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**Candidate Ballot Access Period for the June 16, 2026 Special Election  
Opens Tuesday, January 20**

**Washington, DC**—The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) announces that the candidate ballot access period for the June 16, 2026 Special Election will open on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 and run through Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Petitions for the office of At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (non-Democratic Party) 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.

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](mailto:candidate@dcboe.org) or calling 202-727-2525. Walk-in appointments are also available.

Candidates wishing to be included on the June 16, 2026 Special 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](http://www.dcboe.org/candidates/candidate-ballot-access-information).

Any questions may be directed to (202) 727-2525.

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