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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS JOIN FORCES TO HOLD REGIONAL DEBATE ON OCTOBER 19

The League of Women Voters of Westport, in conjunction with eleven area Leagues, will present a debate with Christopher Shays and Jim Himes, candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives 4th Congressional District, on Sunday, October 19. The event, free and open to the public, will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Clune Performing Arts Center at Wilton High School, 395 Danbury Road/Route 7 in Wilton.

Co-sponsors are the Leagues of Women Voters of Darien, Fairfield, Bridgeport Area, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton, host for the event. This year's landmark debate represents the first time that all of the Leagues of Southwestern Connecticut—the 4th Congressional District—have joined forces to present a centrally located forum for all area residents to learn the candidates' positions on national and local issues, particularly those impacting the region.

The afternoon's format will include questions collected from the audience and others prepared by League members. These questions will then be presented by moderator Kay Maxwell, former president of the League of Women Voters of the United States and currently executive director of the Stamford-based World Affairs Forum.

Christopher Shays, a Bridgeport resident, has been a Republican member of the House of Representatives since 1987. Challenger Jim Himes, a Democrat and resident of Greenwich, is an affordable housing executive, business and community leader.

Directions to the Clune Center for the Performing Arts are available on the home page of the Wilton High School website at www.wilton.K12.ct.us. For additional information about the debate, visit the League of Women Voters of Westport website at www.lwvwestportct.org or call Liz-Ann Koos, VP for Voter Services, at 203-227-2024. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government and the community.