



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Two U.S. Senate Debates Rescheduled With Cantwell, Hutchison Confirmed

Seattle, WA, October 2, 2018 — With the concurrence of both candidates and pending the need to accommodate U.S. Senate votes, the Washington State Debate Coalition will produce two U.S. Senate debates: October 8, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, and October 20, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m., at Spokane Community College, Spokane.

"We are excited to move forward with these two U.S. Senate Debates," said Seattle CityClub Executive Director Diane Douglas. "The Coalition has tapped into a strong public desire for direct access to candidates and greater understanding of their qualifications and differences on the issues."

"Pacific Lutheran University is looking forward to both candidates being on campus on Oct. 8, and we're excited that our students, faculty, staff and community members will get an opportunity to see the region's political leaders engage in accessible civic discourse. I'd like to personally thank Sen. Maria Cantwell, Susan Hutchison and the Coalition for working together to make this debate happen," said Pacific Lutheran University's Acting President Allan Belton.

"We welcome the opportunity to host this important debate," said Christine Johnson, Chancellor of Community Colleges of Spokane. "Our students are very interested and engaged in the democratic process and this public event is a great way to bring important issues to our campus and our region."

All registered guests of the original October 6 and October 30 debates will have the opportunity to register for the new debate dates before the rescheduled debates go live for new registrations.

In addition to the U.S. Senate debates, the Coalition will also host a WA-8th Congressional debate at Central Washington University, Ellensburg, October 17, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The debates will be broadcast and streamed by the Coalition's media members across the state, including delayed broadcast the day of each debate.

In order to make sure we have diverse questions that cover multiple topics, we are asking the public to submit their questions in advance for selection via our [question submission form](#). Submitted questions will be reviewed, selected and edited for brevity.

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About the Washington State Debate Coalition

The Coalition was founded by Seattle CityClub in 2016 to enhance Washingtonians' access to those who hold and seek our state's highest elected offices. With more than 80 media partners statewide and more than 40 colleges and universities, school districts, chambers of commerce, nonpartisan organizations and corporate and foundation sponsors, the Coalition represents the broadest reach of the Washington public. Its debates are free, open to the public, and sited on college and university campuses in eastern, western and central Washington.

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