

## Mountain Voices Alliance and People Advocating Real Conservancy (PARC) co-host candidate's forum

ASHEVILLE -- Mountain Voices Alliance (MVA) and Asheville PARC will co-host an Asheville City Council candidate's forum on Tuesday, September 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the Randolph Learning Center, 90 Montford Ave. in Asheville. Doors open at 6:30.

"We felt there was a pressing need to provide the citizens of Asheville with an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their views on some of the most pressing issues our community is facing, particularly related to development and growth," said MVA Chairwoman Elaine Lite. "Knowledge is power, and voters need to have as much information as possible before entering the voting booth to make intelligent and thoughtful decisions about who will be Asheville's leaders."

Those who have responded and will appear include Cecil Bothwell, Gordon Smith, Carl Mumpower, Kelly Miller, Esther Manheimer, J.Neil Jackson, and Cesar Romero.

For more information, call 273-1781.

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Mountain Voices Alliance works to preserve and protect the environment, including the natural beauty, abundant resources, quality of life, and cultural heritage of our communities. This all-volunteer group helps raise public awareness and advocates for strong policies that will safeguard our region from over-development and environmental degradation.

People Advocating Real Conservancy is a citizens group dedicated to overseeing issues that affect the public good. This includes, but is not limited to, increasing government transparency and providing a strong public voice in the decision-making process that impacts growth and development.