WHWC NC - CANDIDATE FORUM GUIDELINES 4/07/21

This forum is an opportunity to allow members of the public to ask questions of the candidates and not a space for debate. All candidates will be given equal time to speak.

While members of the public are free to publicly endorse candidates/groups of candidates during the Q&A portion of the forum; current Board members can do so only in their individual capacity and may not use their title when identifying themselves and stating their endorsement.

Rules:
- The forum is not a debate. No interaction or debate among candidates will be allowed.
- No candidate/campaign fundraising is allowed during this meeting.
- Each candidate present will be allowed 3 min to make an introductory presentation. After the 3 min mark is called out by the timekeeper - the candidate must wrap up within 10 seconds or they will be muted.
- Area Q&A: Only one question per attendee, per "Candidate Area" - individuals will have 1 Min to ask their question.
- Please make questions general to all candidates and relevant to the role of the Neighborhood Council. If a question is asked of a specific candidate - all candidates for that area will be offered the opportunity to answer.
- Candidates cannot answer questions specific to how they may vote on an item pending before the NC, please phrase your questions in general terms.
- Q&A: Each candidate will be offered the same amount of time (as set by the chair) to answer questions (Note: If the response is to a "combo question" – the candidates will still have to answer within that time).
- The meeting chair will set the limit for Area Q&A periods.
- The "10 sec wrap-up" Rule will apply to Q&A questions and answers.
- Speaking off-topic, or off-color remarks will be called out of order by the moderator.
- Attendees shall respect the rights of others and shall speak in a civil and courteous manner
- Final Q&A will be at the discretion of the chair - time allowing.

The forum is still considered a neighborhood council meeting and the same code of conduct applies. Here is advice we have provide NC's on how to address Disruptions during Public Comment, it could be applied to other areas on the agenda.   Thank you for your cooperation.