



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

ACTION ALERT: Tell Legislators to be leaders and do what's right on the budget

The Texas Legislature must complete work on the budget in the special session already underway. Things are moving rapidly so now is the time to tell our legislators that the budget they pass must meet needs of Texans not simply make cuts for the sake of cutting.

Requested action:

Call your Representative and Senator and ask them to stand up for Texas and pass a budget that meets the needs of Texans now and into the future.

Who should receive the Action Alert:

League members. Members should also share this information and contact their friends, asking them to make calls and to contact **their** friends.

When:

Make these contacts as soon as possible. Things are moving quickly as the special session gets underway.

Talking Points:

- Our forefathers wisely established a representative form of government, not government by referendum, knowing strong leadership would be essential at times to insure the common welfare.
- The budget crises facing Texas requires legislators to exercise leadership.
- Legislators know just how lean Texas budgets have been for more than a decade.
- Legislators are also the ones in a position to know that cutting essential services below current levels will have serious consequences for
 - those denied needed services,
 - those who suffer loss of jobs,
 - communities and local political subdivisions that can't meet important local needs, and
 - the future of Texas.
- Texans need a balanced approach to a balanced budget not cuts for the sake of cutting.
- This special session is a second chance to use the Rainy Day Fund, close tax giveaways, and find new sources of revenue to fund a responsible budget that invests in the future of Texas.
- Please be a leader
 - tell the people of Texas what is necessary for Texas to move forward
 - vote to do what's right, adopt a balanced approach to the budget.

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