

## **Meet the Candidates Forum Format**

October 9, 2014 – 5:30pm Salem Community College's Davidow Hall Auditorium, 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point, NJ 08069

## **Purpose of Event**

This event provides the audience with an opportunity to learn about the Gubernatorial, US Senate, Congressional, Salem County Clerk and Salem County Freeholder Candidates. The Chamber encourages the attendees to visit each candidate's website to get more information about their platform, experience and service to our community. Most importantly, it is intended to encourage attendees to vote on Election Day, and challenge attendees to get family, friends and co-workers to execute their right to vote as well.

## General Guidelines

This is a candidate information session, not a debate or audience participation session.

Candidates will be provided the allotted time to answer the following question: "Why should you be elected to office?" Each Candidate is encouraged to present their position on key issues and perspectives on matters relevant to the Salem County community. Your staff is welcome to attend but not to participate on a Candidates behalf.

US Senate and Congresional Candidates will be given 10 minutes to speak

All other Candidates will be given 5 minutes to speak.

One week prior to the event, The Chamber's Government Relations Committee will draw names at random to determine the order of presentation. Candidates will be notified of positioning after the drawing.

NO CANDIDATE BASHING OR INTERACTION IS PERMITTED AND ANY SUCH ACTION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY HANDLED BY THE MODERATOR.

The time keeper is seated in front of the candidates. During each Candidates's speech, the time keeper will hold up signs indicating the one minute left mark and the 20 seconds left mark. When the 20 second sign is held up, that means the Candidate has 20 seconds to complete their speech. Candidates exceeding their time limit will be interrupted by the Moderator.



## MEET THE CANDIDATES ACCEPTANCE FORM

Please sign and return to Chamber office via fax 856-351-2243 or email: <a href="mailto:jennifer@salemcountychamber.com">jennifer@salemcountychamber.com</a> by September 20, 2014.

Your Name:
Mailing Address:
Cell Phone Number:
Email Address:
Elected Office You Seek:
I will participate in The Chamber's Meet The Candidates Event on October 9, 2014. I understand the guidelines for the event and agree to present my platform in the allotted time. I will refrain from disparaging remarks about my opponent or other politicians during my presentation.
Name Printed
Signature
Date