



Greetings,

The League of Women Voters of the Fredericksburg Area partnered with the NAACP Fredericksburg Branch cordially invites you to participate in our Fredericksburg City Council Candidates Forum, hosted at the Fredericksburg Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, located at 1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

**Event Details:**

**Thursday, September 11th, 2025 | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM | Setup available beginning at 5:00 PM**

**During the Forum:**

- Each candidate will have 2 minutes to introduce themselves and 2 minutes for a closing statement.
- Each candidate will have 1.5 minutes to respond to questions.
- All candidates will answer each question posed by the Moderator before moving on to the next.
- As this is a Forum and not a debate, no rebuttals will be permitted. Responses should be directed to the audience.
- Dr. Stephen Farnsworth from the University of Mary Washington will serve as moderator.

Following the formal Forum, there will be an informal Q&A session, time permitting. Candidates will have the opportunity to engage with voters, allowing for additional conversation and questions not addressed during the main event.

**Candidates may:**

- Bring campaign signs and materials for display at designated tables near the theater entrances
- Invite supporters to attend

**Questions will be sourced from:**

- League of Women Voters and NAACP Fredericksburg Branch Members
- Community members via social media and advance submissions
- Audience-submitted cards collected 25 minutes prior to the Forum start

**Logistics:** Speaking order randomly drawn and alternated between questions | Media invited | Theater capacity: 225 people | Candidates seated on stage at tables

**Accessibility & Parking:** Theater, entrances, and pathways are accessible. Stage access currently limited to stairs—candidates requiring accessible stage access should contact us immediately. Parking: 55-spot lot on Sophia Street | Street parking on Caroline & Lewis Streets | Theater accessible from library front entrance or atrium from back parking lot

This nonpartisan forum provides a unique opportunity for meaningful dialogue between candidates and the community they will serve, free from partisan divide.

We look forward to your participation!

Warm Regards,

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