

Columbia Heights Civic Association

Debate Guidelines

Columbia Heights Civic Association will use these guidelines for the political debates it has organized for the Columbia Pike Corridor.

Each debate will last approximately one hour. The candidates will conduct a coin toss to determine which will go first.

Each candidate will be given three minutes for an opening statement.

Audience members may submit written questions, ahead of time or at the debate. These questions will be given to the moderator.

The moderator will read questions, one at a time. The candidates will rotate the first response with each question.

The candidates will have one minute each to respond to the question.

The moderator will announce the end of the debate.

The candidates will each have three minutes to make final comments.