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5 The Windham County Democratic Committee will host a
6 Vermont Lieutenant Governor forum featuring Democratic
7 candidates Esther Charlestin, Molly Gray, and Ryan McLaren,
8 moderated by Amy Howlett, Thursday July 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.,
9 at the Masonic Temple, 61 Westminster St.
10 The public is invited to attend and hear the candidates
11 discuss the issues and policy priorities shaping communities

12 across Windham County and Vermont. Affordability, housing,
13 healthcare, and education will be among the major topics
14 discussed.

15 Esther Charlestin says her “people first” campaign
16 focuses on affordability, expanding educational opportunity, and
17 lowering the cost of living. According to Charlestin, “I’m
18 centering people first, not politics, not institutions, not
19 connections.”

20 Molly Gray says she is running on the platform of
21 protecting fundamental rights, lowering costs, and making life
22 better for working families. This includes fighting for affordable
23 childcare and eldercare, universal paid family and medical leave,
24 and urgent healthcare reforms.

25 Ryan McLaren has worked as a senior advisor and
26 campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Peter Welch and in former Gov.
27 Peter Shumlin’s administration. He says his campaign focuses on
28 affordability, healthcare and housing, including the rising costs of
29 raising a family in Vermont.

30 The candidates and organizers will be available to
31 answer questions, engage with community members, and
32 provide practical information to attendees.

33 County Committee Chair Stuart Brown said more than
34 250 participants “engaged with our two Democratic candidates
35 for Governor” at a recent forum in Brattleboro. “We look forward
36 to voters bringing that same level of engagement to our
37 Lieutenant Governor candidates,” said Brown.

38 The forum is free and open to all.

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