

## THCA Historical Experience on Electoral Campaigns, Forums, and Newsletter Communication

Objectives: to assess candidate positions on issues and problems relating to Temple Hills and to communicate this through the newsletter in a constructively informative and nonpartisan manner.

1. The Steering Committee appoints a subcommittee to organize a forum, invitations to all candidates and all residents, formulate questions for written and oral responses to be published and evaluated in the newsletter. The committee submits its proposal for approval of the Steering Committee at least two months prior to any forum. Questions for written response are submitted to candidates at least one month prior to the forum.

2. If sponsored solely by THCA the forum may be held at a home in Temple Hills; if cosponsored with Top of the World Association, the forum may be held in a nearby school or public facility.

Announcement of the forum is published in the newsletter and distributed to all residents. If time and expense permit, an invitation to attend may also be mailed to each residence in Temple Hills.

Questions for response and assessment are in two forms: for written response (limit of 500 words); and for oral response at the outset of the forum. Questions relate specifically to issues, problems, and concerns on the hill and within the context of the Association's purposes, as stated in its Articles of Incorporation.

A concise summary of candidate responses is prepared by the committee and published in the newsletter to reflect candidate positions on the identified issues, problems and concerns.