



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF TEXAS**

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**House Elections Committee  
HB 1094 (Farias)  
March 21, 2011**

The League of Women Voters of Texas urges your support of H.B. 1094, which requires city and county governments to post campaign finance information on their respective websites.

The League of Women Voters believes that transparency in government is essential to a vibrant democracy. Any measure that provides easy access to information on an elected office or elected official strengthens our trust of government at the federal, state and local levels.

Adding HB 1094 to the Election Code would enhance transparency with its potential to inform voters and would serve to remind public servants that they are beholden to voters. In no case should an elected official be able to hide campaign donor information.

Americans of all political persuasions believe that money buys results when invested in the campaigns of political candidates. Transparency will not eliminate this perception, but it remains an essential part of restoring our trust in government.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.