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Ideastream Public Media and The City Club of Cleveland to Host Mayoral Candidate Debates to Inform Voters

CLEVELAND, Ohio (July 14, 2021) — The election on November 2, 2021, will be the first time in 16 years that Clevelanders choose a new mayor. Knowing where the candidates stand on the issues, and what they plan to do for the city, is essential to making an informed vote. Ideastream Public Media, the home of Northeast Ohio's member-supported public broadcasting stations WVIZ, WCPN and WCLV, is committed to providing Clevelanders important information about their options through a new podcast and two candidate debates. The City Club of Cleveland is dedicated to conversations of consequence that help democracy thrive and has been convening those conversations for 109 years.

Ideastream Public Media and The City Club of Cleveland have joined forces to present two interactive debates featuring Cleveland's mayoral candidates. Partners in these debates include more than two dozen local media outlets that form the Northeast Ohio Solutions Journalism Collaborative. The debates are planned for 7:30 p.m. on August 10 and August 17 with Ideastream Public Media's Rick Jackson and Nick Castele as the moderators, respectively. During the debates, questions for the candidates will be sourced directly from voters who will ask the questions themselves. Clevelanders can submit questions for the candidates in English or in Spanish at ideastream.org/election2021.

The debates will air live on ideastream.org, cityclub.org, WCPN and WVIZ. The debates will also be made available to any local media outlets interested in sharing or reporting on the mayoral race. More information about the debates will be announced in the coming weeks. Funding for "Cleveland Mayoral Debate: Voters First" is provided by The Cleveland Foundation and The George Gund Foundation.

To find more about the upcoming mayoral candidate debates, visit ideastream.org/election2021.

About The City Club of Cleveland

The City Club of Cleveland is one the nation's great free speech forums. A product of the Progressive Era, it was founded in 1912 and remains one of the nation's oldest continuous independent free speech forums, renowned for its tradition of debate and discussion. For more than a hundred years, all speakers, from sitting presidents to community activists, have answered unfiltered, unrehearsed questions directly from the



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audience. The mission is to create conversations of consequence that let democracy thrive. For more information visit cityclub.org

About Ideastream Public Media

Ideastream Public Media serves the people of Northeast Ohio as a trusted and dynamic multimedia source for illuminating the world around us. Ideastream Public Media is the home of five public television stations (WVIZ, WVIZ OHIO, WVIZ WORLD, WVIZ CREATE and WVIZ KIDS); WCPN, Northeast Ohio’s NPR news and public affairs radio station; and WCLV, Northeast Ohio’s classical music radio station. Ideastream Public Media produces the award-winning children’s series “NewsDepth” and manages The Ohio Channel and the Ohio Public Radio and Television Statehouse News Bureau on behalf of all Ohio’s public broadcasting stations. Ideastream Public Media is indispensable and highly valued for its unique ability to strengthen our community. For more information about Ideastream Public Media’s rich legacy of innovation and credible content, visit ideastream.org.

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