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**CANDIDATE FORUMS BEGIN TOMORROW: UPDATED SCHEDULE RELEASED**

**LEXINGTON, KY**-The League of Women Voters of Lexington, The

Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of The LINKS, Incorporated, and the Lexington Public Library will co-sponsor candidate forums for the 2018 general election beginning tomorrow, September 15. Candidates for LFUCG Council At-Large and Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, and 12; State Senate, District 12 ; State Representative, District 76; Board of Education, District 2; Fifth Appellate Court, Division 1; 22nd Judicial Circuit, Division 1, Family Court; District Judges, 22nd Circuit, Divisions 3 and 5. An Open Forum will also be held for candidates whose challengers are not participating. Candidates agreeing to participate in the Open Forum, September 22 are identified below.

The forums, will be held September 15, 16, 22, and 29 in the Farish Theater in the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street; the schedule follows. Further updates to the schedule will be posted at [www.lwvlexington.com.](http://www.lwvlexington.com/) Citizens are encouraged to check the League’s online Voter Guide ([www.Vote411.org)](https://mail.twc.com/do/redirect?url=http%253A%252F%252Fwww.Vote411.org&hmac=5eb0614a8a344f875d7e1bec3e7a8101) beginning October 1 for more information about the candidates.

Candidates will have time for opening and closing remarks and will respond to questions submitted in writing by audience members and/or prepared by the sponsoring organizations. Questions may also be submitted prior to the forum by emailing [lexingtonlwv@gmail.com.](https://mail.twc.com/do/mail/message/mailto?to=lexingtonlwv%40gmail.com)

The public is invited to attend to meet the candidates in person and submit questions in writing. The forum will be videotaped and aired on YouTube. Citizens should check websites of the League of Women Voters of Lexington, KY and the Lexington Public Library for YouTube links.

“The League is proud to sponsor candidate forums to help educate the voters about what the candidates stand for,” said League President Tammy Fagley. “We want to thank the candidates for agreeing to participate in our forums and we encourage the public to attend or view the forums before voting.”

**Fall 2018 Candidate Forum Schedule**

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| **Saturday, September 15** |   | **Nonpartisan Races** |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | LFUCG Council at Large | Chuck Ellinger, II; Steve Kay; Connie Kell (declined); Lillie E. Miller-Johnson; Richard Moloney; Adrian Wallace |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | LFUCG Council District 1 | James Brown and Anita Rowe Franklin |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | LFUCG Council District 2 | Josh McCurn and Joseph Smith |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | **Break** |   |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | LFUCG Council District 3 | J. Jake Gibbs and Renee Jackson Shepard |
| 1:45 - 2:15 | LFUCG Council District 4 | Susan Lamb and Barry Saturday |
| 2:30 - 3:00 | LFUCG Council District 5 | Bill Farmer, Jr. and Liz Sheehan |
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| **Sunday, September 16** |   | **Nonpartisan Races** |
| 2:15 - 2:45 | LFUCG Council District 9 | Jacob Glancy and Jennifer Mossotti |
| 3:00 - 3:30 | LFUCG Council District 11 | Jennifer Reynolds and Sandy Shafer |
| 3:45 - 4:15 | LFUCG Council District 12 | Monteia Mundy Owenby and Kathy Plomin |
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| **Saturday, September 22**  |   |   |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | State Senate, 12th | Alice Forgy Kerr (R) and Paula Setser-Kissick (D) |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | State Representative, 76th  | Richard Marrs (R) and Ruth Ann Palumbo (D) |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | **Open Forum** | Candidates whose challengers are not participating: Jon Larson, Gary Ginn, Josh Hicks, George A. Brown, Jr, John Edward Reynolds, Cherlynn Stevenson, Denise Gray, Angela Evans |
| 12:15 - 1:45 | **Break** |   |
| 1:45 - 2:15 | Board of Education, District 2 | Shambra Mulder and Tyler Murphy (Nonpartisan) |
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| **Saturday, September 29**  |   |  **Nonpartisan Races** |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | 5th Appellate Court, Div. 1 | Pamela Goodwine and Rob Johnson |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | 22nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 1, Family Ct.  | Libby G. Messer and Eileen M. O'Brien |
|   | **Break** |   |
| 12:30 - 1:00 | Dist Judge, 22nd Circuit, Div 3 | Lindsay Hughes Thurston and Kim Wilkie |
| 1:15 - 1:45 | Dist Judge, 22nd Circuit, Div 5 | Melissa Moore Murphy and John Tackett |
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| **Cancelled Forums** |   |
|  | County Judge Executive | Don Blevins, Sr.(D) (Declined) and***Jon Larson***\*\*(R) (Accepted) |
|   | Coroner | ***Gary Ginn***\*\* (D) (Accepted) and Larry S. Owens (R ) (Declined) |
|   | State Representative, 45th | Stan Lee ( R) (No Response) and ***Josh Hicks***\*\*(D) |
|   | State Representative, 77th | ***George A. Brown, Jr***\*\* (D) (Accepted) and Marianne Weiss ( R) (No Response) |
|   | State Representative, 79th | Joshua Irvin (R) (Cancelled) and Susan Westrom\*\* (D) (Accepted) |
|   | Circuit Judge, 22nd Circuit, Div 3 | ***John Edward Reynolds***\*\* (Accepted) and Lucy Ferguson VanMeter (Declined) |
|   | State Representative, 88th\* | Bill Farmer, Jr. ( R) (Conflict) and ***Cherlynn Stevenson***\*\* (D) (Accepted) |
|   | State Senate, 28th\* | Ralph Alvarado (R ) (Conflict) and ***Denise Gray***\*\* (D) (Accepted) |
|   | LFUCG Council District 6\* | ***Angela Evans***\*\* (Accepted) and Gabriel Wilburn (Conflict) |
|   | LFUCG Council District 7\* | Chris Logan (Conflict) and Preston Worley (Conflict) |
|   | LFUCG Council District 8 | Fred V. Brown (Accepted) and Christian J. Motley (Accepted but filing ruled invalid 9/10/18) |
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|   | \* Attempts to reschedule these forums were unsuccessful. \*\*Candidates invited to the Open Forum. ***Candidates participating in the Open Forum.*** |

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