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Greater Mankato Growth to Host Primary Candidate Forums

MANKATO, Minn. (July 22, 2010) - Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) will host a series of primary candidate forums, aimed at providing an opportunity for meaningful exchange between candidates and voters in areas impacting business. Forums for the following seats will be held the next two weeks:

Blue Earth County District 2 Commissioner Primary Candidate Forum
Thursday, July 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Greater Mankato Business Development Center (formerly Technology Plus), 1961 Premier Drive, Mankato

Nicollet County District 1 Commissioner Primary Candidate Forum
(this forum co-hosted by GMG and the St. Peter Area Chamber of Commerce)
Monday, August 2, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Nicollet County Historical Society Treaty Site History Center, 1851 North Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter

Mankato Mayor Primary Candidate Forum
Tuesday, August 3, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.
Location TBD

Mankato City Council Ward 1 Primary Candidate Forum
Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Location TBD

Complete information on the forums is available on the "Forums and Events" page of GMG's Election 2010 website: greatermankato.com/gmg-publicaffairevents.php. On this page, voters are also encouraged to submit questions that they would like GMG to ask the candidates at the forum.

The primary elections for all these seats will be on **August 10**.

"Throughout the election season our role will be to serve as an information intermediary between the candidates and the voters on issues impacting not only business, but the vitality of the community at large," said GMG President and CEO of Greater Mankato Growth. "Our hope is that as many members of the businesses community as possible ask questions and turn out for these forums, so that candidates are able to get the full spectrum of ideas from throughout the marketplace."

GMG plans to host other candidate forums leading up to the general election. In addition to the information on these forums, the Election 2010 section of GMG's website (greatermankato.com/gmg-election2010.php) is home to other useful information, including the candidates' answers to important biographic and profile questions. The site is continually being updated to ensure the information is up-to-date as possible.

About Greater Mankato Growth

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