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## League of Women Voters Sponsors 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative Candidate Forum

West Long Branch, NJ -- On Monday, October 16, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm, the League of Women Voters of the Township of Ocean, is sponsoring a Candidate Forum for candidates running for N.J. Senate and Assembly from the 11<sup>th</sup> district. The event is taking place in Wilson Auditorium, Wilson Hall on the Monmouth University campus.

Monmouth County towns included are: Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Colts Neck, Deal, Eatontown, Freehold Boro, Freehold Township, Interlaken, Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Township of Ocean, Red Bank, Shrewsbury Boro, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls and West Long Branch.

The candidates are – for Senate, Jennifer Beck and Vin Gopal and for Assembly Robert Acerra, Michael Whelan, Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling. According to the League's non-partisan policy, a trained moderator from outside the 11<sup>th</sup> NJ Legislative District will be in charge of the evening's event.

The evening will consist of opening statements from the candidates, followed by questions from the audience (submitted in writing to be read by the moderator), and closing statements from the candidates. All statements and responses will be timed by members of the League of Women Voters.

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis and parking is available in Lots 11A, 12 and 23. Doors will open at 6:30. There is no charge for this event and no campaign literature is allowed to be distributed. Voters can find information on the candidates in this and other races across the state on the League of Women Voters' online voter guide, VOTE411.org.

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.