



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER OF FLORIDA

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA AND WORLD TRADE CENTER TAMPA BAY TEAM UP TO HOST PANEL ON CUBA-FLORIDA RELATIONS

Tampa, Florida -- The League of Women Voters of Florida and the World Trade Center Tampa Bay will host a Cuba-Florida Relations Forum on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Tampa.

A group of esteemed panelists will share their insights on the legal, social, cultural and economic backgrounds of the island nation and their impact on Florida and the Tampa Bay area. The program will include a commentary regarding the lessons learned from past experiences and how to move forward with a progressive and open dialogue with Cuba. The luncheon expects to welcome local and national dignitaries, business executives and Tampa Bay area citizens.

"The League is delighted to co-host, along with the World Trade Center Tampa Bay, this important dialogue on Cuba -- Florida's closest international neighbor -- and we look forward to learning more from this exciting panel of knowledgeable experts," said Deirdre Macnab, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida.

"The World Trade Center Tampa Bay is pleased to partner with the League of Woman Voters of Florida to offer this dynamic panel," said Steve Michelini, a member of the WTCTB's board of directors. "It promises to be an exciting opportunity to have a meaningful discussion on the relationships between Cuba, Florida and the United States."

Congresswoman Kathy Castor (D, FL-11) will present opening remarks at the luncheon. The panelists** will include individuals from the business, travel, political and religious communities. These individuals include:

- Annie Betancourt, Former State Representative and LWVF Director
- Honorable Dick Greco, Former Mayor, City of Tampa
- William Hauf, Island Travel & Tours, President
- Chairman Charlie Miranda, Tampa City Councilman
- Adam Nielsen, Illinois Farm Bureau, Director of National Legislation and Policy Development
- Rev. Russell L. Meyer, Florida Council of Churches, Executive Director
- Antonio Zamora, Esquire

Both the League of Women Voters of Florida and the World Trade Center Tampa Bay are nonpartisan organizations. The event is open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Sponsorship opportunities and tables are available. To inquire regarding sponsorship or to make

reservations, please call Sokha Im at 813-864-4500 or e-mail sim@wtctampa.com.

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Time: 11:00am - 1:30pm

Venue: Hyatt Regency Tampa, Downtown Tampa

Individual tickets* - \$60; Corporate table of 8 - \$500, additional sponsorship opportunities available

To register and purchase tickets, please click [here](#).

*Special event pricing for LWVF and WTCTB Members

**Click [here](#) to see individual panelist biographies

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