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**Maury County Democrats to Hold Candidate Forum, Straw Poll on March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Columbia, TN:** The Maury County Democratic Party (MCDP) will hold a candidate forum at its meeting on Saturday, March 12. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Maury County Senior Center, located in Maury County Park.

The event, “Donuts with the Democrats,” is open to the general public and to the news media. Independent candidates, as well as prospective Democratic candidates, are invited to attend to speak and answer questions from voters. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The MCDP requests that all attendees bring a mask or face-covering, and wear it while not eating or drinking, in accordance with CDC recommendations.

If any candidates for county office express a desire to appear on the August 4 ballot as a Democrat, then a straw poll will be conducted. Registered voters who did not participate in the Maury County GOP caucus in January will be asked whether they support giving the Democratic Party’s ballot line to candidates. If a majority of straw poll voters vote in favor, the MCDP Executive Committee will meet again in early April to formally act upon those results.

Tennessee state law allows county parties to hold a caucus instead of a primary to select candidates for local office. The law delegates to parties the authority to determine the rules governing its caucus. The straw poll will be part of our caucus process.

**About the Maury County Democratic Party:** The Maury County Democratic Party is the local county affiliate of the Tennessee Democratic Party and represents the interests of tens of thousands of Democratic-leaning voters in Maury County.

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