



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, DC 20003-4733



Notice to Challenged Candidates

NOTE: Updates to Title 3 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”) that impact the ballot access challenge process became effective on July 17, 2026. Please review the sections of Title 3 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”) that apply to the office sought by the candidate being challenged.*

For a challenge to be accepted, each challenge to a nominating petition and/or the qualifications of the candidate must fully comply with the requirements applicable to the office or party position at issue, as set forth in 3 DCMR §§ 1406 and 1407, 1506 and 1507, 1606 and 1607, or 1706 and 1707. Challenges that do not satisfy the applicable requirements will not be accepted.

*Chapter 14 — Candidate Nominations: Political Party Primaries for Presidential Preference and Convention Delegates

Chapter 15 — Candidate Nominations: Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

Chapter 16 — Candidate Nomination: Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; Mayor; Chairman and Members of the Council of the District of Columbia; Attorney General; U.S. Senator; U.S.

Representative; Members of the State Board of Education; and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner;

Chapter 17 — Candidates: Members and Officials of Local Committees of Political Parties and National Committee Persons.

Please be advised that:

1. Upon receipt of a properly filed challenge, the Office of the General Counsel shall promptly notify the candidate that a challenge has been filed. You will be notified via the email you provided the Board on your nominating paperwork. The email will include a copy of the challenge and a date and time for a pre-hearing conference.
2. You can request a voter list using a Data Request Form or access the voter registry on the public kiosks available in the Board’s office for the purposes of conducting research on the challenge. If there is a wait for any of the kiosks, individuals will be able to use the computers in 2-hour increments.
3. You have ten (10) days after you have received notice that a challenge has been filed to your nominating petition to submit address updates from signers of your petition who have been challenged on that basis. As such, you should immediately begin reviewing the challenge so you can follow-up accordingly.
4. A signer who needs to update their address should use a Voter Registration Form – either the online form or a paper form. You can file the paper Voter Registration Form on the voter’s behalf as long as the voter consents.
5. No matter whether the signer submits an address update directly to the Board or through you as the candidate, you must alert the Board of all the address updates, including the petition page and line number of each one, so they can be reviewed.

6. In preparing for any pre-hearing conferences or Board hearings, you can review published administrative orders on the Board's website to see how other challenges have been resolved:

<https://dcboe.org/About-Us/Office-of-the-General-Counsel/Administrative-Orders>

7. If at any point you want to withdraw your candidacy, please complete a Candidate Withdrawal Form, which can be found on the Board's website here:

<https://dcboe.org/Candidates/Petition-Challenge-Process>