

League of Women Voters (LWV) Candidate Virtual Forum Rules

- This Forum will be conducted in a virtual format to conform with Executive Orders of the Governor, as well as public health guidance on social distancing. Please plan on attending the forum virtually, logging in 10 minutes prior to the start time.
- Candidates can submit a photo of themselves to the forum coordinator that can be used in the case that they are unable to attend with video.
- Speaking order will rotate (randomly) with each question.
- Each candidate will have two minutes for an opening statement.
- Each candidate will have one minute to respond to each question from the moderator.
- Each candidate will have two minutes to make a closing statement.
- LWV volunteers will time candidate responses and indicate to candidates when they have 15 seconds remaining, and when their time is up.
- Only the moderator will ask questions of the candidates.
- The moderator will call on candidates using the candidate's first and last name.
- LWV determines which questions will be asked and attempts in good faith to cover the topics of interest indicated by the submitted.
- All submitted questions become the property of LWV.
- Briefing books and display props are not permitted in the forum.
- Campaign materials are not permitted in the forum, this includes signs, banners, background images, literature, buttons, and t-shirts.
- If an invited candidate is unable to, or decides not to, appear at a scheduled event, the event will still be held. This is the case even if only one candidate appears. Unopposed candidates may appear alone.
- No substitutes or stand-ins for the candidates will be allowed.
- The moderator will announce that all candidates were invited to participate. In announcing that a candidate is not participating, the moderator will present a brief statement that a candidate either did not respond or declined to participate without any editorial comment.
- The candidate or candidates who attend will have an opportunity to make opening and closing statements and express their positions on issues and in response to questions presented. In an extraordinary circumstance and at the discretion of the LWV, a candidate may submit a written statement to be read by the moderator equal in length to the opening statement of the candidate or candidates present.
- LWV arranged for audio/video recording of this event.
- The full recording will be free and available for the public. Some forums may be live-streamed.
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- By agreeing to appear at the candidate forum, the candidate is agreeing to the recording and distribution of the video.
- By accepting the invitation to participate in the forum, a candidate agrees to these rules.

Thank you for participating in the forum. If you have any questions, please contact the LWV member on the enclosed invitation email.