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WOMEN IN NUMBERS ENDORSES 20 CANDIDATES IN METRO NASHVILLE ELECTION
Endorsees include candidates for mayor, Metro Council

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Women in Numbers has endorsed 20 candidates pursuing public office in the Aug. 6 Metropolitan General Election, the organization announced today. Among the endorsees are candidates for at-large and district seats on the Metropolitan Council, as well as a candidate for mayor of Nashville. It is the largest group of endorsees in the organization's history.

"In this election cycle, we reviewed a record number of candidates," said WIN President Elke Ridenour. "The strong presence of women in this year's race—including two women seeking the post of mayor—is encouraging and inspiring to us as we continually seek to involve more women in the conversation. We are honored and excited to announce our support of these 20 highly qualified women."

To receive an endorsement, women seeking local office may apply to be reviewed by the WIN selection committee. Endorsements are based on content of the applications, including the candidate's background, objectives, expertise and experience, as well as campaign, financial and messaging strategies.

"The endorsement process is a linchpin of our mission: to engage, encourage and endorse," said WIN Executive Director Hattie DeWalt. "We are privileged to have a fantastic array of female candidates from which to choose, and we are confident the future holds more of the same. On behalf of our board, we thank all applicants for their interest in a WIN endorsement."

The 20 endorsees' names and offices sought are included at the bottom of this release.

About Women in Numbers

Women in Numbers is a nonpartisan organization established to engage, encourage and endorse qualified women to be elected to public office. Since its founding in 1992, WIN has become a growing force by endorsing qualified candidates and supporting their campaigns. Beyond endorsements, WIN hosts educational forums to give candidates the guidance and tools they need to engage in the political process and run a viable campaign. Similarly, in 2012, WIN launched the WIN Salon Series to engage the community and foster conversation among civic-minded individuals. To learn more, visit www.wintennessee.com.

About the Endorsees

Linda Eskind Rebrovick
Mayor
www.lindaforncashville.com

Karen Bennett
Council At-Large
www.electkaren.com

Erin Coleman
Council At-Large
www.erinforncashville.com

Erica Gilmore
Council At-Large
www.ericagilmore.com

Sharon W. Hurt
Council At-Large
www.sharonhurt.com

Ruby Baker
Council District 1
www.rubybakerforcouncil.com

Carrie Searcy
Council District 2
www.electsearcy.com

Sarah Martin
Council District 5
www.sarahfor5.com

Nancy VanReece
Council District 8
www.nvr4district8.com

Paula D. Foster
Council District 17
www.paulafosterforcouncil.com

Burkley M. Allen
Council District 18
www.burkley.org

Marisa Frank
Council District 20
www.marisafrank.com

Leah Dupree
Council District 21
www.dupreefordistrict21.com

Sheri Weiner
Council District 22
www.sheriweiner.com

Mina Johnson
Council District 23
www.minaforcouncil.com

Davette Blalock
Council District 27
www.davetteblalock.com

Melissa Smithson
Council District 28
www.smithsonforcouncil.com

Karen Y. Johnson
Council District 29
www.karenjohnson.org

Jacobia C. Dowell
Council District 32
www.jacobiadowell.com

Angie Henderson
Council District 34
www.angieforcouncil.org

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