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### **League of Women Voters Hosts Discussion of City Charter Change: What's Best for Tulsa?**

**TULSA**—The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa will host a discussion of possible changes to the city's governance style featuring Dr. Robert Darcy, retired Oklahoma State University Regents Professor of Political Science, who will discuss governing practices of other cities the size of Tulsa as well as what research shows has worked best.

Two representatives of opposing proposals have also been invited to speak. Leonard Eaton, a member of Save Our Tulsa, a group formed to advocate changes to our form of government and the make-up of our city council including non-partisan elections will attend to explain his group's positions. District 3 City Councilor Roscoe Turner has been invited to speak about a proposal that may come from the council to change to a council/manager form of government.

The luncheon meeting will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, in the Schusterman Benson Library Community Room at 3333 E. 32nd Pl.

Box lunches (turkey or vegetarian) will be available by reservation only. Cost for the box lunch is \$8 and includes a sandwich, drink, chips and a cookie. Lunch reservations must be received by 12 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18. Call 918-747-7933 or e-mail [info@lwvtulsa.org](mailto:info@lwvtulsa.org) to reserve lunch

#### **Municipal Election Reform**

The Tulsa League was very involved in amending the City of Tulsa Charter in 1989, when voters approved a change that brought district representation by city councilors and established our current strong mayor/city council form of government.

There are currently several competing proposals for changing city government, including:

- Non-partisan elections rather than the current partisan elections
- Returning city council terms to two-years with all councilors running at the same time
- A city manager/weak mayor form of government
- Adding three "super district" city councilors to be elected at-large by all residents of Tulsa
- Giving the mayor a seat and vote as a member of the city council

#### **Dr. Robert Darcy**

Anyone who attended the League's June 2010 forum on State Questions will remember Dr. Darcy as an informed and captivating speaker. His research has included the study of government at all levels and his career has included publishing over ninety academic papers, co-authoring three books, and holding academic positions in various countries.

#### **Len Eaton**

Along with several League members, Eaton served on the committee that succeeded in changing Tulsa's city charter in 1989. He retired as Chairman and CEO of the Bank of Oklahoma and has chaired and served on numerous local, regional and national boards.

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**City Councilor Roscoe Turner**

Roscoe Turner has served on the Tulsa City Council for 12 years. He is retired from the City of Tulsa, where he worked as a Boiler Inspector for 21 years. Turner is a lifelong Tulsan and graduate of Tulsa's Booker T. Washington High School.

**About the League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa is a non-partisan political organization. Its mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government, to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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