



Independence Council Candidates' Forum

October 10, 2007

Council Agenda:

6:30 - 6:55 PM	Candidates sign in; Audience assembles
6:50 PM	Council Candidates assemble
7:00 PM	Pledge of Allegiance; Greetings; Ground Rules read; Introduction of Moderator(s) & others
7:05 PM	Introduction of Council Candidates; Opening Statements (14 candidates, 3 minutes each)
7:50 PM	Questions - submitted by candidates, one per candidate (14 candidates, 2 minutes each)
8:20 PM	Break; Refreshments served
8:30 PM	Questions - from the floor, one per candidate (14 candidates, 2 minutes each)
9:00 PM	Closing Statements (14 candidates, 1 minute each)
9:15 PM	Thanks to candidates
9:15 - 9:30 PM	Adjournment; Refreshments

Note: Agenda may be modified as circumstances warrant (fewer candidates, non-use of time allotted by candidates, lack of questions, etc.)



Council Forum: Ground Rules

TIME LIMITS OF RESPONSES

1. Round 1: Opening Statement = 3 minutes
2. Round 2: Response to Candidate-Submitted Questions = 2 minutes
3. Round 3: Response to Questions from the Floor = 2 minutes
4. Round 4: Closing Statement = 1 minute
5. Timekeeper will provide warnings at: 1 minute, 30 seconds, and at time expiration

ORDER OF RESPONSES

1. The order of Round 1 will be determined by drawing prior to the start of the forum.
2. The order of subsequent rounds will rotate through the candidates, in turn.

CANDIDATE-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

1. The Moderator will ask each candidate one question, in turn. Each question shall be directed to one candidate only.
2. Candidates may direct their responses to the Moderator or the audience, **but shall not direct responses to other candidates**. Note: In order to keep the forum a positive experience, we ask for each candidate's pledge of cooperation on this rule.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Questions must be submitted in writing and may be directed to a specific candidate. The author of question must sign the question. Questions not directed to a specific candidate will be placed in a pool of questions to be randomly assigned to candidates without directed questions. If insufficient questions are submitted to allow each candidate to answer, supplemental questions will be submitted from IHA membership.
2. Questions will be handed to a floor usher who will present them to the IHA screening committee to prevent duplication and/or slander. Screening committee rulings regarding questions and their distribution is final.
3. Moderator will ask each candidate one question, in turn. The author of the question must stand while the question is read.
4. Candidates may direct their responses to the Moderator or the audience, **but shall not direct responses to other candidates**.
5. Time limitations may prevent the asking of all questions submitted.

IN THE EVENT A CANDIDATE DOES NOT ATTEND

1. No one may speak in the candidate's place. The Moderator may read a brief explanation of the candidate's absence.
2. The Forum will proceed (with modified times) with the candidates present.

CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

1. Campaign material (literature, sign, buttons, etc.) may **not** be distributed before or during the forum. No campaign material will be permitted in the Oak Rooms before or during the forum.
2. Candidates and supporters are welcome to distribute campaign material **AFTER** the meeting is adjourned.