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## **Seminole League Teams with Orange County to Examine Amendment 4**

SANFORD - The controversial Hometown Democracy initiative, which would require voter approval of land-use changes to a county's or city's comprehensive plan, is the topic of the next Seminole League of Women Voters' forum.

Co-sponsored with the Orange County League, the forum is set for **Wednesday, March 17** at the **Seminole County Public Schools Educational Support Center, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford.** Networking begins at **6:30 p.m.** and the program starts at 7. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and submit written questions for the panelists.

Proponents say the measure, which will be on the ballot this November as Amendment 4, would give voters the power to decide on growth and enable people to preserve their neighborhoods and communities and protect the value of their homes. Those opposed to the measure argue that it would increase costs, add uncertainty to the land-use approval process and cripple future job creation.

"Few initiatives have the possibility to have such a profound effect on the future of our state as Amendment 4," said LWV Seminole President Jane Lane.

"Voters deserve to have as much information about Amendment

4 as possible, which is why we're co-sponsoring this forum with Orange County and urging citizens of Central Florida to attend."

Panelists are:

- **Lesley Blackner**, president of Florida Hometown Democracy, a nonpartisan political action committee that sponsored Amendment 4
- **Ryan Houck**, executive director and campaign spokesman for Floridians for Smarter Growth, which opposes Amendment 4
- **Mike Ertel**, Seminole County supervisor of elections, who will address the issue of implementation
- Yet to be named Orange County elected official, who will speak about what to expect

LWV Seminole member Marilyn Crotty will be the moderator.

The mission of the League of Women Voters of Seminole County is to promote political responsibility through encouraging informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. For more information, visit the LWVSC web site: [LWVSeminole.org](http://LWVSeminole.org).

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