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Candidate Ballot Access Period for the November 3, 2026 General Election Opens Friday, June 12, 2026

Washington, DC—The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) announces that the candidate ballot access period for the November 3, 2026 General Election will open on Friday, June 12, 2026 and run through Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Beginning on Friday, June 12, 2026, petitions for independent and minor party candidates for the partisan office contests and the State Board of Education nonpartisan office contests listed below may be obtained at 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, until Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm., which is the final day to submit nominating petitions.

- Delegate to the United States House of Representatives
- Mayor of the District of Columbia
- Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia
- At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia
- Ward Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (Wards 1, 3, 5 & 6)
- Attorney General
- United States Senator
- United States Representative
- Members of the State Board of Education (Wards 1, 3, 5, & 6)

In addition, petition pick-up for the nonpartisan Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner office contests begins on Monday, July 6, 2026.

During this pick-up period, the DCBOE's Voter Services team will be available to assist candidates with the process on weekdays from 8:15 am to 4:45 pm, with exceptions made for holidays. Candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment during the first two weeks of candidate pick-up by emailing candidate@dcboe.org or calling 202-727-2525. Walk-in appointments are also available.

Candidates wishing to be included on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot must complete the required forms and processes during this period. To learn about this process, [view this flowchart](#) or visit www.dcboe.org/candidates/candidate-ballot-access-information. Any questions may be directed to (202) 727-2525.

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