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LWV MEPH Candidate Forum Procedures and Rules

All League of Women Voter Candidate Forums follow the nonpartisan, unbiased and impartial format established and published by the League of Women Voters Minnesota. All events are free and open to the public and the media.

Experienced moderators from LWV, will moderate the forum, explain the procedures to the audience and introduce the candidates. The forum will be video recorded for rebroadcast and the media are invited to attend. Other persons photographing or recording the event are permitted to do so only if they do not disrupt or interfere with the proceedings. The candidates' comments at this event are public and any recordings and their use are not restricted by LWV.

Time limits for all comments will be strictly enforced. In fairness to all candidates and the audience, we ask that these limits be respected. Each candidate will have 2 minutes for opening remarks to introduce themselves. The moderator will then ask a question from the audience. So that we can address as many questions as possible in the time available, each candidate will have 1 minute to answer each question. If time permits, candidates will also have 1 minute for a closing statement.

A time-keeper will hold up signs to indicate when you have 15 seconds remaining and when you must stop. All candidates will rotate the order in which they respond to questions.

Voters have two opportunities to submit questions to the candidates. Written questions will be accepted at the forum, which is the typical practice. Voters may also submit questions via the website up to the day before the event at www.lwvmeph.org. By League of Women Voter policy, the identity of the person asking the question is confidential. All questions are screened by a neutral committee to ensure that questions are applicable to all candidates, are not personal in nature, and are addressed to subjects relevant to this forum.

Note paper and pens will be provided for candidate use. Props are not allowed. Bottled water will also be available. Campaign literature, buttons, signs, clothing or any other campaign-related items must not be brought into the room. However, a table for campaign literature will be available outside the room for candidates to place campaign materials.

In keeping with LWV's non-partisan position, all candidates on the ballot are invited to participate in their respective candidate forum. In the event of an absence, the forum will not be canceled. All participating candidates, whether or not their opponents are present, will respond to the voters' questions. Absent candidates may submit a written opening statement for the moderator to read.

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