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## SPONSORS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEBATE ANNOUNCE DETAILS

A general election debate between the two candidates for Lieutenant Governor will be held at 8 pm Monday, October 16, 2017, the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) announced today.

The event will be held at the 200-seat Presentation Hall in the School of Communication and Media building on the campus of Montclair State University in Montclair.

It will feature Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver (D-34) of East Orange, the former Assembly Speaker, and Carlos Rendo, the Republican mayor of Woodcliff Lake, Bergen County.

Oliver was chosen by Democratic gubernatorial nominee Phil Murphy, while Rendo was picked by Kimberly Guadagno, the current Republican Lieutenant Governor and her party's gubernatorial nominee.

Montclair State University is sponsoring the debate along with NJTV, WNET and C-SPAN. The group was among general election debate sponsors chosen by ELEC, a bi-partisan Commission, on July 18, 2017.

The first gubernatorial debate will be held 7 pm Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The second gubernatorial debate will be held at 7 pm Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at William Paterson University in Wayne. State law requires the Lieutenant Governor debate to be held sometime between the two gubernatorial debates.

"The Commission appreciates the interest and effort of all the sponsors in organizing these debates, which are an integral part of New Jersey's gubernatorial elections," said Jeff Brindle, ELEC's Executive Director.

"The debates are an important opportunity for New Jersey voters to hear the candidates discuss and defend their policy proposals. At the same time, they are a great chance for candidates to convince voters that they have the right agendas," he said.

"These debates are one of the many benefits of the state's gubernatorial public financing program, which requires candidates taking public funds to participate in at least two gubernatorial debates," said Brindle. Both Murphy and Guadagno are participating in the public financing program.

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