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LWV CHARLOTTE COUNTY EDUCATES ABOUT REDISTRICTING REFORM: In 2010 Floridians may have a chance to make their vote count even more. The proposed Florida Fair Districts constitutional amendments would prohibit congressional and state legislative districts that:

- “favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party...”
- “deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process...”

The amendments would require that the districts be:

- compact, roughly equal in population and “where feasible make use of existing city, county, and geographical boundaries.”

On April 28, Caroline Emmons-Schramm, who is chair-person for LWVFL working with Fair Districts Florida, told those in attendance at our “Hot Topics” program that everyone can gather signatures to end gerrymandering and create fair redistricting standards to protect our votes. She stated that the voters should be able to pick our elected officials instead of having politicians pick their voters.

To learn more about local, state and national voting rights initiatives, go to:

- www.fairdistrictsflorida.org
- www.safevote.org
- www.floridafairelections.org
- www.floridavoters.org
- www.verifiedvoting.org
- www.votersunite.org
- www.votetrustusa.org