



March 16, 2018

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

As you are aware, I have never stated that I would not debate you. I do believe in open government and public participation. I just hope that you will be honest and open in your answers. If your handling of your debate request is any indication that is not likely. You have now misrepresented my campaign's response on two occasions.

You have also failed to include Dr. Brown from the debates. So, I say let's have three debates that include myself, Dr. Brown and Mr. O'Donnell. Each debate will be centered on one topic -- Finance and Development, Infrastructure and Transportation, and one on Quality of Life. The debates would be held in each of the city's wards at a time that is convenient for residents and each debate would be moderated by local journalists including representatives from the Jersey Journal, Bayonne Community News and Hudson County View.

The following debate rules will apply:

FORMAT FOR DEBATE

7:30 Welcome, opening remarks, introduction of the moderator.

7:35 Moderator introduces the candidates and explains the format:

1. Each candidate will make a two minute opening statement; order was determined by drawing lots before the meeting.
2. Timekeeper will hold up sign when 30 seconds remain and stand when the time is up.
3. After all opening statements have been made, questions will be asked by the moderator on the agreed subject for the debate.
4. Candidates will be limited to answers not exceeding two minutes. The order of the candidate to answer will be rotated from question to question. Each candidate will have the opportunity to

respond and the order of responses will be rotated for each question. Each candidate will be given 30 second to rebuttal.

5. 8:20 Closing statements; each candidate may have a two minute closing statement.
6. Applause should be held until the end of the forum, leaving more time for questions. Issues, not personalities, are to be addressed; no personal/abusive questions are to be asked. The moderator has the right to rule on all questions. each candidate will have the opportunity to respond and the order of responses will be rotated for each question.
7. Questions must be clear, concise and appropriate to the office being sought by the candidates.
8. Questions must be appropriate to all candidates seeking the same office.
9. Questions should reflect the issues of greatest interest to the entire community and cover a broad range of topics.
10. Questions should be phased so that they can not be answered by “yes” or “no.”
11. Questions should also be asked in a manner that will elicit the political philosophy of each candidate.
- 12.. Questions must not include or imply personal attacks on any candidate.

13. SAMPLE GRID FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS Candidate #1 Candidate #2 Candidate #3

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I look forward to being able to tell the public more about all the great things going on in our City over the past four years.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Davis

Mayor of Bayonne