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The Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Paul Stamoulis, was the guest speaker at the LWVCC Hot Topics Program on June 9 at the Isles Yacht Club. Mr. Stamoulis provided the audience with a wealth of information about FL election laws. He clarified many confusing areas of FL of the law such as "no match/no vote" and Florida being a "closed Primary" state. He encouraged everyone to vote and to vote by mail if at all possible as this year's ballot will be lengthy and voters should take their time in choosing candidates for the primary and the general elections. He asked that everyone visit his informative website to

keep up-to-date on the candidates who will be qualified to run for the various offices. He informed the group that the end of the qualifying period is noon on June 18.



The Charlotte County LWV President, Teresa Jenkins, informed attendees about the League's partnership with Edison College Student Government for this year's pre-Primary and pre-General election "Meet the Candidate" Forums. She informed the group that for the first time, the CCLWV will allow all candidates, even those running unopposed and those whose names will not even appear on the Primary or General Election ballots, to appear at the July 13 "Meet the Candidates" Program at Edison College. She stated, " " If we don't invite all candidates, voters will not even hear from or see some of the unopposed candidates who will automatically be elected due to Florida's election laws." The League will host a Candidate Forum prior to the General Election on September 21 at Edison College.