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Five Supervisor Candidates to Spar in Fluvanna Taxpayers Association Forum

September 24, 2009 – All five Board of Supervisors candidates vying for voters' favor in Fluvanna County this fall have committed to take part in a Fluvanna Taxpayers Association candidate forum. The event will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Fluvanna Library.

The forum is a nonpartisan event that is open to the public. The debate will follow a "Jim Lehrer/PBS-style" format with questions to the candidates posed by a journalist moderator. Participating will be Joe Chesser, Rivanna District; Shaun Kenney, Columbia District; Marvin Moss, Columbia District; Keith Smith, Cunningham District; and Don Weaver, Cunningham District. A second forum – for School Board candidates – will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

"We're thrilled to have a full line-up of candidates," said Elizabeth Franklin, FTA chairperson. "It's the first time we've staged such an event – FTA is just a little over a year old – and we're working very hard to make this a success. What's going to be totally different about our forums is their focus on fiscal taxpayer issues."

Fluvanna citizens are invited to submit questions. The best questions received – based on taxpayer relevance, timeliness and topical variety – will be put to candidates. Send questions to FTA Questions Committee, c/o elizabethfranklin@earthlink.net, or mail to "FTA Forums," 1779 Dogwood Rd., Kents Store, VA 23084. Specify whether the question is for the Supervisors or School Board forum.

FTA is a nonpartisan organization that does not advocate for or against candidates or political parties, Franklin emphasized. "What we advocate for are taxpayers – their wallets, their voices," she said. "Holding these forums dovetails perfectly with our mission of shining a bright light on the impact of County policies and decisions on citizens' tax bills."

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