



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF COLLIER COUNTY

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HOMETOWN DEMOCRACY IS HOT TOPIC AT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
JANUARY 25 DEBATE.

NAPLES, January 15 – The League of Women Voters of Collier County invites the public to attend a Hot Topics Lunch to examine the pros and cons of Amendment 4: Hometown Democracy, on Monday, January 25, 2010, from noon to 1:30 pm at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette Rd, North, Naples.

Amendment 4, if passed, will require voters to approve all local comprehensive land use changes if approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The question, then, is will Amendment 4 improve land use planning and the quality of life for Floridians?

*For those who would like background information and the wording of the amendment, please go to [http://www.lwvfla.org/hometown\\_democracy.htm](http://www.lwvfla.org/hometown_democracy.htm)*

Presenting opposing views are: Proponent: Lesley Blackner, President of Florida Hometown Democracy, a non-partisan political action committee that is the sponsor of Amendment 4 and Opponent: State Representative Matt Hudson, District 101, which includes part of Collier and Broward Counties. Each debater will have 10 minutes to present her/his case. The remaining time will be devoted to questions from the audience.

Amendment 4 is a controversial ballot initiative that – if passed- could have sweeping implications for local land use planning”, said Sandy Parker, president of the Collier League. “Since it could markedly affect growth management in the future, it is important that the public carefully evaluate its implications so we can be informed voters.”

The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, phone 263-4656 or e-mail [Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org](mailto:Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 21.

The League of Women Voters of Collier County is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men. For information about the League, contact information for federal, state and local government officials, voter information and League publications, please call 239-263-4656 or visit <http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org>

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