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From the *League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge*

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Hear from Candidates for Oak Ridge City Council and Board of Education

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge will sponsor a candidate forum on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater, 1450 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Candidates running for Oak Ridge City Council and Oak Ridge Board of Education have been invited to participate. Darrell Richardson has been invited to moderate.

Candidates for a 4-year term on City Council are Kelly Callison, R.G. (Rick) Chinn, Jr., Warren Gooch, Ellen D. Smith, and Timothy L. Stallings. Four council members will be elected. Derrick M. Hammond is the only candidate running to fill the unexpired 2-year term left by Council member Hans Vogel when he resigned earlier this year.

Candidates for a 4-year term on the Oak Ridge Board of Education are Laura McLean, Benjamin J. Stephens, and Erin S. Webb. Three board members will be elected.

One of the candidates for City Council and all three candidates for the Board of Education are unopposed, but several of these candidates are new to Oak Ridge voters. To become better acquainted with the new candidates and reacquainted with the opinions of incumbents, we are inviting all candidates to give opening statements, answer questions from the audience and the moderator, and give closing statements.

There will be time after the forum for greetings and informal discussions with the candidates.

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