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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni Challenges Congresswoman Debbie Lesko To Public Forums

Standing Invitation to Meet at Community Venues Open to the Public

PEORIA, AZ – Today Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, an emergency room physician, cancer research advocate, and Democratic candidate for Arizona’s 8th Congressional District, issued an open invitation to Congresswoman Debbie Lesko to debate in community forums open to the public.

“Voters deserve every opportunity to engage with the candidates before they receive their ballots, and that is why my campaign remains committed to free, open community forums,” said Dr. Tipirneni. “Elected officials should work hard to earn voters’ support, and that means answering questions to account for votes and policy platforms,” Hiral added.

Tipirneni and Lesko are scheduled to appear on “Arizona Horizon” on PBS 8 (KAET-TV), moderated by host Ted Simons and a representative from *The Arizona Republic*. It will air Friday, October 19, 5:00-6:00 pm.

The candidates will meet again Thursday, October 25, 9:00-11:00 am in Sun City West for a forum sponsored by the Property Owners and Residents Association.

Hiral has also accepted separate, open invitations from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce’s Public Affairs Council and “Newsmaker Saturday” on FOX 10 (KSAZ-TV).

On September 11, Hiral hosted an afternoon town hall in Goodyear, the first in a [series of town halls](#) throughout the district to speak with voters about issues affecting them, including healthcare, education, and retirement security. The second is tomorrow at the Masonic Lodge in Sun City, 6:00-8:00 pm. The remaining town halls are below:

Town Halls

- Sept. 25, 6-8 pm: Anthem - Civic Building, Community Room
- Oct. 2, 6-8 pm: Surprise - Unitarian Universalist Church
- Oct. 9, 6-8 pm: Sun City Grand - Sonoran Plaza, Sage Brush Room

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Dr. Hiral Tipirneni (“HERE-uhl tipper-NEH-nee”), an emergency room physician and cancer research advocate, is a candidate for Arizona’s 8th Congressional District. After losing her mother and nephew to cancer, she left emergency medicine to concentrate on cutting-edge cancer research. Now she leads teams of researchers, clinicians, and patient advocates in the fight against breast cancer, prostate cancer and childhood leukemia. At the age of three, Hiral came to America from India with her family in pursuit of the American dream. Hiral and her husband met while in medical school in Ohio. They have lived in the Phoenix area, where their three children were born and raised, for more than 20 years. She is on the board of directors for the Maricopa Health Foundation.

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