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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HEAR FROM PANEL OF EXPERTS ON LOCAL TAXES, BUDGET, AND SERVICES AT NOVEMBER 9 MEETING

NAPLES, October 28 – The League of Women Voters of Collier County invites its members and the public to attend a meeting entitled, “Your Tax Bill, The Budget, and The Services You Expect”, on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette Rd, North, Naples. Helping to explain the process used in determining services that citizens need, the cost of those services, and planning a budget to meet community needs and expectations is a panel composed of individuals close to the front lines: John A Yonkosky, Director, Collier County office of Management and Budget; Mark Isackson, Senior Management and Budget Analyst; Steve Harrison, Chairman, Collier County Productivity Committee; Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner, District I; and Abe Skinner, Collier County Property Appraiser.

According to Sandy Parker, president of the Collier League, “League members are concerned about the impact that the current economic climate is having on local public services”. She adds, “Understanding that it must be difficult for Collier County officials to meet the expectations of the citizens at a time when a large percentage of government’s revenue has been wiped out, we are more interested than ever in learning how and why these hard choices are made by those deeply involved in the process”.

Members and the public are invited to participate in a buffet luncheon at noon in the main dining room of the Collier Athletic Club prior to the meeting. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, phone 263-4656 or e-mail Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org by 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 5.

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>.