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**Candidate Ballot Access Period for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election
Opens Friday, January 23**

Washington, DC—The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) announces that the candidate ballot access period for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election will open on Friday, January 23, 2026 and run through Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Petitions for the offices listed below may be obtained at 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, until Wednesday, March 18, 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
- National and Local Party Committee Members

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 June 16, 2026 Primary 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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