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Five Democrats Participate in U.S. Senate Candidate Forum

League of Women Voters of Georgia and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Sponsor Event

Atlanta (June 5, 2008) – All five Democratic contenders for Georgia’s U.S. Senate seat have agreed to participate in a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum to be held in Atlanta, Sunday, June 8 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dale Cardwell, Vernon Jones, Rand Knight, Josh Lanier, and Jim Martin have all agreed to participate in the forum. Incumbent, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, has declined.

The League of Women Voters of Georgia (LWVGA) and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) will co-host the forum for candidates for the U.S. Senate. The event will be held in the Capitol Education Center located at 180 Central Avenue. The forum is free and open to the public.

The forum, moderated by Susanna Capelouto, will be streamed live on the Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) Web site. In addition, GPB Radio will air an abbreviated (one hour) version on Monday, June 9 at 8 p.m.

“We, like the Deltas, endorse no candidate or party,” said Polly McKinney, executive director of LWVGA. “We thoroughly believe that candidates should be judged by voters based on their own merits and ideas, and we work very hard to provide an intelligent, equitable venue for that to occur.”

In standard forum format, each candidate will be asked identical questions and given identical time limits in which to respond. Questions were formulated by LWVGA and DST members and staff, and represent a broad spectrum of topics.

“Our goal is to help people have access to the candidates in a meaningful way,” said Candice Medlin, DST Chair of the Metro Atlanta Presidents Council. “We would like for people to be able to base their voting decision on more than a 30-second sound bite.”

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“We are all about non-partisan coalitions, where organizations can go in at the ground level and really make a difference” said Rebecca Wallace, state president of the LWV. “The Deltas have a long history of contributing to civic awareness and public service, and such a partnership with the League seemed a natural fit.”

About the League of Women Voters

Founded in 1920, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, contact the League of Women Voters of Georgia by emailing lwvga@lwvga.org or calling 678-547-0755.

About Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., founded in 1913, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote human welfare. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

For more information about the U.S. Senate Candidate Forum, contact Polly McKinney at 678-547-0755 or polly@lwvga.org.

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