



LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of ALACHUA COUNTY / GAINESVILLE

Candidate Forum Policies

1. An invitation will be extended to all candidates who qualify with the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections for the races included in a League of Women Voters of Alachua County/Gainesville (LWVAC) candidate forum. Care will be taken to record evidence that each candidate has received the invitation.
2. The forum will be conducted under rules established by the LWVAC, including time limits for statements and answering questions. No oral questions from the audience will be allowed. Written questions from the audience will be collected and used as time permits.
3. If at least two candidates in a particular race are present, that panel will proceed. If only one candidate is present, the race will be postponed to the end of the forum. To comply with fairness rules for non-profits, the LWVAC forum will be adjourned at the conclusion of the other races. The forum will reconvene under other auspices, and the single candidate will be allowed to make a statement and answer questions posed by a non-League moderator, following the format of the LWVAC forum.
4. Only the candidates themselves will be on the panel or make a presentation. No representatives or substitutes will be allowed.
5. Each candidate who accepts will be offered a place to display campaign material. Due to limited space, candidates may need to share tables.
6. Candidates may not solicit or accept contributions at the event.
7. Candidates may solicit and accept names and addresses of interested voters.
8. All candidates will agree that the forum may be recorded by the LWVAC and will be released, as recorded, to the public through outlets of the League's choosing.
9. Forum content is the property of the LWVAC. No candidate or campaign staff may film, record, tape, or photograph the forum in any medium without prior permission from LWVAC. Under such permission, rebroadcast of a race is only allowed in its entirety. Candidates may not use any portion of the forum in a political advertisement.
10. Nonpartisan organizations may request a table at the forum to inform the public of a particular issue. The LWVAC Voter Service Team will determine whether an organization may have a display. Space limitations will be considered when determining allocation of tables.