

**The League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area presents
PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS for the upcoming NOVEMBER ELECTION**

1. Thursday, October 3, 2013, 5:30-7:30 pm

Law School Auditorium, University of South Carolina, Main and Green Streets

Topic: **“Forms and Powers of Municipal Government in South Carolina”**

Speaker: Scott Slaton, Legislative and Public Policy Advocate, Municipal Association of South Carolina

2. Thursday, October 17, 2013, 5:30-7:30 pm

Law School Auditorium, University of South Carolina, Main and Green Streets

Topic: **“Panel Discussion of Pros and Cons of Forms of Government for Columbia, SC.”**

Speakers:

Jon Pierce, retired Associate Director of Governmental Research and Service at USC’s Institute for Public Service and Policy Research

James Felder, author former President of the SC NAACP, and former member of the SC House of Representatives

Gary Cannon, Executive Dir. SC Workers Compensation Commission

Diane Sumpter, President and CEO, DESA, Inc.

Moderator: Rita Paul, Past President, League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area

3. Monday, October 21, 11:30 am

DuPres on Senate End, near the River

Candidates forum co-sponsoring with Columbia Sertoma Club \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door for lunch buffet.

Moderator: Charles Bierbauer, Dean of the USC College of Mass Communications and Information Studies.

4. Thursday, October 24, 2013. 6:00-7:30 pm

Cooper Branch, Richland Library (near Trenholm Road and Forest Drive)

Topic: **“League Consensus Meeting on the Forms of Government for Columbia”**

(Discussion open to the public, although only League members can contribute to the formation of actual consensus)

* Discussion of the issues as League members come to consensus on the issue. Within the League, consensus means agreement among members or "sense of the meeting." It does not denote a simple majority, nor does it require unanimity, yet it reflects what League members in general think on a given subject. Consensus is the goal of League studies and all League action is based on the consensus reached.