

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, October 5, 2010  
For More Information Contact Randy Gustafson 651-269-2138

## **Fletcher Afraid to Face Bostrom In League of Women Voters Debate**

(St. Paul, MN) For the second time this election year Sheriff Bob Fletcher has refused to attend a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The latest rejection to the League of Women Voters of Arden Hills, New Brighton, North Oaks, Shoreview and White Bear was to their public candidate forum scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2010. The first refusal was to a St. Paul League of Women Voters forum scheduled for October 7, 2010.

Prior to rejecting the north suburban forum Bob Fletcher's campaign had requested that special rules be adopted for the forum as a precondition for Bob's participation, when the League refused to change from their traditional format Fletcher decided not to participate.

Matt Bostrom, who is seeking election to the position of Ramsey County Sheriff, had agreed to participate in both debates. Bostrom has accepted an invitation to participate in the Saint Paul Building Owners and Managers Association forum on October 28th.

"I'm looking forward to these forums," Bostrom says, "because they will provide Ramsey County voters an opportunity to compare our experience, education, and vision for the Sheriff's Department."

"Why Bob is afraid to talk about issues of concern with voters in the time honored League of Women Voters tradition is a question you'll have to ask him," Bostrom said. "League forums are very issue oriented and I think the forums are a great way for voters to become informed about how candidates think and communicate their ideas."

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, volunteer organization that encourages citizens to participate in government. While the LWV studies and takes stands on issues, it does not support, oppose or endorse candidates for public office.

The October 20th event which was to include both the Ramsey County Sheriff race and the Ramsey County Attorney race will now just have the forum for County Attorney due to the empty chair policy of the League.

#####