



To: Monroe County Clerk Nicole Browne

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Next year will be a Presidential election year, most probably with great public interest and high voter turnout. The League of Women Voters is concerned that Monroe County will not be prepared to conduct the primary and general elections with adequate and knowledgeable staff support.

As the Voter Registration Office and Election Central begin preparing for the 2024 elections, the County is without both a Chief Deputy Clerk and an Election Supervisor. The departure of the long-term incumbents from these two crucial positions means that new staff will be supporting large numbers of candidates and voters in a potentially fraught atmosphere.

Monroe County election operations have an excellent reputation across the state. For example, last year the State Board of Accounts complimented the staff's "professionalism and in-depth knowledge of the election process and materials" as well as their "organization and attention to detail."

Given the national mood, public confidence in the 2024 election will likely be tested. The League strongly urges county officials involved in the election process to take immediate action to ensure that Monroe County's election staff are in place to deliver elections with impartiality, consistency, and accuracy.

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