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THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ANNOUNCES THE 2022 DC DEBATES

The Office of Campaign Finance will host debates for the Offices of Mayor; Council Chairperson; Attorney General; and At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia races

Washington D.C. – (May 4, 2022) - The Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) today announced the details of the virtual 2022 DC Debates. The 2022 DC Debates are the second debates under the Fair Elections Program (FEP). Beginning with the 2020 election, the FEP is a voluntary public financing program, operated by the Office of Campaign Finance, to support candidates for local political office in the District of Columbia.

“The Office of Campaign Finance has been working diligently to present the 2022 DC Debates and ensure that District Voters are able to hear from all the candidates for citywide public offices in the June 21, 2022, Primary Election, which includes several first-time candidates, said Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery, Director of the Office of Campaign Finance. OCF again looks forward to providing a platform for District Voters and residents to hear directly from all the candidates in a virtual format that is convenient and safe.”

The FEP has a mandatory requirement that all certified candidates running in a city-wide contested election for certain offices must participate in a minimum of one debate for the covered office. Any non-participating candidate (candidates registered within the Traditional Program and not in the FEP), who have registered for the covered office and qualified for the Ballot, may also participate in the debate. Where there is no other viable opposing FEP certified candidate, or other non-participating candidate willing to debate, the mandatory debate requirement shall be waived by OCF. OCF will hold debates for the 2022 Mayoral; Council Chairperson; Attorney General; and At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia races.

The debate schedule is as follows (start time is 7:00pm):

- The debate for Mayoral candidates will be held on May 16th
- The debate for Attorney General candidates will be held May 17th
- The debate for Council Chairperson candidates will be held May 18th
- The debate for At-Large Member of the Council will be held May 19th

The debates will be streamed live online, and recordings will remain online for viewing after the debates through the remainder of the calendar year. OCF will release additional details over the

coming weeks via press releases, a public information campaign and our official twitter account (@DCOCF15).

Please stay tuned for more information!