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Woonsocket Mayoral Debate Returns to the Senior Center

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. | Open to the public

WOONSOCKET, R.I. (October 5, 2026) For the second time, the League of Women Voters of Providence will present a Woonsocket Mayoral Debate hosted by Aging Well Inc. at 84 Social Street. Mayor Christopher Beauchamp and Council President Daniel Gendron will debate on Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. The debate is open to the public, with open seating and free on-site parking as space allows.

In October 2024, the League presented a mayoral debate between Mayor Chris Beauchamp and John Ward, also hosted by Aging Well Inc. This year's debate will once again be moderated by Dr. Joseph P. Cammarano, a political science professor at Providence College.

"This is a chance for Woonsocket residents to hear directly from the mayoral candidates and further educate themselves as they prepare to make a consequential decision about the next four years," said Ryan MacLeod, Executive Director of Aging Well Inc.

Woonsocket residents are invited to submit questions for the candidates at www.agingwellinc.org/debate through noon on Tuesday, October 13. Questions from the public will be reviewed, and some will be selected.

Since the 2024 debate, the Senior Center has added an Outdoor Recreational Green Space with a pickleball court and raised garden beds. It has also added La Placita, Spanish-language programming for seniors on Tuesdays and Fridays in partnership with Progreso Latino. Membership for adults 55 and older is only \$18 per year, with no residency requirement, and includes daily exercise classes.

"Since our last debate, we have made a lot of changes at the center, and we are excited to show the community what we have been working on," MacLeod said. "Our senior center is a place where Woonsocket comes together, and we are honored to host this important conversation."

Media representatives are asked to RSVP to rmacleod@agingwellinc.org by Tuesday, October 20.

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League has been active since 1920. Learn more about the League of Women Voters of Providence at my.lwv.org/rhode-island/local-leagues-and-activities/lwv-providence.

About Aging Well Inc.

Aging Well Inc. is a Rhode Island 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates the Woonsocket Senior Center. Founded in 1974 as Senior Services, Inc., the organization became Aging Well Inc. in 2019. Members enjoy dance classes, bingo several times a week, the Senior Pitch League, musical events, meditation, educational opportunities, a pool table, table tennis, cribbage, and much more. Aging Well also provides Medicare counseling.

- **Membership:** \$18 per year, and most activities are free with membership
- **Catered lunch:** \$3 suggested donation for adults 60 and older, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.
- **Haircuts:** \$10, Mondays and Thursdays by appointment
- **Reiki:** \$10 per session
- **Reflexology:** \$25 per session
- **Bingo:** \$1 per card, or 4 cards for \$4

To learn more about membership, programs, and services, visit agingwellinc.org or call 401-766-3734.

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