



Prince William Committee of 100



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Joint Statement of the Organizers of the CD7 Debate

On Sunday, October 16, the League of Women Voters Prince William and Fauquier Area (LWV-PWFA) and the Prince William Committee of 100 (PWC100.org) were notified that our efforts to accommodate the requests of both candidates for the CD7 congressional seat had not been successful. Our team's work to find agreement between the campaigns of Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger and Prince William County Supervisor Yesli Vega ended in an impasse over security concerns and disagreements over proposed moderators. We were in talks with a respected and experienced moderator and had asked the Prince William County Police Department to dedicate officers for the event.

The League and the Committee of 100 volunteers worked tirelessly to accommodate requests on everything from the format and media coverage to security; however, we were unable to reach an acceptable compromise within the timeframe set by Congresswoman's campaign. It is unfortunate for the citizens of Prince William County and the entire 7th Congressional District that we were not able to host a successful event like we did in the 10th Congressional earlier this month.

Ray Mizener, President of the Committee of 100 and Janet M. Gorn, President of the League of Women Voters of the Prince William-Fauquier Area, highlighted it is the mission of both of our organizations to present opportunities for candidates of any party to engage with the voters in a non-partisan format, and stated: "We regret this event did not happen."

We do appreciate the consideration and efforts of all the campaigns and wish them the best on Tuesday, November 8 at the polls.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Candidate Forum Guidelines
PWC 100 Questions Committee Guidelines