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League of Women Voters Duluth Announce Candidate Forums

Duluth, MN -- League of Women Voters Duluth will host a series of Candidate Forums in the weeks prior to the November 4, 2014 General Election. The forums will include candidates for a variety of State Legislative districts and St Louis County Commissioner.

Candidate forums are free and open to the public. Specific details for each forum follow.

State Legislative District 7B

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Location: Morgan Park Community Recreation Center, 1288 88th Ave. W., Duluth

Time: 7-8:15pm

Candidate Participants: Erik Simonson, Travis Silvers

Co-sponsors: LWV Duluth and Morgan Park Smithville Community Club

St. Louis County District 1 Commissioner

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall, 411 W. First St., Duluth

Time: 6:00-6:45pm

Sponsors: LWV Duluth

Candidate Participants: Frank Jewel, Jim Booth

Forum will be recorded and available after the event on PACTV and lwvduluth.org

State Legislative Districts 3B, 7A and 7B

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall, 411 W. First St., Duluth

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Candidate Participants: District 3B - Mary Murphy, Wade Fremling; District 7A - Becky Hall, Kriss Osbakken, Jennifer Schultz; District 7B - Erik Simonson, Travis Silvers

Sponsor: LWV Duluth

Forum will be recorded and available after the event on PACTV and lwvduluth.org

State Legislative District 7A

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Location: Lakeside-Lester Park Community Recreation Center, 106 N 54th Ave E.,
Duluth

Time: 7-8:15pm

Candidate Participants: Becky Hall, Kriss Osbakken, Jennifer Schultz

Co-sponsors: LWV Duluth and Lakeside-Lester Park Community Club

New this year, LWV Duluth has updated the “open chair” policy to ensure that every candidate has an opportunity to participate in candidate forums. In order to respect the time and interests of voters and candidates who attend, even if only one of the candidates in a contested race is in attendance, each candidate present will be allowed to present her/his views to voters. This new policy was adopted by the LWV Duluth Board in September, 2014.

The format for the forums consists of a series of questions posed to each candidate. Questions prepared prior to the forum will not be made available to the candidate prior to the forum. The audience will be encouraged to provide questions that evening.

LWV Voter Forum co-chair, Jodi Broadwell, commented : “Candidate forums provide the community an opportunity to meet the candidates and make informed decisions when they vote.”

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, visit lwvduluth.org or contact Jodi Broadwell at jodibroadwell@gmail.com or Susie Darley-Hill at susiedarleyhill@gmail.com.

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