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RULES AND FORMAT FOR TIMED-RESPONSE CANDIDATES' DEBATE OR FORUM

1. LWV Greenwich debates will be conducted in a nonpartisan manner, giving all eligible candidates a fair opportunity to share their views. LWV Greenwich debates will be consistent with legal requirements of the League's 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.
2. All co-sponsors of and volunteers for LWV Greenwich debates or forums will abide by the above requirements.
3. All candidates with ballot access will be invited to participate in an LWV Greenwich candidate debate or forum. This includes nominated and petitioning candidates, but not write-in candidates.
4. There will be no substitute or stand-in for any candidate.
5. All candidates will be present, as decided by the LWV Greenwich in person or virtually, 30 minutes before the debate or forum begins.
6. Candidates will not interrupt one another or engage in personal attacks or accusations.
7. Wherever possible, LWV Greenwich will invite a Moderator who is not a Greenwich resident.
8. No campaign signs, buttons, literature, or other materials are allowed in the room. Space for campaign literature will be provided outside the auditorium.
9. No photography or video recording of any kind will be permitted, except for authorized representatives of the press, including GCTV. This includes cell phone recording by members of the audience or digital recording by virtual attendees.
10. Candidates and their political parties will not edit or use a video produced by LWV Greenwich. The video of an LWV Greenwich debate is copyrighted and the sole property of LWV Greenwich.
11. The audience will refrain from cheering, booing, whistling, or in other ways indicating support for a candidate. Polite applause is permitted.
12. Either in advance or during the debate or forum registrants/attendees will submit questions. One Republican and one Democrat will review them to ensure that similar questions are grouped by topic and that each question would permit all candidates to respond.
13. The Moderator selects and prioritizes the questions from those submitted and reviewed.
14. If the cumulative time format is used for questions, volunteer timers will monitor candidates' response time so that all candidates on a cumulative basis have approximately an equal time to speak. Cumulative time includes candidate rebuttal to questions.



15. For initial, follow-up or rebuttal questions timed by candidate and for final statements, volunteer timers will monitor response times, holding up a sign when 30 seconds remain, and a STOP sign when time has expired. The candidate will then finish speaking within 5 seconds.
16. The Moderator has the authority to interrupt the proceedings to enforce these rules.
17. If a candidate declines to participate in an LWV Greenwich debate or forum, they should be aware that it may be held without their presence.

Approved by the LWVGreenwich Board
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