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Dear Ward 1 candidates,

I met with representatives of the SCC and Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association, and we've finalized the debate format.

Doors to St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will open at 5:30pm, with the debate beginning in the cafeteria/auditorium at 6:15pm.

At 6:15pm, I will introduce each of you. Please make sure you are ready and up on the stage at that time.

After I give the opening remarks, you will each be given two minutes to introduce yourselves. The order of these introductions will be randomly selected.

After you introduce yourselves, there will be an opening question. You will each be given one minute to answer this question. After all six of you have answered, you will then each be given an additional 30 seconds to follow-up/rebut/respond. We will provide you with this question on the morning of September 29th.

After this initial question/response, we will begin with a series of questions, for which you will each be given one minute to respond. There will be no rebuttal/response stage for these. The order of answering for each question will also be randomized, ensuring maximum "fairness".

We anticipate ~10 of these questions, but that will depend on how well we stick to the schedule. If there's time for more, then we'll have more.

The final portion of the evening will be another response/rebuttal question, as was given at the beginning of the night. One minute each to answer, followed by 30 seconds each for a follow-up/rebuttal. If time permits, we will close with an additional question in this same one minute/30 second format.

To end the evening, you will each be given 1 minute for a closing statement.

A few days after the debate, we will provide you with a complete list of questions, so you can provide more detailed answers on your web sites.

ALL questions for the evening will be selected from responses put forth by residents of Ward 1. We have an online survey through which we've been collecting questions. We will also provide an opportunity for residents to write questions on cards the night of the debate. The final questions to be used will be jointly selected by the three community associations.

The point of this evening is to educate residents about yourselves and your ideas. While we will have the 2-3 mentioned questions with a rebuttal phase, most of the evening will *not* be like that. Our intent is *not* for you to fight with each other on stage. If anyone attempts to speak over someone else, I reserve the right to take away your chance to answer the next question. I'm hoping for a cordial and informative evening.

Finally, Joey Coleman will be live-streaming the debate, available for free on his web site.

I'll see you all on the 29th, have a great week!

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