

# 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidate Debate

## Debate Rules 2026

1. Debate runs from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
2. Candidates are permitted to have notes, paper/pen
3. Speakers will draw for speaking order at the debate.
4. The moderator will explain the rules for the debate
5. Moderator will keep the event moving, rotate the first person to answer questions, ensure the candidates are answering the questions and adhere to the debate rules and timing
6. Timing will be done with an electronic clock in full view of candidates.
7. Candidates will have a 1-minute introduction
8. Candidates will not make personal attacks against the other candidates. A 30 second rebuttal is permitted if an attack happens.
9. Panelists will ask questions on different topics, The order for answering the questions will rotate.
  - a. Foreign policy
  - b. Economy
  - c. Selfridge
  - d. Other topics brought by panelists
10. VIP Audience members will submit their questions on cards and will turn them into a 10<sup>th</sup> District member. The questions will be submitted to the panelists, who will read them to the candidates. Redundant or attack questions will not be asked.
11. Each candidate will be given 1 minute for a closing statement. Speaking order will be the reverse of the introductory remarks.
12. A table will be available for any printed material you may wish to make available for the audience.
13. Debate is being recorded by the 10<sup>th</sup> District and one representative from each Congressional campaign. No other recording is permitted. Each candidate will get a copy of the 10<sup>th</sup> District recording.