There's no shortage of issues for Irondequoit voters to consider as they vote for a new Town Board majority Nov. 5. They will have a chance to cast their ballot on other party lines. Two others, Mia Hodgins and Lori Thomas, will appear on the Republican and Green party lines, respectively.

Seven of the eight candidates who will appear on the ballot attended the forum on Wednesday. Ten candidates are on the ballot: hiring and firing of the board, perspectives on hiring and firing of the board, perspectives on hiring and firing of the board.

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