

DISTRICT B UNITED CANDIDATE FORUMS GROUND RULES

The ground rules for the District B United Candidate Forums will be as follows:

1. The format of the Forums will be town hall style with questions and answers pertaining to topics that are of priority to District B.
2. The topics were preselected by the District B United partner organizations as follows: Illegal Dumping, Flood Mitigation, Crime, Economic Development, Environmental Justice, Health & Wellness, Safety, and Infrastructure. If time allows additional topics Funding/Budget and Affordable Housing will be added.
3. The event will be facilitated by two (2) Moderators and a Timekeeper. The lead Moderator will call on each Candidate to make an opening statement. All Candidates' statements and responses will be closely timed. Each Candidate will have one (1) minute to make an opening statement and a closing statement. Candidates remain seated during the Forum when speaking. The Moderator will introduce the first topic and call on a representative from one of the District B United partner organizations to ask a lead-in question per topic. Each Candidate will have up to two (2) minutes to respond. After which, the Moderator will then read questions gathered from the attendees regarding the same topic. No multi-part questions permitted. Each Candidate will have up to two (2) minutes to respond. Several rounds of questions (one round per topic) will follow with up to two (2) minute responses from Candidates. No visual aids and/or electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, tablets, etc.) will be permitted. Candidates may use writing material (e.g., pen and paper) to take speaking notes. The Moderators will rotate between rounds reading questions per topic.
4. The Lead Moderator will state the rules, explain the format to the audience, and will interrupt the forum to enforce the ground rules if necessary. The Moderators' decisions on matters that arise during the Forum are final. The Timekeeper will display countdown cards visible to the Candidates and the Moderators for all the Candidates' statements and responses.
5. Names will be drawn to determine which order Candidates speak. Thereafter, Candidates will alternate the order of going first throughout the questioning and closing statements.
6. Audience members are requested to be respectful to the Candidates and to other audience members who are attending to listen and learn. Audience members are not permitted to ask questions directly or make comments during the Forum. After a warning, District B United reserves the right to remove an audience member for any reason.
7. A table will be provided outside the meeting room for campaign literature, but only for those candidates who attend and participate in the Forum. Campaign material may not be handed out to audience members or placed on chairs or tables inside the venue.
8. District B United reserves the right to publicize the forum and may, at its discretion, invite the media or some other entity not associated with any candidate or campaign to provide televised, radio or other coverage of the Forum.
9. Candidates may publicize their participation in the Forum in advance, but no voice, image, video, or other recording of the Forum may be used by any candidate or candidates' representatives in any campaign advertising. The video use for educational purposes will be considered upon request to DistrictBUnited@gmail.com.

10. Candidates must sign and return a copy of these rules no later than Friday, September 1, 2023, to be included for participation in the Forum.

I hereby agree to the ground rules and broadcast agreement as presented in this document.

Candidate signature _____

Please print name _____ **Date** _____

Please return this signed agreement by Friday September 1, 2023, To: DistrictBUnited@gmail.com