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League of Women Voters and Network of Young Professionals to Co-host IMAGINE Tallahassee Forum

Tallahassee, FL -- With the goal of engaging Tallahassee's young professional community in the process of shaping the community's brand identity, the League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVF) and the Tallahassee Network of Young Professionals (NYP) will co-host an IMAGINE Tallahassee forum tonight at Hotel Duval.

According to League of Women Voters of Florida Executive Director Jessica Lowe-Minor, the forum reflects the League's mission of encouraging informed, active citizenship. "When citizens are engaged in civic life, communities thrive," she said. "This event will help ensure that a vital part of our population -- Gen X and Millennial voters -- are not left out of important conversations about where Tallahassee is headed."

While there have been a number of town-hall meetings and presentations introducing the IMAGINE Tallahassee initiative to Tallahassee residents, this is the first such event aimed specifically at engaging the area's young professionals.

"For young professionals, it is extremely important to be involved with an initiative such as IMAGINE Tallahassee because ultimately, we are the future of this great city," said Bailey Vochatzer, President of the Tallahassee Network of Young Professionals. "IMAGINE Tallahassee gives young professionals and the larger Tallahassee community the rare opportunity to voice their ideas and become engaged in developing a vision for Tallahassee's future."

"If you want a say in what Tallahassee looks like 20 years from now, you must be prepared to do your part by sharing your ideas and hopes for the future," added Kim Rivers, an IMAGINE Tallahassee co-founder and member of the steering

committee. "By attending this session you can ensure your voice is heard. This initiative has the potential to determine the best economic development use of more than \$113 million."

The forum will take place on June 25, 2013 at 5:30 PM in Hotel Duval's Opal Room. It is free and open to the public.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact the state League office at (850) 224-2545 or lwvfcomm@gmail.com.

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