

*The League of Women Voters® of Lee County and  
The News-Press Media Group Present:*

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT & YOU: A PUBLIC FORUM**

**Saturday, March 12th, 2016, 1-5PM**

**Registration Begins at 12:30PM**

**2442 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers  
News Press Bldg.**

**Program is free and open to the public**

For additional information: <http://www.lwvlee.org/opengov.html>

Democratic government depends on the active participation of informed citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect citizens' access to public information by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible.

Florida has traditionally been a leader in providing its citizens oversight and review of the actions of its elected officials at every level through its Sunshine laws. Unfortunately, privacy concerns and influential special interests are working to erode these laws and erect barriers to transparency and accountability.

**“Open Government & YOU” will:**

- examine the current state of open government laws,
- highlight how these laws are being narrowed, and
- present personal testimonials from citizens regarding their experiences with open government laws.

### **OUR PARTNERS:**

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