Mock Council Preparation Handout for Concerned Citizens

I am from this organization: ______________________________
(May represent a citizen’s organization or be independent.)

Topic of Debate: ____________________________________________

Initial Research on Topic

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My position (Circle One): For    Against

Reason Why: ________________________________________________

Before the Debate:
You will have the opportunity to state your position for council right before the debate begins. In your statement, include who you are, who you are representing, your opinion, and why you think you’re right.
Remember, you want to convince council to vote for your position! Keep your statement to about 1-2 minutes long.

**Statement:**

Thank you, Madam/Mister Mayor.

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Thank you, Madam/Mister Mayor.
Mock Council Preparation Handout for City Councilors and the Mayor

My role is: ________________________ (Ex. Councilor 1, Deputy Mayor)

Topic of Debate: ________________________________

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My initial position (Circle One): For Against

*Remember, your position can change during the debate, all the way up until the vote!

Opening Statement:
Your opening statement is a one to two sentence declaration of your opinion and the main reason you think you're right. (Ex. I think that...because...)

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During the Debate:

Listen carefully to the other councilors as the debate unfolds. You can take short notes while you listen, so that you remember what each councilor said. This will help you respond when it's your turn to speak.

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During the debate, you will have the chance to speak in more depth about why council should take your position.

**However, if you hear an argument that changes your mind, you may absolutely change your position!** That's what the debate is for!
Mock Council Preparation Handout for the Media

I am from this News Organization: ______________________
(Ex. Global, CTV, and Edmonton Journal)

Topic of Debate: ______________________________________
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During and After the Debate:
During the debate, you will have the chance to **write down questions**. Listen carefully, because your viewers/readers will want to know what happened and why. You will ask questions after the debate finishes.

You may take notes during the debate in order to remember what each Councilor said. Write questions in the space provided below.
Questions for Council:
Ask your question to a specific member of Council after the debate.

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