

Let the People Decide

Join the League of Women Voters and the Friends of the Weston Library for a special screening of the documentary, Let the People Decide. See the trailer [HERE](#). Q&A with the filmmaker and Weston resident, Gavin Guerra, to follow the screening.

This special screening will begin at 3:00 PM in the Community Room at the Weston Library.

The film traces the history of voting rights in the US from the Civil Rights era to today with a focus on the issues of race and politics.

The narrative of the film follows a Then and Now timeline that shares first person accounts from the Civil Rights movement to present day activists. It also explores the political fallout following the Voting Rights Act, showing how the states came to realign politically and how race continues to be a theme in voter suppression.

“Stealing elections” and “illegal voting” can sound like words meant to whip southern white voters into a frenzy. To the mid-twentieth century activists who lived the brutal history of voter intimidation and literacy tests, the current voter ID debate recalls a familiar tune. Now, the legal battle over voting rights in North Carolina puts a new generation of activists in all-too-familiar territory—fighting laws specifically enacted to intimidate and disenfranchise African Americans at the polls.

About the Director/Producer: Gavin Guerra graduated from Parsons School of Design in 1990 and has spent 30 years creating award winning visual entertainment. During that time he has worked in many formats (Film, TV, Theater, Interactive) on many challenging projects (X2- Xmen United, Vertical Limit, Radio City Music Hall’s Christmas Spectacular, as well as countless commercials and show opens).

In addition to making his documentary film directing debut, just last month Gavin finished production on the new immersive film “Worlds Beyond Earth” for the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History.

Registration recommended!