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## MESILLA CANDIDATES' FORUM SCHEDULED

LAS CRUCES--- Five candidates running for political positions in the town of Mesilla will gather for a candidates' forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico (LWVSNM). The public event will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Four candidates for the Mesilla Board of Trustees, and the sole candidate for Mesilla Mayor, will answer questions from the League and the audience, said Jo Galván Nash, LWVSNM co-president.

"Being able to meet face-to-face with the residents of Mesilla will help the community get to know these candidates better as the regular local election draws near," Nash said.

The candidates running for two trustee positions, listed by order of appearance on the ballot, are: Gerard Nevarez, Stephanie Johnson, Veronica Garcia, and Priscilla Sandoval. Although unopposed, Mayoral Candidate Russell Hernandez will also attend the forum. Nash said audience members will be able to submit questions to the candidates through the moderator. All the candidates will also be making opening and closing statements.

Early voting is already underway at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., and beginning Oct. 21 through Nov. 4, eight additional voting locations will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11am-7pm. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> public forum conducted by the League in Doña Ana and Otero counties. Nash said many residents have attended the forums, gathering information before they cast their votes between now and election day.

LWVSNM is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Anyone 16 years of age and older who lives in Doña Ana, Otero, Sierra, Luna, and Grant counties can join the Southern New Mexico organization. Membership forms will be available at the upcoming forum or online at [www.lwvsnm.org/join/](http://www.lwvsnm.org/join/).

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