

CANDIDATE FORUM QUESTIONS – October 10, 2019

Question 1 for Council members:

For incumbents:

Why are you running again? Over the past two years what is your greatest accomplishment and approximately how many of your District's constituents benefitted from it?

Alternative for new candidates:

Please tell us why you are running? What will you work to accomplish during your first term?

Question 2 for Council members:

For incumbents:

The City Hall project will cost in excess of \$40 million. Please include the due diligence that you performed to determine this to be a viable project both for the City and for residents in your District if you voted in favor. If you did not, what were the considerations that caused you to vote against the project?

Alternative for new candidates:

How would you have voted and why?

Question 3/4 for Council members:

For all:

What are the most important challenges facing the city and what do you see as a solution?

What are your views on implementing a city-wide police force dedicated to College Park?

For Mayoral Candidates:

1. The City Hall project will cost in excess of \$40 million. Please include the due diligence that you performed to determine this to be a viable project both for the City and for residents. For those who were not able to vote, how would you have voted and why?
2. What are your thoughts on ways to increase voter turnout?
3. Many residents believe that we have a traffic problem in the city. What do you think and what possible solutions do you envision?
4. How do you plan to include city residents in decision making processes within the City?
5. If you received a \$1 million grant, and could use it in any way, what would you dedicate those funds to?
6. Should there be two- or four year terms? If the terms are four years, should they run concurrently or should they be staggered? Do you support 2-year or 4 year terms? Staggered terms or Concurrent terms?
7. The AARP Livability Index scores neighborhoods and communities across the U.S. for the services and amenities that impact your life the most. The AARP Public Policy Institute developed the [Livability Index](#) as a web-based tool to measure community livability.

The Total Index Score for the City of College Park is 52 (out of 100) Livability Score as of June, 2018.

How will you increase the City of College Park livability index score? How will you make the City of College Park a more age-friendly city? *Aging in Place* Do you support the City of College Park joining AARP's Network of Age Friendly Communities/States? Why or Why not?