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Media Advisory – Nov. 16, 2019

Candidate Filing Begins Mon., Nov. 19 for the 2019 Municipal Elections

Who/What

The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago will open petition filing for the Feb. 26, 2019 Municipal Election for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman in each of Chicago's 50 Wards.

When

A line of candidates and/or campaign representatives likely will form in the Pedway below 69 W. Washington St. between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Mon., Nov. 19, 2018. Doors to the filing room will open for candidates to begin filing petitions at 9:00 a.m., Mon., Nov. 19, 2018.

How/Where

Candidates who are in line at or before 9 a.m. and who also remain in the line and proceed to file petitions without leaving the line, will be considered to have filed "simultaneously" at 9 a.m. and will receive a "9 o'clock ticket." Those candidates, in turn, will qualify for the Dec. 5 lottery to determine top ballot positions for each contest. Candidates must have all of their paperwork ready when they enter the room. Candidates may not return to add documents to a filing that the candidates submitted previously to the Board. Only candidates with petitions and related filing paperwork are allowed to enter the line and the filing room. No more than four persons per petition may enter the filing room.

The Board will accept filings of petitions and related paperwork from Mon., Nov. 19 through Mon., Nov. 26 at 69 W. Washington at these sites and hours:

- Mon., Nov. 19 – Lower Level Conference Room in Pedway at 69 W. Washington St., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tue., Nov. 20 – Sixth Floor, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 21 – Sixth Floor, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thu., Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day. Office closed.
- Fri., Nov. 23 – Sixth Floor, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 24 – Sixth Floor, 9 a.m. to Noon
- Sun., Nov. 25 – Sunday. Office closed.
- Mon., Nov. 26 – Lower Level Conference Room in Pedway at 69 W. Washington St., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Similar to the lottery drawings to determine top ballot order in each contest for those who filed "simultaneously" at the opening hour of filing on Mon., Nov. 19, there will be lottery drawings to determine bottom ballot order in each contest for those candidates who filed "simultaneously" between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 26.

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Why

Candidates must file nominating petitions and related paperwork together, between Nov. 19 and Nov. 26, 2018, to begin to qualify to be on the ballots for the Feb. 26, 2019 Municipal Election.

Other key dates include:

- Dec. 3 - This is the last day for a candidate who filed multiple petitions for incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of such offices.
- Dec. 5 - The Board will conduct lottery drawings at 4 p.m. to determine ballot positions for "simultaneous" first filers and "simultaneous" last filers in the 8th Floor Conference Room at 69 W. Washington St.

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Revised Nov. 26 to correct the Dec. 3 deadline to withdraw from incompatible office(s).