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Media Advisory

Drive In Rally Takes on the Coronavirus to Ensure Change Occurs at the Polls

What do you do in lieu of the traditional Lobster Bake?

- WHAT:** The Lincoln County Democratic Committee (LCDC) will host a COVID-19 safe rally, [Drive In for Democracy](#).
- WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 30, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** [Wiscasset Speedway](#), 274 W. Alna Rd. Wiscasset.
- WHY:** Faced with this question: "What is a campaign without door knocking, candidate house parties, or a rally to engage and energize campaign volunteers and voters?" the Lincoln County Democratic Committee (LCDC) came up with an original idea: an outdoor, in-car rally, strictly following COVID-19 precautionary guidelines, with laughter, live music, and yes, candidates' speeches.
- WHO:** In September of 2019, journalist Reid Wilson of [The Hill](#) named Maine's Lincoln County one of the "10 countries across the country that will determine the outcome of the 2020 presidential election." In a county that is at least purple, if not leaning blue, the local Democrats planned a big campaign focusing on making personal connections with voters of all persuasions, through canvassing and neighborhood and countywide gatherings. COVID-19 put an end to those plans.

The campaign replacement, named the **Drive In for Democracy**, will showcase speeches by federal, state, and county candidates as well as a bit of levity and entertainment for a small community that will not let this election be stolen. Maine humorist [Tim Sample](#) serves as emcee and live music will be provided by Griffin Sherry, founding member of [The Ghost of Paul Revere](#), authors of the Official



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State Ballad, who will be joined by Midcoast singer/songwriter [Lauren Crosby](#) and the Damariscotta-based band [Driving Charlie Home](#). Crosby's single "Biloxi" features Sherry on vocals and the pair will sing the song live for the first time at this event. Local youth activists, [Riley Stevenson](#) and Jamie Dalglish, will also take the stage.

Democratic candidates who will appear live include U.S. Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Congressional Dist. 1; Assistant Majority Leader State Sen. Eloise Vitelli, Dist. 23; and State Rep. Chloe Maxmin, candidate for State Senate, Dist. 13, opposing Senate Minority Leader Dana Dow. Other incumbent candidates for re-election include State Rep. Holly Stover, Dist. 89; State Rep. Allison Hepler, Dist. 53; and County Commissioner Mary Trescot, Dist. 3. House candidates who plan to attend include Tim Marks, Dist. 87; Chris Hamilton, Dist. 88; and Lydia Crafts, Dist. 90. Vice President Joe Biden, candidate for president, will send recorded greetings.

Press photos of performers and candidates may be [found here](#).

HOW:

The event will follow Maine Department of Economic and Community Development guidelines for large gatherings and drive-in theaters. The entire event will be hosted outdoors and attendees will be required to wear masks when not in their vehicles. Performers, speakers, employees and event volunteers will be screened before participating and will be provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for their tasks. A list of event policies and COVID-19 Prevention Protocols are listed on the event website: <https://lincolncountydemocrats.com/rally>.

Members of the media are encouraged to request interviews with LCDC leadership, event organizers, candidates and performers before, during and after the event. Please refer to the contact list at the end of this announcement to make such requests.

Media Pre-registration and Arrival Time

Due to the coronavirus precautions, journalists must pre-register in order to gain admittance and are expected to follow all accompanying rules restricting movement. Contact Autumn Mahoney at 617-216-8026 or info@lincolncountydemocrats.com, to register for access. Space is limited. Masks must be worn at all times when out of a vehicle. Conversations with artists and candidates must be scheduled ahead of time. No exceptions.

Broadcast trucks should arrive by 2 p.m. Broadcasters should contact Autumn Mahoney at 617-216-8026 or info@lincolncountydemocrats.com about truck parking. All other media should



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arrive between 2:30 and 3 p.m. unless other arrangements are made. Onsite interviews may take place between 3 and 3:45 p.m.

Contact the following to schedule pre-, post-, or onsite event interviews:

LCDC leadership/event organizers: Autumn Mahoney, 617-216-8026,
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Candidates: Barbara Burt, 207-318-6287, campaign@lincolncountydemocrats.com

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Griffin Sherry: Sara Shah, C 3 M A N A G E M E N T, 516-721-4580, sshah@c3mgmt.com

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