own decision.