



## THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

| WARD DEBATE FORMAT  |                        |
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| 60 MINUTE DURATION  | ALL TIMING APPROXIMATE |
| <b>SEGMENT 1: INTRODUCTION</b>  | <b>00:00 - 02:00</b>   |
| <i>The moderator welcomes viewers and introduces the candidates. The moderator will briefly explain the debate format and participant guidelines.</i>   |                        |
| <b>SEGMENT 2: CANDIDATE INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS</b>   | <b>02:00 - 15:00</b>   |
| <i>In alphabetical order, each candidate will have up to two minutes to introduce themselves to voters. The moderator will call time if necessary. This segment length will vary based on the number of candidates.</i>   |                        |
| <b>SEGMENT 3: MEDIA PANEL QUESTIONS</b>   | <b>15:00 - 35:00</b>   |
| <i>A panel of representatives from local media outlets will pose questions of their own choosing or submitted viewer questions to the candidates. After the initial candidate to whom the question is posed has answered, other candidates may request to respond. If other candidates respond, the moderator will offer the original candidate who answered a final follow-up response before the debate moves on to the next question. All responses will be limited to one minute.</i> |                        |
| <b>SEGMENT 4: CANDIDATE OPEN FORUM</b>  | <b>35:00 - 55:00</b>   |
| <i>Order for this segment will be determined by random draw immediately prior to the debate. Candidates will be given no more than 1 minute to raise a question/topic of their own choosing for discussion. While all candidates may request to briefly respond to each topic at hand, it is possible that time may run out before candidates who have drawn a higher number are able to pose their own question.</i>   |                        |
| <b>SEGMENT 5: MODERATOR'S CLOSING</b>   | <b>56:00 - 58:00</b>   |
| <i>The moderator will thank the candidates for participating and the viewers for watching.</i>  |                        |