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Vote 2010 Debates on 6abc!

Corbett vs. Onorato – Oct 18th

*Live From WPVI Studios
Moderated by Action News' Jim Gardner*

Toomey vs. Sestak – Oct 20th

*Live from the National Constitution Center
Moderated by Action News' Jim Gardner & ABC News' George Stephanopoulos*

(Philadelphia, PA) -- November 2nd, the eyes of the nation will be focused on Pennsylvania, as two of the most crucial political races in America play out in the Keystone State. Pennsylvania voters will be choosing a new Governor and a new U.S. Senator, and 6abc will host two key debates that will give citizens a chance to learn more about the candidates. Both debates will air live on 6abc and also stream live on the station website – 6abc.com!

Monday, October 18th – Live from the WPVI studios, Republican candidate Tom Corbett will face off against Democratic candidate Dan Onorato, from 7-8pm. Moderated by *6abc Action News'* Jim Gardner, this one-hour broadcast will feature the two challengers to replace Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Panelists for the gubernatorial debate will include veteran *Action News* reporter, Vernon Odom, and *WTF-TV's* Nell McCormack-Abom. This will be the final live debate for the gubernatorial hopefuls.

Wednesday, October 20th – It's one of the most talked about political races in the country, and on October 20th, Pennsylvania's candidates for U.S. Senator, Pat Toomey (R) and Joe Sestak (D), will go head-to-head on 6abc. The much anticipated debate will be broadcast live from Philadelphia's National Constitution Center at 7pm, and will be moderated by *6abc Action News'* Jim Gardner & *ABC News' (Good Morning America)* George Stephanopoulos. *Action News* reporter Vernon Odom and *WFMZ* news anchor Wendy Davis will serve as panelists for the one-hour debate.

This will be the first televised debate between the two candidates. Toomey, the Republican candidate from the Lehigh Valley, will square off against Democrat Sestak, from Delaware County. Gardner and Stephanopoulos will engage the candidates on topics such as the economy, health care, tax cuts, and political advertising. With the race tight in the polls, the debate could ultimately sway the election on November 2nd.

For more information on 6abc's **Vote 2010** coverage, log on to the Inside Politics page on www.6abc.com. WPVI-TV is the ABC owned station serving the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys.

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Contact: Mike Monsell, 215-581-4466

MEDIA ADVISORY – Oct 18th

Press Information

- Press should arrive at WPVI-TV by 6:30pm
- Press will **not** be permitted in the studio during the debate.
- Press will view the debate from an assigned area // mult-box provided.
- A photo opportunity of the candidates will be provided before the debate begins.
- Reporters will be allowed time to question the candidates after the debate, at the discretion of the candidates.
- **Contact: Press planning to attend the debate must notify Diane Hamlet, WPVI-TV 215-581-4466**

Rebroadcast Rules

WPVI-TV will make the debate available to media outlets throughout the state.

Stations within the Philadelphia DMA may broadcast the debate in its entirety on a tape delay basis according to the following guidelines:

- The debate will be available for rebroadcast after 8:00 pm on October 18th
- Rebroadcast window closes October 20th at 8pm

Media in markets outside of Philadelphia may carry the debates live or within a 48 hour period after the debate concludes.

Satellite coordinates will be provided in a media alert **on Friday, October 15th**.

All debate broadcasts and excerpts must courtesy **WPVI-TV**.

Media wishing to rebroadcast the entire debate must notify Mary Kimball @ 215-581-4417

MEDIA ADVISORY – Oct 20th

Press Information

- Press should arrive at the National Constitution Center by 6:15pm
- Press will **not** be permitted in the debate theatre during the debate.
- Press will view the debate from an assigned area // mult-box provided.
- A photo opportunity of the candidates will be provided before the debate begins.
- Reporters will be allowed time to question the candidates after the debate is completed, at the candidates' discretion.
- **Contact: Press planning to attend the debate must notify Ashley Berke, NCC 215-409-6693 aberke@constitutioncenter.org**
Press logistics will be sent to credentialed media prior to the event

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WPVI-TV will make the debate available to media outlets throughout the state.

Stations within the Philadelphia DMA may broadcast the debate in its entirety on a tape delay basis according to the following guidelines:

- The debate will be available for rebroadcast after 8:00 pm on October 20th
- Rebroadcast window closes October 22nd at 8pm

Media in markets outside of Philadelphia may carry the debates live or within a 48 hour period after the debate concludes.

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