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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA TO HONOR FORMER GOV. CHARLIE CRIST AT ST. PETE EVENT

St. Petersburg, FL -- The League of Women Voters of Florida will present former Gov. Charlie Crist with its "Making Democracy Work" Award in honor of Crist's contributions to Florida's elections system while in office. As governor, Crist signed a law ensuring a paper trail for all elections, worked to simplify the process of civil rights restoration and issued an executive order extending early voting hours during the 2008 election.

"The League is proud to recognize former Gov. Crist for his role in moving Florida's elections process forward," Florida League president Deirdre Macnab said. "In the face of anti-voter policies recently enacted by our current executive and legislative leadership, Gov. Crist's dedication to democratic values is especially remarkable."

Crist will be presented with the award at the League's Bluegrass and BBQ Bash to be held at the home of Dr. Julie Kessel on July 15. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is co-hosted by the League of Women Voters of Florida and the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area.

"It's wonderful that the former governor, as a local, is willing to support community groups such as ours," St. Petersburg Area League president Darden Rice said. "We are excited to host this event in honor of his promotion of good government."

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$50, and all proceeds benefit the League.

For more information, or to RSVP, please visit:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=jhigmrdb&oeidk=a07e411q2ho6382f6aa&oseq=a021arg8k9ara1>.

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