

## **League of Women Voters Announces New Format for Candidate Forum**

The new format is being called Face2Face: Meet the Candidates. It is being held on Sunday October 8 at the Veterans Building in City Park. Doors open at 6:30 for informal conversation with the candidates and the program starts at 7 p.m. Instead of having the candidates in front and the audience in rows of chairs, we will use round tables. Audience members will sit at the tables, and each table will have a LWV facilitator and a candidate. Audience members at each table will have about 10 minutes to ask questions of the candidate at their table. At a signal from the moderator, candidates will move to the next table in rotation and the 10 minute question period will be repeated. By the end of the evening each candidate will have sat at every table, and each audience member will have met every candidate face to face, or Face2Face.

At the beginning of the program, each candidate will have 1 minute to introduce themselves before going to their first table.

LWV hopes this format will be appealing to both candidates and audience. And it will get around the situations in the past where if one candidate for an office does not participate, the other one can't either. We feel the voters lose out when they can't hear from both candidates for an office. Another feature of this format is that no one will be the 7<sup>th</sup> person to answer a particular question. Audience members who have a particular question should have a better chance of asking that question.

Being invited are candidates running opposed for the following offices:

Bowling Green Mayor  
Bowling Green City Council at Large  
Bowling Green City Council 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Bowling Green Board of Education

Co-sponsors are American Association of University Women Bowling Green Branch, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, and BGSU Retirees Association.

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