



Attending Non-NARFE Candidate Forums

During election season, attending candidate forums hosted in your community is a great way to raise awareness of and put a local face on federal retirees and federal workforce issues.

What Are Candidate Forums?

During an election season, many community and civic organizations will hold candidate forums or debates that are open to the public. Forums may be held prior to a primary or a general election. They also can be open to only top candidates or all candidates for an office.

Traditionally, these forums are held in community centers, churches, libraries and other public spaces.

What You Can Do

Attend a candidate forum and speak up! If appropriate, wear your NARFE T-shirt or button.

If the forum is open to the general public, find other NARFE members who may want to attend.

Come armed with facts and questions for the candidates. If you can, ask a question during the candidate forum, especially if the topic is relevant to the wider audience. For example, if the forum is being sponsored by a local seniors group, you can ask about the Chained CPI because that impacts all seniors.

Following the Candidate Forum

Candidates will frequently stay around to meet voters (i.e. potential supporters!). Try to get a few minutes with the candidate and introduce yourself and NARFE. You can ask additional questions or invite the candidate to your NARFE meeting.

Then, tell the Legislative Department about the candidate forum. Email advocacyinaction@narfe.org to tell the Legislative Department about the event. This information is important in our continued efforts.