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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SCHEDULES CANDIDATE FORUMS

LAS CRUCES---The Las Cruces-based League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico (LWVSNM) will conduct two public forums for local candidates vying for elected positions in the November 5 General Election. LWVSNM President Jo Galván Nash said the forums will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1, and Tuesday, Oct. 8. Both will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces City Hall Council Chambers, 700 N. Main Street.

Co-sponsoring the events with the League will be two other non-profit organizations — the Doña Ana County chapter of the NAACP and the American Association of University Women, she said.

“These forums will give the community a chance to learn about the candidates and hear how they stand on the issues,” Nash said. “The League is a nonpartisan organization which means we don’t endorse any candidate or party, and we want to provide an equal opportunity for candidates to address a variety of questions.”

The Oct. 1 forum will feature candidates for Doña Ana County Commission districts four and five; no candidates from district 2 are able to attend. The first forum will also have the two candidates running for District Attorney in the Third Judicial District. The Oct. 8 forum will focus on several candidates vying for a seat in the New Mexico Senate. Nash said the League hopes to get commitments prior to October 8 from all the candidates running for the New Mexico House of Representatives.

A set of rules on how the forums will be conducted will be provided for the candidates and the audience members at the beginning of each event. Each forum will also allow the candidates to address the audience with short opening and closing statements. There will also be a brief period at the end for candidates to meet with the audience.

Nash said beginning on October 4th, voters can also go to www.Vote411.org where more candidate questions and answers are available for the public’s review. Plus, two League nonpartisan Voter Guides — one in English and the other in Spanish — will be distributed throughout Doña Ana County in early October through the Las Cruces Bulletin and Camino Real Media, respectively. Electronic versions of the guides will be available on the League’s website at www.lwvsnm.org.