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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO FOCUS ON WORKFORCE HOUSING ISSUES IN COLLIER COUNTY

NAPLES, December 1, 2006--The League of Women Voters of Collier County will hold a meeting on the workforce housing issues in the county on December 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Norris Center in Naples. Open to the public, this meeting will educate attendees to the critical need for such housing and proposals to solve the problem.

“Workforce housing may be the most difficult issue facing Collier County today,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier League. “There are many employers and organizations that have come to realize that it is vital that teachers, health care providers, police and other essential workers find it difficult—if not impossible—to afford housing in our county. League members will be looking at all possible solutions to the lack of such housing.”

Discussion will be led by Kathleen Slobodnik, past president of the League and chair of the group’s Workforce Housing Committee. The committee has been studying the subject and proposals for creating workforce housing since Spring.

Gladys Schneider, from the Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) will speak and show a film on housing options produced by 1000 Friends of Florida. The FHC is a nonprofit, statewide membership organization whose mission is to act as a catalyst to bring together housing advocates and resources so that all Floridians have an affordable home and suitable living environment.

The public is also invited to participate in a buffet luncheon at noon, preceding the workforce housing program. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members; call the League at 239-263-4656 by noon, Friday, December 15, for reservations or further information.

The League of Women Voters, a nonprofit organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters of Collier County, founded in 1975, holds general meetings on the third Monday of every month from October through April, at the Norris Center in downtown Naples.

For more information, visit www.lwvcolliercounty.org.