**SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE/WEBSITE NOTICE**

**[Selectboard, City Council, or other hosting group] in [Town or City or Village] of [municipality] to Host a Legislative** **Candidates Forum**

The [town/city] [selectboard/city council] will hold a Legislative Candidates Forum on [date] at [location] from [start time] to [end time].

The [board/council] will pose questions of the candidates on the following subjects:

* Strong state-local partnerships to solve intractable problems
* Revitalizing local economies
* Providing housing opportunities that meets needs for affordability, the missing middle, new residents and workforce, and vulnerable populations
* Action to address the consequences of climate change and reduce carbon footprints at the local level.
* Effective stormwater and water quality management
* Addiction crisis and its devastating impact on our communities

According to [name], chairperson of the [board/council], [town/city] expects the forum to be the beginning of active involvement in legislative matters by the [selectboard/council]. [Name] said, “Every day the Legislature considers bills that affect [city/town]. We owe it to our taxpayers and citizens to participate in decisions that affect the quality of life of our residents and businesses.” This [town/city] forum is part of a statewide effort to involve local officials actively in the legislative process.

The [legislators/candidates] invited to participate include [list Senate and House members and candidates]. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Media contact: [name of person who will respond to media questions about the forum]

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**Notes to Hosts:**

* Customize the bulleted list of question subjects to match what you decide to ask.
* If your cable television company broadcasts your meeting, or if you will conduct the meeting with a Zoom feature, include information about when the forum will air.
* Include hyperlinks to any media posted on your website.)