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THE COALITION FOR HISPANIC/LATINO ISSUES AND PROGRESS

Dear Incumbent/Candidate for Public Office:

The Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues and Progress (CHIP) invites selected **Contested Primary Election Candidates** to attend and participate in our upcoming Candidates Forum. The Forum will be taped by Lorain City Schools who will broadcast the Forum multiple times daily on their television network during the weeks prior to the May 5, 2026 Primary Election. The Forum will be moderated by CHIP Trustees Michael Ferrer, Alisha Pardon, and Carmen Leibas. They will collectively present selected questions to candidates. Please confirm your attendance for this April 8, 2026, Candidates Forum to Michael Ferrer, Candidates Forum Chair, by text or call to 440-336-1501, or via email at mf777df@msn.com. I would be happy to answer any questions, provide additional information or walk new candidates through the Candidates Forum process if desired.

CHIP CANDIDATES' FORUM
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (Back of School)
2600 ASHLAND AVENUE
LORAIN, OHIO 44052
7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

The same questions will be posed to all incumbents/candidates within a contested race. Questions will be engaging and are meant to assist our constituency and the viewing public to become familiar with individuals running for public office, what they stand for and why they are running. All Candidates in contested races will be given one minute to introduce themselves (opening statement). This will be followed by a series of questions from the moderators (same for each candidate) and one-minute answers from candidates. Each candidate will then be given 1 minute for their concluding statement. Please be advised that we do not tolerate disparaging remarks from any candidate against an opponent. If a contested office candidate makes a disparaging remark about a fellow candidate, the disparaged candidate will be given time to respond. The candidate making the disparaging remark will not be allowed to follow up. The moderators reserve the right to follow up on any response that warrants further clarification.

A list of **potential** questions will be made available to candidates upon their arrival on the evening of the Forum (starting at 6:15pm). The Forum begins at 7:00pm. There will be a table to place candidate literature on for audience members to review. The Forum will begin immediately following opening remarks at approximately 7:00pm. The Forum tentative schedule can be secured by sending an email to mf777df@msn.com. We thank you for your time and participation in this important forum.

Respectfully,

Members of the Coalition for Hispanic Issues & Progress (CHIP)