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This is a Presidential election year, with great public interest and probably high voter turnout. Given the national mood, public confidence in this election will likely be tested. The League of Women Voters is deeply concerned that Monroe County will not be prepared to conduct the primary and general elections with adequate and knowledgeable staff support.

The Voter Registration Office and Election Central are preparing for the 2024 elections, once again without an Election Supervisor and without its previous cadre of staff experienced in election operations. The Office staff will be expected to support large numbers of candidates and voters in a potentially fraught atmosphere.

In the strongest possible terms, the League urges county officials to take immediate action to fill the position of Election Supervisor and to ensure that Monroe County's election staff are in place to deliver a safe election process with impartiality, consistency, and accuracy.

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