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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF**

**CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA**

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**OUR JUNE 12, 2024, 10:00 AM MEETING WILL BE A MEET AND GREET FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR CITRUS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**SEE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER**

**IT WILL BE AT THE CITRUS SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024**

**JIM GOUVELLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE ROLE OF JOURNALISM IN DEMOCRACY.**

**SEE FLYER NEAR THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**IT WILL BE AT THE COASTAL REGION LIBRARY.**

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Please visit our Facebook page and "like" us!  
<https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvotersofcitruscounty>

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HAPPY JUNE TO EVERYONE!

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**Vicky Iozzia, 1st President,Speakers** **Bureau Chair,**  **Newsletter Editor, Webmaster**

Following is an article that I wrote for the Toastmasters District 84 newsletter.

In November I will have been a Toastmaster for 29 years. I have held all offices in the club many times, been Area Governor, and Division Governor. I have been a DTM three times.

My life has taken me in many directions besides Toastmasters. For many years I did programs at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park and was on the board of the Friends of the Park. I am a retired Guardian ad Litem. Currently I am a writer for Citrus Life Magazine. I am the President of the League of Women Voters of Citrus County. All of these activities have required me to use skills learned and practiced in Toastmasters.

Although I am not as active in Toastmasters (except that I am currently President), I carry the experience and knowledge that I gained from Toastmasters with me. More times than I can count, I refer to the experiences with Toastmasters to help me.

For instance, many people are not familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order. I learned about them from Toastmasters.

We have officers in each chapter of the League. Unfortunately, there is not a standard, regularly scheduled training program for officers, as in Toastmasters.

I host our meetings and have no problem handling speaking in front of our groups. I sharpened these skills in Toastmasters over the years. Toastmasters has helped me to hone my skills so that I don’t even get nervous doing this.

I was a huge fan of the Legacy program, and still have not embraced Pathways, but I am grateful that I was recently able to use the leadership aspect to have a team evaluate my performance as President of my League chapter.

Since it is so very difficult to help to register voters, Liz Griego, her son Joey, and I attended the **May 4 Cinco de Mayo Health Fair** in Brooksville.

A group of people on a stage

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Vicky, Liz, and Joey at the table to help people to register to vote. Vicky spoke briefly to the people attending.

Thank you, Cassie DeCoulette, for being with me on May 9 at the College of Central Florida, and for joining the League.

**Our May 8 meeting with Rosemary Nilles speaking about Amendment 1, and School Board Candidates**

The May 8, 2024 meeting of the League of Women Voters of Citrus County was another double header. Rosemary Nilles spoke about Partisan School Board s, Amendment 1 on the November ballot. This was followed by 3-minute presentations by the candidates for the School Board: Sandy Counts, Dale Merrill, Laura Gatling-Wright (on video), Victoria Smith, and Ken Frink. All of the candidates complied with the time limit and gave the reasons why people should vote for them.

At the end of the meeting the public had the opportunity to go to the candidates’ tables, speak with the candidates, and take their brochures.

A person standing at a podium

Description automatically generatedThe people who attend out Meet and Greets are happy to be able to be so close to the candidates and to speak to them. You can see the video of the meeting at <https://youtu..be/HpP1-217Xyg>

A person speaking into a microphone

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Photos, from top left: Rosemary Nilles, Sandy Counts, Dale Merrill, Laura Gatling-Wright (on video), Victoria Smith, and Ken Frink.

**A person holding a sign at a podium

Description automatically generated** All speakers complied with the three minute time limit. Vicky demonstrates the timing paddle.

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From top left clockwise, Laura Gatlin-Wright’s mother, Dale Merrill, Sandy Counts, Victoria Smith, and Ken Frink answer speak to members of the audience.

**RECENT OPINIONS. DO YOU AGREE?**

**Protecting intellectual freedom in Citrus County libraries, from the Citrus County Chronicle, May 10, 2024 EditoriaL**Top of Form

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The recent push by activist John Labriola to modify Citrus County’s library policies has continued the contentious debate about the role of public libraries and the freedom to access diverse viewpoints. Labriola, representing the Christian Family Coalition, has called for changes to prevent LGBTQ materials from being available in library facilities and to halt drag queen story hours, which don’t exist in Citrus County public libraries.

While these demands may resonate with some members of the community, they pose a threat to intellectual freedom and the principles of inclusivity that public libraries should uphold.

At the heart of this issue is the question of whose values should dictate library policies. Labriola argues that Citrus County is conservative and does not want certain ideologies promoted in its public libraries. However, public libraries serve diverse communities with a wide range of beliefs and backgrounds. It is not the role of a vocal minority to dictate what materials are accessible to all residents.

Labriola’s call to modify Policy 12, which outlines guidelines for public access to library resources, and Policy 14, which governs displays and exhibits, is deeply concerning. Labriola is advocating for censorship and discrimination. Public libraries should be bastions of free expression, providing access to information and ideas without prejudice or bias.

The decision of the Library Board to delay action on Labriola’s demands until August is a prudent one. It allows time for thorough consideration and ensures that all viewpoints are heard. Chairman Justin Strickland’s commitment to avoiding the hijacking of the board’s agenda is commendable. However, it is essential that the board remains steadfast in defending the principles of intellectual freedom and resisting attempts to censor library collections and programming.

Labriola’s assertion that the American Library Association (ALA) promotes a particular agenda through its materials and programming is not unfounded. However, it is misguided to suggest that the solution lies in restricting access to these resources. Instead, the answer lies in promoting critical thinking skills and encouraging dialogue and debate within the community. Banning books and displays only serves to stifle intellectual curiosity and limit exposure to diverse perspectives.

The voices of those who spoke out against Labriola’s demands at the recent meeting must not be ignored. They rightly emphasized the importance of preserving the right to free speech, as well as the value of providing access to a broad range of reading materials. Censorship has no place in a democratic society, and efforts to suppress certain viewpoints only undermine the foundation of our democracy.

The County Commission must resist any attempts to acquiesce to Labriola’s demands. Instead, they should reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom and ensure that Citrus County libraries remain open and inclusive spaces for all residents.

**Labriola doesn't speak for all Christians, LTE May 10, 2024 in Citrus County Chronicle**

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John Labriola speaks of Citrus County as having "conservative Christian values." Based on Labriola's past comments, the conservative Christian values Labriola espouses are anti-homosexuality and little else. Hating a neighbor is not a Citrus County value. Being homophobic is not a Christian value. They are the values of a tiny minority who act like Christians but don't reflect the Christian value of "love their neighbor."

Labriola appears to think that Citrus County is one homogenous community, that we are all conservative Christians. But is that true?

Citrus County is religiously diverse. Forty-seven percent (47%) of the county is Catholic, 12% are Southern Baptist, and 9% are non-denominational. The Census Bureau estimates that up to 15% of our population is non-religious, or almost 25,000 people.

Not every Catholic is a religious conservative. The Catholic Church teaches that, as a person does not choose to be either homosexual or heterosexual, being gay is not inherently sinful. The Catholic Church's position on homosexuality is built on scripture and developed in substance from the teachings of the Church Fathers. It is not just biblical.

The Chronicle had a news article that said: "United Methodist delegates on Thursday removed a 52-year-old declaration from their official social teachings that deemed "the practice of homosexuality … incompatible with Christian teaching" — part of a wider series of historic reversals of the denomination's longstanding disapproval of LGBTQ activity." Like Catholics, Methodists don't seem to be part of his "conservative Christians."

Generally, we see Southern Baptists as conservative, but, like Catholicism, not all Baptists are conservative. Even if 100% of Baptists supported Labriola, they would only represent 12% of our population (20,000 people).

When Labriola stands before you (BOCC, Library Board) with his minions, remember they represent a tiny minority of Citrus County. Stand firm, and don't let the bigots wear you down. Please support our gay brothers and sisters.

Thomas Mitchell, Inverness



**IN THE NEWS**



From “The Cool Down, “

**Florida governor signs controversial bill that deletes over 50 lines from state statutes: 'It's just going to make us less proactive and prepared'** By Mike Taylor, May 25, 2024

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill May 15 to remove the phrase "[climate change](https://www.thecooldown.com/tag/climate-change/)" from state statutes and alter how the state makes energy policy decisions.

What's happening?

As of July 1, local governments will no longer be able to regulate energy policy, and offshore wind farms will be banned within a mile of the coast, [Florida Phoenix](https://floridaphoenix.com/2024/05/15/desantis-signs-bill-erasing-the-term-climate-change-from-state-law/) reported. DeSantis cited "restrictions, regulations, and taxes" imposed by "radical green zealots."

The bill disallows considering "the potential of global [climate change](https://www.thecooldown.com/tag/climate-change/)" in state energy policy and disavows Florida's role as a leader in "promoting energy conservation, energy security, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions," according to the [Phoenix](https://floridaphoenix.com/2024/05/15/desantis-signs-bill-erasing-the-term-climate-change-from-state-law/). State agencies will no longer have to consider environmental impacts when purchasing vehicles and other items or booking hotels.

The law also urges studying small nuclear reactor [technology](https://www.thecooldown.com/green-tech/), increasing the use of hydrogen-powered vehicles, and enhancing electric grid security, the Associated Press reported via [NPR](https://www.npr.org/2024/05/16/1251769080/florida-desantis-climate-change-law).

In 2008, then-Gov. Charlie Crist, now a Democrat, signed a bill to address rising global temperatures and promote renewable energy. It passed through the Florida legislature unanimously, per the [AP](https://www.npr.org/2024/05/16/1251769080/florida-desantis-climate-change-law). This undoing will remove more than 50 lines of that law.

DeSantis canceled an appearance to sign the bill because of inclement weather.

By Mike Taylor, May 25, 2024

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**Miami Weatherman Blows Back At Ron DeSantis' Climate-Denial Law On The Air**

Steve MacLaughlin spoke out to his Florida viewers and forecast a better future if they vote with climate change in mind.

**By**[**Ron Dicker**](https://www.huffpost.com/author/ron-dicker)

A TV meteorologist in Miami slammed a climate-denying bill signed by Florida Gov. [Ron DeSantis](https://www.huffpost.com/news/topic/ron-desantis) (R) last week, urging viewers to vote for political candidates who believe that the environment is in peril.

While not mentioning DeSantis by name in a viral clip from Saturday’s broadcast, [Steve MacLaughlin](https://www.nbcmiami.com/author/steve-maclaughlin/) of NBC’s WTVJ noted that the state government was rolling back “important climate change legislation ... in spite of the fact that the state of Florida over the last couple of years has seen record heat, record flooding, record rain, record insurance rates, and the corals are dying all around the state.”

https://twitter.com/i/status/1791992358780711264

As of April 2024, Florida law, HB 433, prevents cities and counties from requiring employers to provide heat protections for outdoor workers beyond what is required by state or federal law. This includes protections such as water breaks and cooling areas.

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**Peg Primeau, 2nd President, Secretary, Reproductive Rights Chair**

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Description automatically generated On Saturday, May 18, Peg Primeau spoke at the Democratic Black Caucus meeting about Amendment 1, Partisan School Board Elections. She explained this complicated issue well and was well received by the audience. The Powerpoint presentation, authored by League member Rosemary Nilles, gave both sides of the issue.

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**Rosemary Nilles, LWVCC Education Chair, 1st Vice President**

Below is a copy of the letter to the editor sent to the Citrus County Chronicle on May 24, 2023. It is in response to the May 21 article referenced.

## Steve Steiner and the Citrus County Chronicle shared important community safety information in the article, ***As county grows, so too will gun thefts? Crime is preventable*** (May 21)*.*Mr. Steiner pointed out the recent FBI statistics showing that the number of gun thefts from unlocked vehicles has tripled in ten years. At least one firearm is stolen from a car every nine minutes in the US. (all data from Everytown.org)

Vehicle gun theft has also increased in Citrus County, despite reminders from the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office. Stolen guns are often used to commit other crimes. These thefts are entirely preventable by keeping cars locked and keeping guns secure.

## Securing firearms is essential for other reasons. Unsecured firearms – and careless adults – are responsible for unintentional shootings by toddlers, kids, and teens. In 2023, Florida saw at least 30 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 13 deaths and 20 injuries.

Sadly, suicide with guns is also on the rise, with rising numbers of teens ending their lives in a moment of impulse. Each of these tragic events leads to ripple effects in the family, school, and community.

League of Women Voters of Citrus County (LWVCC), through our Safe Storage initiative, continues to remind residents and parents of the dangers of unsecured firearms. We work with law enforcement and community agencies to share this simple, non-controversial message: Safe Storage Saves Lives. We offer tabling and presentations at community events and provide information and free cable gun locks to parents and other adults. Please contact [lwvcc2013@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcc2013@gmail.com) for more information or to book a speaker.

By working together, we can keep our homes and communities safer.

**From the April 23, 2024 Chronicle article by Jim Gouvellis**

**The Chronicle Forum \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

We (The Chronicle) will be hosting a candidate forum July 9 at the Citrus County Fairgrounds. This year **the Citrus County Chapter of the League of Women Voters** will be assisting us. Members of our editorial board will be asking the candidates questions. It will be a good way for you to see the candidates live and judge for yourself how they are at fielding questions.

**Many thanks to Rosemary Nilles and Peg Primeau, who have been working with the Chronicle to make this possible.**

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**Linda Abels, Membership Chair**

Two women posing for a picture

Description automatically generatedWelcome new members, Cassie DeClouette, Yvonne Rodgers, Maggie Moore, and Lonnie Zingg. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person at our next meeting.   
  
 A large number of our members have an annual membership renewal date of June 1, 2024.  I sent our reminder notices last month via the League of Women Voters of Citrus County email, if you haven't received it please contact me at either [LWVCC2013@gmail.com](mailto:LWVCC2013@gmail.com) or my personal email address at [labels58@aol.com](mailto:labels58@aol.com) and I will look into it.  I'm new at using gmail contacts to send out notices, so if you receive a notice saying that you owe dues and feel you don't please contact me and we can straighten it out.    
  
To renew your membership you can either pay by mailing a check or credit card through Paypal.  The dues are remaining the same for this year, $65 for an individual membership, $90 for a household membership and Susan B. Anthony Membership is $105.  You can pay your dues by mailing a check to the LWVCC, P.O. Box 1903, Lecanto, FL 34460, using a credit card and pay via Paypal or you can bring a check to our regular meetings.

(From Vicky Iozzia: When I spoke at the Crystal River Women’s Club, I met Maggie Moore. She said, “I have always wanted to join the League.” Momentarily, I gave her an application and she joined! Welcome to all our new members!)

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**Jan Hall, 2nd Vice President, Events, Media**

**A group of women sitting at a table

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**Top left: Kate Betsko, Sheila Jacobs, Dotty Carson and Mary Perry, 2016**

**Top right: Marie Pettibone, Kate Betsko, Sheila Jacobs with granddaughter, 2014**

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**Above left: Mary Perry and Marie Pettibone, above right Susan Moore and Susan Gill**

**We stand on the shoulders of our sisters.**

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**Dr. B. J Ezell has shared the following information**.

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**A diabetes support group flyer

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**What is our Florida League of Women Voters doing?**

The Florida League of Women Voters is litigating against Senate Bill 7050, requesting that they reduce the maximum fine for third-party registration organizations, which is $50,000 to $200,000 currently. It is also working to delete the requirement that a receipt be given to everyone who registers with a third-part organization.

The League is working to expedite the requests for non-violent felons to get their voting rights back. At the present time, the government only processes 20 such requests a year, with a backlog of 2000 requests.

The battle to allow non-citizens to assist in registering voters has been won. These people often speak the languages of new citizens.

The League is working on issues with excellent attorneys who are litigating and advocating for us.



**2024 CANDIDATE DATES TO REMEMBER**

# ELECTIONS

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| Primary Election | August 20, 2024 |
| General Election | November 5, 2024 |

# LAST DAY CANDIDATES CAN CHANGE PARTY FOR 2024 ELECTIONS  F.S. 99.021

Judicial April 23, 2023

County Office June 11, 2023

# PETITIONS DUE  F.S. 99.095

Judicial Noon, March 25, 2024

County and Special District Noon, May 13, 2024

# VALID PETITIONS NEEDED

Constitutional, County Commission, and School Board 1,222

Special District 25

# RESIGN TO RUN  F.S. 99.012

Judicial April 12, 2024

County and Special District May 31, 2024

# QUALIFYING PERIOD  F.S. 99.061

Judicial Noon, April 22, 2024 to Noon, April 26, 2024

County and Special District Noon, June 10, 2024 to Noon, June 14, 2024

*Per Florida Statute, we may accept and hold qualifying papers 2 weeks prior to qualifying.*

# REGISTRATION BOOK CLOSINGS  F.S. 97.055

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| Primary Election | July 22, 2024 |
| General Election    **EARLY VOTING**  **F.S. 101.657** | October 7, 2024 |
| Primary Election | August 9, 2024 to August 17, 2024 |
| General Election | October 21, 2024 to November 2, 2024 |

***Primary Election dates listed are tentative and subject to change by the Florida Legislature.***

**VoteCitrus.gov**  **352-564-7120**

**Citrus County Supervisor of Elections ~ PO Box 1870 ~ Lecanto, Florida 34460**

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**Maxine Connor, Natural Resources Chair**

**BASIN MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS**

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Calling all springs lovers! Join Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group Citrus Conservation

Chair Maxine Connor and Vice Chair Eugene Kelly who will speak on protecting our

springs at the June 12 th Adventure Coast Group Meetup. Public welcome.

Attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting will run from 7—8pm at the Wilton

Simpson Citrus Campus of the College of Central Florida, Building C4, Room 103, 3800

South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL. 34461.

The Adventure Coast Group is seeking to restore water quality in our valuable natural

springs. Plans are underway by the state to update the Basin Action Management

Plans for area springs including Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa/Chassahowitzka

Springs Groups and Weeki Wachee. We want to work with Citrus County leaders and

encourage them to consider revising their current fertilizer ordinance to include

restrictions on rainy season applications to turf grass lawns. Hernando County

amended their fertilizer ordinance last year and plans to implement their rainy season

restrictions beginning this June. These and other initiatives will be discussed along

with how you can get involved.

To participate remotely via Zoom, please register in advance at:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqd-GurDoqHt0yiftzB4olYyS45QMNyYLd

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about

joining the meeting. More info at adventurecoast@florida.sierraclub.org or call 352

277-3330, check out our website at www.sierraclub.org/florida/adventure-coast, or find

us on Facebook.

The Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) for Crystal River/ Kings Bay, Homosassa/ Chassahowitzka, and Weeki Wachee Springs among others will be revised in 2025 and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is working on them now. They held several initial meetings open to the public with interested citizens in May and will hold more in the future.

I recently paddled the Chassahowitzka on a Sierra Club outing. We went as far out toward the Gulf as Snapper Hole and “The Crack.” The water at Seven Sisters Spring and the spring at the end of The Crack was clear, but the rest of the water we saw was not. There were areas of filamentous algae. One inlet had a lot of algae on the bottom with a myriad of floating particles. The reason that the above-mentioned Outstanding Florida Rivers and Springs have BMAPs (restoration plans) is because that is required by law because they have been designated as impaired by FDEP.

I saw the Chassahowitzka River years ago when it was clear and full of eel grass and fish. It deteriorated and then looked much better after a project involving “vacuuming” out the main spring was done a few years ago. The main spring near the boat launch doesn’t look healthy now.

The public is encouraged to submit questions. See here for the current BMAPs and DEP contact information: <https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-restoration/content/basin-management-action-plans-bmaps>

**ACTION ALERT FROM THE FLORIDA SPRINGS COUNCIL**

**Go here to take quick action on all three items:**

[**https://floridaspringscouncil.good.do/2024legislativesession/VetoGroveLand/**](https://floridaspringscouncil.good.do/2024legislativesession/VetoGroveLand/)

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| Here are three actions you can take today to protect Florida’s springs and wildlife.  As soon as you complete [the first action](https://floridaspringscouncil.good.do/2024legislativesession/VetoGroveLand/), you’ll be redirected to the next, or you can scroll through this email for a link to each action and more information. If you’ve already taken action, please forward this message to a friend or share one of our social media posts with your network! |
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| 1. **Grove Land Reservoir Veto Request**   [**Click here**](https://floridaspringscouncil.good.do/2024legislativesession/VetoGroveLand/) **to send an email** to Governor DeSantis asking him to veto a $400 million “back of the bill” appropriation to the St. Johns River Water Management District to acquire lands and construct a reservoir and stormwater treatment area near the headwaters of the St. Johns River. |
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| 1. **Two Harmful Studies Veto Request**   Two 2024-25 Budget items relating to water quality and supply are wasteful, unnecessary, harmful to our waters, and contrary to the interests of Florida. [**Click here**](https://floridaspringscouncil.good.do/2024legislativesession/BudgetVeto/) **to send an email** to the Governor asking him to veto these studies:  **Line-Item 1756 “$25,000,000 - Provided to the Water School at the Florida Gulf Coast University to conduct a comprehensive water quality study** to  **Line-Item 1543a - $4,000,000 - University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Fertilizer Rate Study**. |
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| 1. **Protect Florida’s Bears Veto Request**   We are calling on Governor DeSantis to veto HB 87: Taking of Bears because this bill allows the killing of bears without proper management or oversight. Florida already has laws in place that allow residents to defend themselves against any imminent wildlife threats. This bill preempts FWC’s constitutional duty and sets a bad precedent. Allowing residents to kill bears without a permit throws open the door for unlimited killing of bears under the guise of “self-defense,” or simply to protect property.  Thank you for taking action to protect Florida’s springs and wildlife!  *Check for updates at the Florida Springs Council website:*  <https://www.floridaspringscouncil.org/legislativesession>  Join as a free member and stay informed:  <https://www.floridaspringscouncil.org/>  **FYI - LEGISLATION OPPOSED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA THAT WAS PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR**  The League of Women Voter of Florida sent its own letter to the governor and joined with other businesses and organizations in sign-on letters opposed to specific legislation including the following energy-related bills:  **CS/CS/HB 433 Employment Regulations:**  Preempts local governments’ ability to pass protections for workers laboring in extreme heat.  <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/03.08.2024%20Veto%20Request%20for%20CS_CS_HB%20433%2C%20Employment%20Regulations_.pdf>  <https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2024/04/25/extreme-heat-outdoor-workers-preemption-florida-legislature-house-bill-433/>  <https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2024/04/15/ron-desantis-bill-blocking-heat-protections-florida-workers/73324894007/>  <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=79034&SessionId=103>  **CS/CS/HB 1645 Energy Resources:**  Comprehensive omnibus energy preemption bill covering many topics. It included preemption of local land development codes to allow natural gas (methane) including liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage and transportation facilities in any manufacturing, industrial, and commercial zones and to outlaw wind facilities onshore and near shore in Florida. The commercial zone in Citrus County includes daycares.  This bill strips out many of the modest statutory provisions recognizing climate change and the need to transition to renewable energy and instead promotes the expansion of natural gas.  <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=80357&SessionId=103> |

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**Fill out the form below and mail it to us at**

**LWVCC, P. O. Box 1903, Lecanto, FL 34460**

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