## **WABC-TV Debate Format**

This format will be used for all Debates, except where noted.

Speaking Order will be determined by random drawing several days before the Debate.

Questions will be posed by the panelists.

The moderator will present additional questions selected from questions collected online through 7online.com, Univision.com, 1010wins.com, and the League of Women Voters website. Prior to the Debates, Sponsor will encourage viewers to email questions to candidates via Sponsor's websites. Selected questions will be produced as full screen graphic and used during the Debates.

For the mayoral Debates, reporters live in the field in the five boroughs will present taped questions from people on the street in the five boroughs.

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

<u>Response Time, Follow Up Questions, Rebuttal, Re-rebuttal.</u> Candidates will have 60 seconds to respond and 30 seconds for rebuttal. In the Moderator's discretion, there may be an opportunity for re-rebuttal.

Follow up questions will be at the Moderator's discretion.

Questions among candidates. Candidates may ask one question of another candidate. Mayoral candidates will have 60-90 seconds to respond depending on the question. Public Advocate and Comptroller candidates will have 60 seconds to respond. Other candidates will have 60 seconds for rebuttal. Moderator may allow a 30 second rerebuttal by original respondent.

<u>Props, Notes.</u> Candidates may not use visual aids, charts, prepared notes, or electronic devices on the set.

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

<u>Closing Statement</u>. Candidates may make a 60 second closing statement. Speaking order for the closing statements will be chosen by random drawing several days before the Debate.

NOTE: If only two candidates are eligible to participate in a Public Advocate or Comptroller Debate, a more informal forum would be held. The candidates will share a studio set in an informal seating arrangement with the moderator and panelists. The strict

time deadlines set forth in this Attachment 9 will be relaxed as long as the Debate is fair and impartial and both participating candidates have equal time to present their views. All other terms of this MOU, including this Attachment 9, shall be adhered to.