

Becker County Candidates & State Legislator Candidates Face Off Tuesday, October 21

YouTube Videos will be available online

Detroit Lakes MN — It will be a one-stop opportunity for Becker County voters to hear directly from the candidates running for leadership positions in the county and in the State House of Representatives on Tuesday, October 21. The Detroit Lakes Area League of Women Voters and the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce will co-host a full evening of candidate forums at the Becker County Courthouse beginning at 6:30pm. The complete rundown of forums and confirmed candidates is:

6:30 - 7:00pm	Auditor/Treasurer candidates Darin Halvorson and Mary Hendrickson
7:15 - 7:45pm	Recorder Candidates Patty Swenson and Karen Wenner
8:00 - 8:15pm	County Attorney Candidate Gretchen Thilmony (unopposed)
8:15 - 9:10pm	Sheriff Candidates Todd Glander and Tim Clements
9:15 - 10:00pm	House District 2B Candidates Steve Green and David Sobieski House District 4B Candidate Paul Marquart (his opponent Jared LaDuke has not responded at this time)

These events are free and open to the public. Please use the main entrance. Doors will open at 6:15pm with coffee and cookies being served.

For those unable to attend this forum and the earlier Detroit Lakes City Council and Becker County Commissioner District 2 forums, they will be available for viewing on YouTube by searching LWV Detroit Lakes.

The forums will be moderated by LWV members Breanna Adams, Sharon Sinclair, Helen Foltz and Terry Kalil.

Email Questions in Advance or at Event

Voters have two opportunities to submit questions to the candidates. Voters can submit questions in advance via email sent to detroitlakeslwg@gmail.com. By League of Women Voter policy, the identity of the person asking the question is confidential with all identifying information removed before the event. Please indicate which forum your questions are addressed to in the email. Questions will be accepted until noon on the day of each forum.

Audience members will also have the opportunity to submit questions in writing at the event, in accordance with Forum Policies. To obtain a copy of Forum Policies, please email detroitlakeslwg@gmail.com.

All questions are screened by a neutral committee to ensure that questions are applicable to all candidates, are forward looking, not personal in nature, and are addressed to subjects relevant to this forum.

The League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonpartisan 501(c)3 political organization, encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to all citizens. Membership information will also be available at the Candidate Forum.

The Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of over 450 businesses, organizations and individuals banded together to advance common interests in the area of commerce, industry, agriculture, tourism, retail, recreation, transportation, education, government, business development, and community development. The mission is "To advance a vibrant business and tourism economy through service, advocacy, networking, and innovation."

For more information on candidate forums or League of Women Voters, please contact Terry Kalil, Voter Service Chair at tkalil@arvig.net.