

APPLICATION TO BE A SPONSOR/SUPPORTER

Your non-partisan organization can be a supporter, sponsor, or lead sponsor of these events this year.

A Sponsor: publicizes an event among its members, provides volunteers to help with organization of an event, and contributes \$50 or more toward expenses.

A Supporter: publicizes an event among its members.

A Lead (Site) Sponsor: provides a site and use of facilities for an event at a strategic location, and works in conjunction with other organizations in the area, provides hospitality (food, beverage) and volunteers and assures a substantial audience of citizens.

PLEASE NOTE: Your organization can be disqualified if it endorses a candidate or contributes to a candidate's campaign!

Our organization would like to be a:

- sponsor** of this year's Meet the Candidates Forum events, providing volunteers and financially supporting the events with at least \$50.
- supporter** of this year's Meet the Candidates Forum events, providing publicity and volunteers to help manage one or more events.
- lead (site) sponsor** — please contact the Consortium immediately for details

Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

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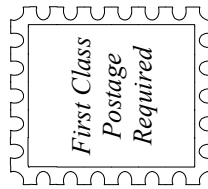
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If **sponsor**, \$50, or \$ _____, is enclosed.

Contact person for volunteers if different from above:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, a coalition of religious groups and non-partisan organizations, again is organizing *Meet the Candidates' Forums* in Franklin County and the surrounding area. In 1991, the first non-partisan candidates' forums were initiated by Brookwood Presbyterian Church and the National Council of Jewish Women. In 2008, the Consortium held twelve candidates' forums; more than 60 sponsors and supporters endorsed and helped publicize or produce the events. This year the Consortium will hold candidates' forums in widely separated geographical sites so that people in most electoral areas will be provided with a convenient place to address candidates.

At a *Meet the Candidates Forum*, citizens can meet and question candidates who are running for public offices. The Consortium invites all candidates who are running in contested races to at least one of the candidates' forums. The Consortium also invites proponents and opponents of state and local issues to the forums. For more information about the mechanics of a candidates' forum, see the description of *Meet the Candidates Forums* on the next page.

The Consortium works to increase the public's knowledge about candidates and issues. Our primary purpose is to remind central Ohioans that in order to have a government *of the people, by the people, and for the people*, we must first educate ourselves about the candidates and then exercise our constitutional right and vote.

MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUMS

All programs begin with a one-half hour reception that provides the assembled citizens an opportunity to meet the candidates. When the program starts, the moderator gives the candidates one minute each to provide basic information about themselves.

Volunteer timers keep the candidates within their time allotments. After the candidates' opening statements, the floor is opened to questions from the audience. Questions are provided in writing to the moderator, who addresses them to each candidate. The moderator is supported by volunteers who screen the questions from the audience and remove any personal attacks or rewrite the questions to assure that each question can be addressed fairly to all of the candidates. The order in which candidates answer questions is rotated so that each candidate has an equal opportunity to answer first or last.

Time allotted for each contested race is determined by the Consortium Steering Committee prior to the start of each forum. All candidates are given the same amount of time to make their personal statements and to answer questions.

Volunteers are needed at each site to help with set up, to provide hospitality for the candidates, to help screen questions, to collect questions from the audience, and any other tasks that the site coordinator assigns.

Volunteers able to assist prior to the event ensure that candidates know

where and when their races will be on the evening's schedule, contact local schools to encourage students and their teachers to participate in nearby Forum programs, and help the site coordinator in what ever other manner he or she directs.



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