

MidCoast Community Council Candidates' Night

Welcome to the Candidates' Night. To make this event as informative as possible, there are several guidelines which will be followed throughout the evening.

Guidelines for Candidates/Issue Proponents and Opponents

Only the candidate may appear on his/her own behalf. If it is impossible for the candidate to appear, he/she may send word where he/she will be and this will be read from the podium. No other prepared statements will be read, nor will they be permitted from other persons appearing on the candidate's behalf.

The candidates will refrain from using personal invective. The manner or presentation, if offensive, may be ruled out of order by the moderator. No cross-questioning or candidates by other candidates will be permitted.

Guidelines for Audience Members

Members of the audience will be expected to behave with respect and civility towards each other and towards each one of the candidates. No personal attacks will be tolerated. Cards will be distributed for audience members to submit written questions to the moderator. The moderator will direct questions to the candidates. Questions may be asked of individual candidates or of all candidates present.

Format

Each candidate/proponent or opponent will have 2 minutes to make an opening statement. The order of speaking will be determined by drawing lots.

Each candidate/proponent or opponent will have 2 minutes to answer a question directed to him/her specifically. Each of the other candidates will have 1 minute to respond to that question. Questions directed to all of the candidates will receive a 2 minute maximum answer from each. There will be no time for rebuttals.

Following the final question, each candidate will be given a maximum of 2 minutes to make a closing statement.