

## WABC TV Debate Format

The Second General Election Debate will be held:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WABC Studio

7 Lincoln Square (149 Columbus Avenue)

New York, New York

Speaking Order: The order of candidates answering questions will be determined at random prior to the debate. The candidate chosen to go first in the first round of questions will be the first to give the closing statement.

Questions: Questions will be posed by the panelists.

**MODERATOR:** Bill Ritter (WABC-TV)

**REPORTER PANEL:** Dave Evans (WABCTV), Antonio Martinez (UNIVISION), Stan Brooks (1010 WINS)

Candidates will answer questions from reporters on the panel, pre-taped questions from voters and viewer emails. [www.7online.com](http://www.7online.com) also will be open during the debate to take live voter questions. WABC web producer will screen those emails before adding them to the debate.

Questions will reflect the interests and concerns of a diverse voting population.

Response Time, Follow Up Questions, Rebuttal, Re-rebuttal: Candidates will be allowed 60 seconds to answer each question, 30 seconds for rebuttal. (Stage manager will hold up cards indicating 15 sec, 5 sec, and time up) For production and timing purposes, the moderator may choose to break up longer rounds with questions requiring short answers.

Props, Notes: Candidates may not use visual aids, charts, prepared notes, or electronic devices on the set.

Pads, Pen: Candidates will be provided with a blank pad of paper and pen at their podiums for the purpose of making notes during the Debate.

Closing Statement: Candidates may make a 60 second closing statement.