



## 13th Congressional District Debate Participation Agreement

Illinois Public Media, in partnership with the Illinois League of Women Voters, The News-Gazette, the NAACP of Champaign County and WCIA-TV, is pleased to have your participation in a live, 60-minute televised debate about issues of concern to voters in the 13th Congressional District. The debate is to take place before a studio audience on **Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 7pm – 8pm at Illinois Public Media, 300 N. Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL.**

Your candidacy has met the participation criteria for congressional office as outlined in the League's Candidate Participation Policy. Those criteria are as follows:

1. Constitutional Eligibility – The candidate must meet the requirements of the Illinois and United States Constitution.
2. State Election Laws – The candidate must meet all requirements to be on the ballot according to state election law.
3. Formal Campaign – The candidate must show evidence that a formal campaign is being waged. For congressional candidates, there must be a campaign headquarters, campaign staff, position papers and campaign appearances.
4. Voter Interest – Candidates must demonstrate that there is significant voter interest and support of their candidacies as evidenced by receipt of five percent (5%) in polls in one or more nonpartisan public opinion polls.
5. It is the Congressional candidate's responsibility to demonstrate that the above criteria have been met.
6. Participation in a pre-debate meeting at Illinois Public Media.

### Debate Rules

- The 60-minute debate will be moderated by a professional journalist and will include a panel of journalists who will ask questions of each candidate. The moderator may also ask questions. Illinois Public Media is solely responsible for selecting the journalists and determining which questions to ask the candidates.
- Candidates agree to answer the questions asked and can expect journalists to hold them accountable for a direct answer.
- There will be no set time for responses. The moderator will determine when to move from one question to the next.
- There will be no opening or closing statements from the candidates.
- Illinois Public Media owns the exclusive copyright of the digital recording of the debate. Each candidate must sign a broadcast agreement (see separate document) in which they pledge not to use any part of the digital recording in any campaign advertising.

- Each candidate may have up to 20 supporters as part of the live audience. The names of each audience member must be submitted to Illinois Public Media **no later than October 9, 2014**. Only people on the list who display a photo ID will be allowed in the building.
- Candidates agree to participate in a press conference immediately following the live debate. Each candidate will appear individually and have 10 minutes for their portion of the news conference.
- Candidates will be provided with water, a note pad and pens. Candidates are not permitted to bring in notes, props or ringers in the audience.
- Audience members are not permitted to wear or display anything showing a candidate's name. Audience members are not allowed to exhibit (by cheering, clapping for or booing, for example) support for or opposition to any candidate.
- Candidates are responsible for providing their own make-up for TV.

**Logistics**

- Illinois Public Media will provide the following for each candidate's campaign: a conference room, access to a wireless internet connection and parking.
- Illinois Public Media will archive the debate on our YouTube channel and link it to our election website. We will post all agreements between IPM and the candidates on our election page on our website.
- Candidates and their staff are to arrive at Illinois Public Media by 6:00pm the night of the debate.
- Candidate supporters who will be members of the studio audience are to arrive by 6:15pm

I hereby agree to the rules cited above.



Candidate's/Representative's Signature

9/8/14  
Date

MARSHALL COHEN, CALLS FOR CONGRESS  
Print Name and Campaign