

Meet local Democratic candidates at forum

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Voters will have a chance to meet the Democratic candidates for a slew of local races on Monday.

The Leon County Democratic Party is hosting a "meet the candidates" forum at City Hall to introduce candidates for federal, state, school and county government races. Fourteen of the 15 Democrat candidates were scheduled to attend as of Friday, said Rick Minor, chairman of the Leon County Democratic Executive Committee.

"This is basically an opportunity for us to spotlight our Democratic candidates," Minor said, "and give a chance for folks around town to meet them."

Minor said the event was a forum rather than a debate, and that he'd dissuade candidates from commenting on each other.

After a brief presentation, the candidates will take questions from the audience. They'll also distribute campaign material and seek volunteers to work on their campaigns.

"That's part of the pitch," said Alan Williams, who's running for House District 8. "We hope you'll believe in our (candidacy) enough that you'll help spread what our campaign's all about."

The two-hour forum starts at 7 p.m. in the City Commission chambers, on the second floor of City Hall, 300 S. Adams St.

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