



THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT
Creating Child Honoring Communities

LIGHTHOUSE VOTER FORUM FORMAT

Voter forums, thusly named as they are by and for the voters of our community, will all begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on their scheduled date, and will follow the following format:

Voter Forum Format

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance – Beth Gardner

Introduction of Candidates – All
2 minutes per candidate

Each candidate will announce their name and the office for which they are campaigning. Within the introduction, each candidate is asked to answer the following questions:

- Describe your background and qualifications for this important role in our community.
- Did you sign the Positive Campaign Ethics Promise and, if so, why or why not?

Note: The last question is intended to give equal opportunity to candidates to share their views on the promise and the political climate in our community. All views are relevant and necessary. We do not hold any bias to those who participate or not; we wish to raise awareness in the community of how campaign tactics and behaviors affect our political processes.

Prepared Questions – All
2 minutes per question, per candidate

Each candidate will have received two prepared questions in advance of the forum. Questions may be general or specific to the office for which they are campaigning.

Open Questions – All
2 minutes per question, per candidate

As voters enter, they will have been given index cards upon which they may write questions addressed either generally or to a specific candidate. These cards will be drawn randomly and candidates will be asked to respond to the questions. If the question is not specifically addressed, candidates will be chosen randomly by to answer and equal opportunity to reply to a question will be ensured. In the event that more than one question specifically addressed to the same candidate is drawn, the question will be posed to another candidate or, if very directed to one person, not used.

Closing – Beth Gardner

Forum Schedule

All forums will take place on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at Community Church by the Lake.

Wednesday, September 15 – CSD, MWD*

Candidates for CSD: John Day, John Green, Marge McDonald, Jeff Newsome, Denise Proffer, James Smith, Pat Miller, Paul Terry, Bob Ybarra

*MWD (Uncontested): Todd Murphy, Paula Fashempour, Skip Suhay

Wednesday, September 22 – City Council

Candidates for City Council: Dave Caretto, Rick Herrick, Carol Mulvihill, Jay Obernolte, Barbara Willey, Peter Greco

Wednesday, September 29 – Airport Board*, School Board, Health Care District*

Candidates for School Board: Mary Beth Bonkowski, Christine Giddens, Belinda Masse-Rainwater, Elaine Tennity, Al Waner, Larry Winslow, Ken Turney

*Health Care District (Uncontested): Barbara Espinoza, James Gonzalez

*Airport Board (Uncontested): Steve Baker, Gary Steube

Prepared Questions

1. How do you see your role as a Board Member and public servant? Address the differences between governance and management. Use a specific example to illustrate and support your position.
2. List and describe one or two accomplishments you hope to complete during your term. Include their importance to your constituency.