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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday, April 25, the League of Women Voters of Union County will sponsor a redistricting panel discussion and town hall, hosted by Wingate University, with support from the LWV Charlotte Mecklenburg and Fair Districts NC. This in-depth discussion of a process central to our democracy begins at 6:30 pm in the Batte Center's Plyer-Griffin Recital Hall. Policy analyst Dr. Jennifer A. Bremer, NC Rep. Craig Horn (R-Union), and Wingate associate professor of Philosophy, Dr. Rob Prevost, will serve on the panel. Dr. Joseph Ellis, asocial professor of Political Science, will moderate.

Every ten years, state lawmakers are tasked with creating congressional and legislative voting districts based on new census data. As the nation gears up for the 2020 census, the question at the state level is how those districts should be drawn, and by whom. "We know this can be a polarizing issue, and we're not taking sides. Instead, our goal is to make space for public discussion so people can better understand the process and make their own decisions," said Wingate University President, Rhett Brown.

A researcher and economist with more than 35 years of experience in governance reform, Bremer serves on the board of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina and leads the group's Fair Elections Action Team. Prior to her retirement in 2016, she divided her time between academic and professional roles, establishing and chairing the Department of Public Policy and Administration at the American University in Cairo. She also headed the Kenan Institute Washington Center, a program of the University of North Carolina's business school. Most recently, Bremer has led a study team examining alternative approaches to redistricting reform.

Representing District 68, Horn is a member of the House Redistricting Committee. A retired food broker, he is vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

Prevost, associate professor of philosophy and chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, is also a practicing attorney. He has taught at Wingate for nearly 25 years.

Admission is free and a reception will follow. The Batte Center is located at 403 N. Camden Road, Wingate. The Plyer-Griffin Hall entrance is on the north side.

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Regards,
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