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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEETING TO EXAMINE  
ENERGY INDEPENDENCE OF NAPLES AND COLLIER

NAPLES, February 3—The League of Women Voters of Collier County will hear about efforts by the City of Naples and Collier County to reduce energy consumption at a general meeting open to the public on Monday, February 16.

Because of strong interest in the subject, the program will be held at two different times and locations. The public is invited to attend either the afternoon program at 1 p.m. at the Collier Athletic Club or the evening program at 7 p.m. at Naples Hilton. The public is also invited to attend a morning meeting at 10 a.m. at the Collier Athletic Club on establishing a national popular vote process for U.S. presidential elections.

The afternoon panel program speakers are Cloe Waterfield, president of TwentyFifty, who managed the energy audit for the City of Naples; and Skip Camp, facility management director for Collier County. They will discuss what each community is doing now, plans for the future as well as provide advice for individuals to reduce energy consumption.

“It is critical that communities become energy independent, not only to preserve our environment but also to save money and reduce our dependency on foreign oil,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier League.

National Popular Vote Compact-- Morning Meeting

Since 1970, the League of Women Voters has had a position supporting direct election of the President of the U.S. by popular vote. Thirty-eight years later, the Electoral College has not been abolished.

“There have been many differed proposals to alter the process by amending the Constitution but none have been passed by Congress,” said Chris Straton, Collier League president. “The 2008 League of Women Voters convention delegates voted to study the advisability and use of the National Popular Vote Compact as a method for electing the President and our February 16 morning meeting will provide information about the NPV Compact.”

Members and public are invited to participate in a luncheon at the Collier Athletic Club on February 16 at 11:30 a.m. Cost 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 February 12. For more information on the League, visit [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org).