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Virtual Candidate Debates for West Hartford 9/27 & 9/28

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WEST HARTFORD, CT – The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford (LWVGH) and West Hartford Community Interactive (WHCI) invite our West Hartford community to participate in debates among the candidates seeking to represent the people of West Hartford on the Town Council and Board of Education. This is a municipal election. These virtual debates will be held on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 and available live on WHCTV.org and YouTube. The links are shown below. The candidates competing to serve as councilors or BOE members are from several parties, A Connecticut Party, Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, Republican Party and one petitioning candidate. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. Polls are open from 6AM to 8PM.

The three Town Council debates will be held LIVE on Monday, September 27 at 5:00, 6:30 and 8 pm; Board of Education LIVE on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:00pm on Comcast Cable in West Hartford on Channel 5, Frontier TV 6098, streaming on YouTube via these links:

Zoom public registration and YouTube viewing links:

Town Council Debate 1: 9/27 at 5:00pm- Public Registration Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5rvog1BnTCqiPVwVvkXjQg

YOUTUBE for Viewing on 9/27 and after
https://youtu.be/LasP3leuK_A

TC Debate 2: 9/27 at 6:30pm- Public Registration Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_By6oPGboRIOm3n5lc02ijA

YOUTUBE for Viewing on 9/27 and after
<https://youtu.be/8zYFqNdtlHo>

TC Debate 3: 9/27 at 8:00pm- Public Registration Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XeIYmMILQ46e0IDYNQ5nWg

YOUTUBE for Viewing on 9/27 and after
<https://youtu.be/rIKZ57gXYuk>

Board of Education Debate 9/28 at 6:00pm - Public Registration Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u70euw-RR2l93jZ6LbHHA

YOUTUBE view on Tuesday 9/28 and after
<https://youtu.be/RO78rQtx8mE>

Public Registration Link is for members of the public to be in the webinar, but especially for anyone who wishes to submit a written question during any of the debates. Please note there is

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a separate set of LINKS for each of the four West Hartford debate sessions. The YouTube link is for the day of and for viewing after the debate concludes.

LWVGH and WHCI encourage you to join as a member of the audience via Zoom webinar to submit questions for the candidates on the Q&A function of the ZOOM webinar.

After registering, the registrant will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar/debate.

You can also watch the debate on the station's website at www.whctv.org . The debate will be recorded and replayed and available through November 2 for on demand viewing via YouTube .

November 2, 2021 is Election Day. Eligible voters may vote by absentee ballot if they submit an Absentee Ballot APPLICATION and then fill out and submit the absentee ballot by mail or vote in person at their usual voting place. Extraordinary precautions are being taken at every voting district in Connecticut to protect the public and the election officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Polls will open at 6:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM; don't forget to vote!

Here is the roster of candidates and their debate times.

Town Council 9/27		Sept. 27		Sept. 27	
Debate Group 1 5:00		Debate Group 2 6:30 pm		Debate Group 3 8:00	
Shari Cantor	D	Leon Davidoff	D	Ben Wenograd	D
Liam Sweeney	D	Adrienne Billings-Smith	D	Carol Blanks	D
Mary Fay	R	Mark Zydanowicz	R	Alberto Cortes	R
Lee Gold	ACTP	Mark Merritt	ACTP	Roni Rodman	ACTP
David deHaas	L	Aaron Sarwar	P	Rick Bush	ACTP

Board of Education September 28 at 6:00 to 7:15 pm

Deb Polun	D
Lorna Thomas-Farquharson	D
Clare Taylor Nesoralla	D
Dr. Jason Chang 2yr term	D
Gayle Harris	R
Ross Jacobs	ACTP