



In-Person Candidate Event Ground Rules

Arrive 30 minutes ahead of the program to meet with the moderator, and review the Ground Rules. Any candidate who is not in attendance 10 minutes before the Forum starts will not be permitted to participate.

- Neither candidates nor their supporters/staff may photograph or record this event or edit or use excerpts from the official recording for use in their campaigns. They may share the link to the League's recording in its entirety. Candidates and their campaigns shall refrain from posting on social media during the Forum.
- Observe time limits. When the timekeeper signals that time has expired, finish your sentence and stop. Adhering to the time limits ensures fairness for all candidates.
- During the question period, limit your answer to the response time allotted. There will not be a second chance to rebut a question you have already rebutted. Some questions may be addressed to a specific candidate, but in every case, all candidates will have an opportunity to respond if they choose. The moderator will call on candidates in a way that ensures fairness.
- The moderator's decisions on matters that arise during the Debate are final.
- Only candidates are allowed to appear on stage at the debate - no surrogates, no coaching.

We ask that the audience abide by the following to ensure that the Debate is as informative as possible:

- All electronic devices must be deactivated except for viewing notes.
- Questions from the audience must be written on the cards provided upon entry into the forum. Questions will be screened before being handed to the moderator.
- Questions must follow the League policy of being concerned with issues relevant to the office being sought and not statements of your own views.
- Abusive, personalized, or irrelevant questions or remarks are not allowed.
- This is a forum devoted to hearing only the views of the candidates running for this office.
- Questions may be addressed to a particular candidate, but all candidates will have the opportunity to reply.
- No discussion from the floor is allowed. No cheering/booing is permitted.
- In order to hear equally from each candidate during the time allotted, we ask that you hold applause until the end of the forum.

- No wearing of apparel or buttons supporting a particular candidate is allowed. Any individual wearing such will be asked to remove the button or turn their garment inside out.