



Washington D.C. – (April 15, 2024) - The Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) today announced the details of the 2024 Fair Elections Program (FEP) debate. 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 moderator for the debate will be Sam Ford, the former Bureau Chief for 7News (WJLA).

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**It is a privilege for the Office of Campaign Finance to host the 2024 DC Debates, and provide a vehicle for the electorate to gather information upon which to make informed choices on Election Day! The Debates will present District Voters and Residents with the opportunity to hear directly from the Candidates participating in the city-wide contests for Public Office in the June 4, 2024, Primary Election on issues that are of importance to them and their communities. The OCF will once again provide a platform for our residents in a virtual format that is convenient and safe, and will make the video available for viewing at the 2024 DC Debates Website through Election Day.**

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 2024 At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia Primary.

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

- The debate for At-Large Member of the Council will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The debate will be streamed live online, and recordings will remain online for viewing after the debates through the remainder of the calendar year at [dcdebates.com](http://dcdebates.com).

Please stay tuned for more information!

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