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African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA Will Host Mayoral Candidate's Forum

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has announced that it will host a Candidate's Forum set for Thursday, April 21, 2005 at the Rivers Club, Downtown beginning at 4:30 p.m. Five of the six candidates, accepting the invitation to speak before African American Chamber Members and others, are expected to discuss issues affecting small business, what their involvement has been with African American business owners and professionals, and their plans, if elected, to advance procurement for African American business owners and professionals.

The participating candidates are: Eleven year City Council veteran and former City Council President, Robert "Bob" O'Connor; first term City Council member William Peduto; Former Allegheny County Councilman and Community Activist Louis "Hop" Kendrick; County Prothonotary Michael Lamb, and Squirrel Hill resident Lester "Les" Ludwig. Rod Doss, Editor of The New Pittsburgh Courier, will moderate the Candidate's Forum.

This will be the fourth Candidate's Forum hosted by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania. The Pittsburgh Business Times recently listed the African American Chamber as one of the region's top Ten Chambers of Commerce.

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