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West Windsor, NJ – September 18, 2025 – It is with deep regret and disappointment that **West Windsor Forward must announce the cancellation of our 2025 Candidate Forum**, which was scheduled for September 25th. The forum has been cancelled because the campaigns for Mayor and Council were unable to agree on a format.

This cancellation represents a significant loss for West Windsor residents, who were anticipating a direct and unbiased opportunity to hear from all certified candidates on the issues that matter most. The West Windsor Forward team invested ten months of effort, countless hours, and a great deal of resources into restoring this vital civic tradition.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who supported our efforts. We are especially thankful for the unwavering support of **the League of Women Voters of the Greater Princeton Area** (lvvprinceton.org), and we encourage everyone in West Windsor to support their longstanding commitment to informing voters in Central Jersey. We also thank our panelists, **Micah Rasmussen and David Matthau**, for their immense trust in us and their invaluable assistance. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to **Mercer County Community College and the Kelsey Theatre** for their generosity in offering their venue and their patience throughout our planning process. To everyone who offered to volunteer, your commitment to our town and its residents was a true inspiration. Finally, to the community, your words of encouragement privately, on our social media, and at our tabling events reaffirmed our efforts throughout this process.

While this is a disappointing outcome, it does not mark the end of West Windsor Forward's commitment to civic engagement. We will remain actively involved in this year's Municipal election through other non-partisan projects focused on informing voters, including **working with both campaigns to set up informative interviews for the community**. We will also continue our other community-focused projects, such as pushing for our adoption of the Princeton Junction Train Station. **We encourage residents to submit ideas for further civic and community initiatives. We are looking for High Schoolers who want to join us and make a difference in West Windsor to sign up to volunteer** by emailing at contact@westwindsorforward.org.

The last Mayoral and Council forums were held in 2017. The cancellation of this event—after coming so close to reinstating this tradition—is a worrying development for the health of the democratic process in West Windsor. Our town deserves and needs constructive, productive, and fair dialogue. It is on all of us, as a community, to advocate for that standard in subsequent election cycles. The future of our town's civic health depends on the collective voice of its citizens demanding accountability.

Sincerely,

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