



Second Amendment forum in North Naples to feature Collier County sheriff

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The Collier County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida will present a free public forum on the Second Amendment from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Orange Blossom Library, Sugden Theater Room, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, just west of Airport-Pulling Road in North Naples.

“Your Right to Keep and Bear Arms: The Intersection of Constitutional Rights, Public Safety, and Mental Health” will review laws affecting the Second Amendment and the legal landscape in which they operate as well as a panel discussion with thought leaders and local law enforcement officials.

The issues to be discussed in the forum are of particular significance in Collier County, as the County Commission this week unanimously approved a resolution affirming that commissioners “will not assist, support or condone any unconstitutional infringement of that right; and [...] call on the governor and state Legislature to lawfully use all of its powers to resist or overturn any federal gun control measure that violates the right of the people of the state and Collier County to keep and bear arms.” Shortly after the passage of the resolution, County Sheriff Kevin J. Rambosk was confirmed as a speaker at the forum.

“This is an important forum at a crucial time for our nation’s understanding of constitutional freedoms,” said Howard Simon, executive director of the ACLU of Florida.

“As proposals are being put forth regarding how to address gun violence in our cities, neighborhoods and schools, leaders must balance public safety with the protection of our constitutional rights. We also need to ensure that there are no unintended consequences in any legislation enacted to address gun violence that will infringe on privacy rights or will have a disproportionate impact on those with disabilities and mental health issues.”

The panel will feature:

- Kevin J. Rambosk, Collier County sheriff
- Robert Levy, chairman of the CATO Institute
- Howard Simon, executive director, ACLU of Florida
- Kathryn Leib-Hunter, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Health, Collier County chapter
- Don Hunter, City of Marco Island police chief (former Collier County sheriff)

The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Maureen Winograd at mowinograd@comcast.net.