

RALLY FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We're inviting you to Lowell Votes Rally for Civic Engagement Friday, September 2, at 6:30 pm! We're building on our successes last year to make the event better for groups to meet candidates. We're inviting anyone running for office that will be on the ballot in Lowell: That includes State Representative and Senator candidates, County Sheriff candidates, Governors' Council candidates, and US Representative candidates for the third Massachusetts Congressional District.

We think this will be a great opportunity to recruit volunteers and meet those running for office.

This is a free festival with an old-school rally flair happening outdoors near downtown Lowell. (Final location TBD.)

Each candidate running for public office in 2016 has been invited to come, bring their supporters, and give a short speech at a predetermined time in the evening. There will be a special time dedicated to candidates to talk to nonprofits or advocacy groups. This year, candidates will be given ceremonial sashes. Tabling nonprofits/groups will be given badges. In order to earn badges, candidates must talk to each group. The badges won't represent endorsement, just that the candidate took the extra effort to discuss issues important to that group.

We will <u>reserve tables for the first ten nonprofits or advocacy groups to RSVP</u>. There, groups can distribute literature, collect signatures for petitions, and most importantly discuss with the candidates the things they find important. We ask that groups bring as many of their members or supporters as they can, so that they may also meet the candidates and one another.

We ask that any group that receives a table share information about the rally through social media, newsletters, or other means. There is otherwise no cost to attend!

To RSVP, email info@lowellvotes with the name of your group, your group's focus, a contact phone number, and the number of members you think you can bring (it's OK if it's just one!)