

E. ELECTION YEAR POLICY

City Club Election Year Policy

In a general election year, Club policy generally provides that an announced (or de facto) political candidate cannot speak at a City club public forum unless the candidate's opponent(s) also has been invited to participate. If a candidate and/or opponent declines to participate, then the remaining candidate(s) is entitled to appear alone. All program formats for candidate appearances at Friday programs will be determined by the City Club Program Committee (and by the sponsoring standing committee in the case of Open Forums).

The following are exceptions to this general policy:

- Opponents whom the Program Committee determines are not "viable" candidates will not be invited;
- Unopposed candidates may be invited to appear alone;
- Candidates who have been elected in the primary election may be invited to appear alone;
- Out-of-state candidates may be invited to speak alone, except candidates whose area of representation includes all or part of Clark County, Washington.

Any exceptions must be approved explicitly by the Program Committee, following the above guidelines and considering the possible impact on election fairness.

Approved by the Program Committee on 1/3/90 as a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Approved by the Board of Governors, January 8, 1990