



The Carmel Pine Cone

Chamber, CRA candidate forums

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LIKE MANY other traditions, the decades-old practice of gathering in a large room to question candidates for elected office has been forced into a virtual realm, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic. On Sept. 24, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will hold its voter forum from 6 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, and the following Thursday, the Carmel Residents Association will do the same, starting at 7 p.m.

If the past is any guide, the chamber forum will focus more on business-related issues, while the CRA's Q&A will be centered more around the concerns of some of the people who live in town.

The CRA said its "must-see event for all residents to get to know the 2020 candidates for our city council and mayor" will be moderated by former Mayor Ken White, who will take over following a welcome by new board President Fred Bologna.

Incumbent Mayor Dave Potter and challenger Judy Refuerzo are expected to participate, as are incumbent councilman Bobby Richards and council candidates Karen Ferlito, Mo Massoudi and Graeme Robertson. Voters will elect their mayor and two council people Nov. 3.

The chamber has already prepared the questions for its forum, but anyone interested in submitting a question for the CRA forum can email it to info@carmelresidents.org.

To participate in the Oct. 1 CRA forum, go to www.zoom.us, click on "join a meeting" and use the meeting code 882 5032 1360 and the password "Candidates." To listen by telephone, call (669) 900-6833 and use the meeting code 882 5032 1360.

Anyone who wants to take part in the Sept. 24 chamber of commerce forum should go to www.zoom.us, click on "join a meeting" and use the meeting code 999 1516 0749 and the password 354419. Those who prefer to listen in by phone can call (669) 900-6833 and use the meeting code 999 1516 0749.