LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

May 1, 2026
Letter to Kitsap Organizations
Re: LWV/Kitsap Candidate Primary Forums 2026

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap (LWV/Kitsap) is a nonpartisan political organization committed to educating voters and encouraging them to engage in our community.

As we approach the May 4-8 Candidate Filing Week for Kitsap County, the LWV/Kitsap is making plans to hold public, nonpartisan candidate forums via Zoom access to facilitate conversation related to the positions, policies, and duties of candidates as they seek elected office. A candidate's willingness to address questions submitted to them by community members demonstrates how they will engage constituents while in office. To facilitate this process, LWV/Kitsap will host candidate forums, which will take place a few weeks prior to primary ballot mailings. This will allow candidate positions to be fresh in the minds of voters.

Following Candidate Filing Week, LWV/Kitsap contacts candidates through email, phone, and US mail to send formal invitations to participate in the nonpartisan forums. At the same time, questions for candidates from members of the community will be solicited via announcements in print media, social media, and community bulletin boards. Civic groups, political parties, schools, and community organizations also receive this information. The LWV/Kitsap primary election forums will cover all races *where at least three candidates* will be on the ballots for voters in Kitsap County. It is anticipated that the primary candidate forums will be scheduled via Zoom sometime between June 1 and July 8. Community members can view the final candidate forums schedule on the LWV/Kitsap webpage. Members of the community can submit their questions for the primary forums through the following website: https://lwv-kitsap.org/candidate-forum-questions. Questions will be accepted beginning May 14 and should be submitted no later than 12:00 PM on June 14th. Community members are encouraged to submit concise, unbiased questions related to the duties, responsibilities, positions, and policies of the office for which candidates are seeking election. Questions containing similar content may be combined. The League strives to ensure questions reflect a wide range of concerns from our district's multiple constituencies.

Zoom access links to the primary candidate forums, which can be viewed on computers, tablets, or phones, will be posted on the League of Women Voters of Kitsap website, https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/ no later than July 14, 2026. The forums will be recorded and posted to the LWV-Kitsap website, as well as its YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/@LWVKitsap).