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## Democratic and Republican Candidates to Participate in League of Women Voters UMass Amherst Forum Sunday

AMHERST-Both Democratic and Republican primary candidates for the U.S. Senate seat previously held by Edward Kennedy will participate in a candidates' forum Sunday, Nov. 8.

The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts in cooperation with WFCR, the National Public Radio station in Amherst, and will be held in Bowker Auditorium at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. It begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Bob Paquette, host of Morning Edition on WFCR, will be the moderator. He will ask questions submitted by League members around the state and by UMass students.

Democrats participating will be U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, Alan Khazei, and Stephen Pagliuca. Republicans participating will be State Sen. Scott Brown and Jack E. Robinson. Attorney General Martha Coakley has not committed due to a schedule conflict. The primary election is Dec. 8.

The candidates from the two parties will appear on stage together, grouped by party, and all will answer the same questions. Half of the two-hour forum will be devoted to domestic issues and half to international issues.

"By presenting all the candidates in the primary races on the same stage, the League feels registered party voters will have a chance to decide among their party's candidates, and the majority of Massachusetts voters who are not enrolled in a political party will have a chance to decide which ballot they want in the Dec. 8 election," said Zaxaro Bennett, president of the Massachusetts League.

The Sunday forum will be broadcast by WFCR at a later date, and will be available in its entirety on the state League website, [www.lwmvma.org](http://www.lwmvma.org).

The Massachusetts League also plans to hold a candidates' forum for all the candidates on the final ballot for the special election Jan. 19 in Boston in early January.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. For more information on the state and local Leagues, see the website,

[www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org).

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(Note to broadcast and radio editors: Zaxaro Bennett's first name is pronounced "zha HAR roh.")