

CANCELLATION OF CANDIDATES' NIGHT

GENERAL ELECTION 2022

The League of Women Voters of Centre County (LWVCC) Candidates' Night prior to the November election has been canceled. This is not our choice. Federal Election Commission rules and League of Women Voters guidelines preclude us from conducting a forum for any race when only one candidate running for the office will be present.

Prior to every election, LWVCC holds a candidates' forum to allow residents to ask questions of the candidates for public office. Logistical arrangements had been made for the forum to be held on October 13, 2022. Invitations were sent to the candidates on August 16. Follow up reminders were sent to candidates on September 1 with a response requested by September 7.

Four candidates, H. Scott Conklin (D), Michael Molesevich (D), Paul Takac (D), and Robert Zeigler (D) indicated their willingness to participate. However, the four opposing candidates, Justin Behrens (R), Kerry Benninghoff (R), Congressman Glenn Thompson (R), and Stephen Yetsko (R) declined or did not respond to our invitation. The Centre County Republican Party chair confirmed that none of the GOP candidates would be participating.

On behalf of all voters we are disappointed that this opportunity for voters to hear from candidates in a head to head forum is being denied to them. Voters deserve to hear from all candidates as they candidly address constituents' questions.

This fall, we will continue to offer voters of Centre County candidate and other voter information through our website: lwc-centrecounty.org, our Voter's Guides to be published in the The Centre Daily Times and The Centre County Gazette, and at voter registration and education events. We hope that future forums will receive a positive response from all invited candidates.