



## WISH-TV TO HOST FIRST LIVE TELEVISED DEBATE IN INDY MAYORAL RACE HOGSETT, SHREVE AGREE TO LIVE, HOUR-LONG DEBATE

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INDIANAPOLIS – September 5, 2023 – **DuJuan McCoy, Owner, President, and CEO of Circle City Broadcasting** (parent company of WISH-TV and MyINDY-TV 23) today announced **WISH-TV** will host the first live, televised debate in the 2023 Indianapolis Mayoral Race.

McCoy confirmed Joe Hogsett and Jefferson Shreve have agreed to the debate scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The one-hour debate at the WISH-TV studios will begin at 6pm and air live on WISH-TV, WISHTV.com and the company's Statewide Television News Network.

"When I came home to own WISH-TV in 2019, my goal was to positively impact this community in many ways," McCoy said. "I know firsthand how important local politics is to each community and the importance of creating a connection with our servant leaders and the communities that they serve."

The Oct. 23 event will be the **first live, hour-long mayoral debate on television in Indianapolis in nearly 20 years.**

"Our debate will give the Indianapolis community their opportunity to witness 'live' our two mayoral candidates debate the issues that are important to them," McCoy said. "This historic debate is the second time WISH-TV has led the market on major political events, when we were the only TV station to air live the Republican and Democratic state conventions during the pandemic."

Members of News 8's award-winning news team will serve as moderators, including **Phil Sanchez**, main evening anchor and host of "All INdiana Politics", and **Katiera Winfrey**, Indianapolis' only full-time Multicultural television reporter as well as questions from I-Team 8 Senior Investigative reporter Richard Essex and the community.

"The debate will include a wide variety of topics that impact Indianapolis with no questions off-limits," says Al Carl, Vice President of News for WISH-TV. He also added, "WISH-TV already provides unparalleled election coverage, and this debate will be a pivotal part of our work for the community just two weeks before Election Day." **WISH-TV is Focused on Family and The Community!**