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Easy Nomination Papers Tool by the Citizen Participation Institute

A Free Starter Kit for Candidates in the April 6, 2021 Local Elections in Illinois

Nomination Papers must be filed during December 14, 2020 to December 21, 2020

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Select from the dropdown list the office you want to run for:

Enter the formal name of the school, park or other district (including any number) you are running for. For municipalities, enter either Village of or City of, followed by the name of the municipality:

Sometimes there is an extra seat on the ballot, to fill out the remainder of the term of someone who has resigned or died. If there is one, and you want to run for it, select its length from the list below:

WHO ARE YOU?

Your name on the ballot may include a nickname by which you are commonly known, but no other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

Enter your name, as it is to appear on the ballot:

*Enter the house-street-apt line of your **mailing** address:*

*Enter your **mailing** city, state and zip:*

Enter or re-enter the street address of your residence, including any apartment, unit, or lot number:

*Enter your actual **residence** city, state and zip:*

*Check this box if you live **INSIDE** the city/village limits you listed above for your residence. If you do not live inside the city or village limits, you are probably not eligible to run for a city or village office.*

Enter the county of your residence:

WHERE CAN WE FIND YOU?

Contact information, in case there is a problem with your paperwork:

Enter your telephone number:

Enter your email address:

Some school-related offices require a more precise description of your residence location to be listed. Click the Get PLSS button to be taken to the isgs.illinois.edu/plss website. Enter your address there, and then copy the answers into the fields below:

Twp Rng Sec Twp/Precinct (name only)

WHO WERE YOU?

If you have changed your name since December 21, 2018. . .

... fill in the two blanks below unless the change was because you changed your last name upon marrying, divorcing, or being adopted. But if you changed any part of your name since December 21, 2018 for any other reason, then *do* fill in those blanks.

Names used after December 21, 2018, but now changed

Date name was changed to something else

WHERE WILL YOU CIRCULATE YOUR NOMINATION PAPERS?

The law requires his city, state, and county names to appear with each signer's signature. To save space, and time and trouble for your signatories, we preprint that information. But local governments often cross into more than one county, and sometimes homes within your municipality may have a postal address of an adjacent town. We give you three different petition variations (Forms C5.1, C5.2, and C5.3), each with a its own preprinted address, so you can use the right sheet in the different parts of town. **Fill in all three lines below.** They don't have to be different, but **all need to be filled in** with at least a county and state.

DO YOU HAVE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS?

This information is *required* of all candidates.

Don't worry if all of your answers are "none," because that is the usual situation.

"You" includes anyone else whose finances you benefit from or control, such as a spouse or child. Do *not* count campaign receipts in answering these questions.

DO YOU NEED SOME MORE INFORMATION?

If you click the yellow Request Data button, an email will automatically be created to send to the Citizen Participation Institute. We will respond within a day with the quantity of signatures you need, and warnings of any obvious errors we noticed. When you press the button, Acrobat may open some windows seeking permission to create the message. Read them carefully, because it may put the message into a drafts folder, expecting you to manually release it. You may also directly email to Director@CitizenParticipation.org.

IS THIS CORRECT?

SAVE AND PRINT YOUR WORK!

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Instructions for Non-Municipal Candidates

Nonpartisan Candidates

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Cass County	(217) 452-7217	Johnson County	(618) 658-3611	Putnam County	(815) 925-7129
Champaign County	(217) 384-3724	Kane County	(630) 232-5990	Randolph County	(618) 826-5000
Christian County	(217) 824-4969	Kankakee County	(815) 937-2990	Richland County	(618) 392-3111
Clark County	(217) 826-8311	Kendall County	(630) 553-4104	Rock Island County	(309) 558-3571
Clay County	(618) 665-3626	Knox County	(309) 345-3815	Saint Clair County	(618) 825-2380
Clinton County	(618) 594-6620	City Of Galesburg	(309) 342-5563	City Of East St. Louis	(618) 482-6672
Coles County	(217) 348-0501	Lake County	(847) 377-2410	Saline County	(618) 253-8197
Cook County	(312) 603-0906	LaSalle County	(815) 434-8202	Sangamon County	(217) 753-8683
City Of Chicago	(312) 269-0990	Lawrence County	(618) 943-2346	Schuyler County	(217) 322-4734
Crawford County	(618) 546-1212	Lee County	(815) 288-3309	Scott County	(217) 742-3178
Cumberland County	(217) 849-2631	Livingston County	(815) 844-2006	Shelby County	(217) 774-4421
DeKalb County	(815) 895-7147	Logan County	(217) 732-4148	Stark County	(309) 286-5911
DeWitt County	(217) 935-7780	Macon County	(217) 424-1305	Stephenson County	(815) 235-8289
Douglas County	(217) 253-2442	Macoupin County	(217) 854-3214	Tazewell County	(309) 477-2267
DuPage County	(630) 407-5600	Madison County	(618) 296-4485	Union County	(618) 833-5711
Edgar County	(217) 466-7433	Marion County	(618) 548-3400	Vermilion County	(217) 554-1900
Edwards County	(618) 445-2115	Marshall County	(309) 246-6325	City Of Danville	(217) 554-1930
Effingham County	(217) 342-6535	Mason County	(309) 543-6661	Wabash County	(618) 262-4561
Fayette County	(618) 283-5000	Massac County	(618) 524-5213	Warren County	309) 734-4612
Ford County	(217) 379-9400	McDonough County	(309) 833-2474	Washington County	(618) 327-4800
Franklin County	(618) 439-3403	McHenry County	(815) 334-4242	Wayne County	(618) 842-5182
Fulton County	(309) 547-3041	McLean County	(309) 888-5190	White County	(618) 382-7211
Gallatin County	(618) 269-3025	City Of Bloomington	(309) 888-5136	Whiteside County	(815) 772-5139
Greene County	(217) 942-5443	Menard County	(217) 632-3201	Will County	(815) 740-4615
Grundy County	(815) 941-3222	Mercer County	(309) 582-7021	Williamson County	(618) 997-1301
Hamilton County	(618) 643-2721	Monroe County	(618) 939-8681	Winnebago County	(815) 319-4250
Hancock County	(217) 357-3911	Montgomery County	(217) 532-9530	City Of Rockford	(815) 987-5750
Hardin County	(618) 287-2251	Morgan County	(217) 243-8581	Woodford County	(309) 467-2822

3. How many signatures will I need?

You should be able to gather all you need over a weekend or two, if you work from the list. **You must also gather extra signatures**, because some you gather will not eligible to be counted and you need to still have enough after those have been discounted. Working only from the list of registered voters minimizes that problem.

A. Community College Trustee

A minimum of 50 valid signatures.

B. Elementary School Board Member

A minimum of 50 valid signatures.

C. City Library Trustee

(This is an appointed, never elected, office.)

D. Fire District Trustee

A minimum of 25 valid signatures.

Not all fire protection districts have elected boards. In many districts their members are appointed by the township officials, or by the chairman of the county board.

E. Fox Waterway Agency Directord or

A minimum of 200 signatures.

F. High School Board Member

A minimum of 50 valid signatures.

G. Park District Commissioner

A minimum of 25 valid signatures, but if more than 1,250 ballots were cast in the 2019 Consolidated Election by voters in the park district, then the minimum is raised to 2% of the quantity of ballots cast then. (The quantity of ballots cast last time can be obtained from the park district, county clerk's office, or by emailing Director@CitizenParticipation.org.)

When you get a number, be careful that you know whether it is already the minimum quantity of signatures required, or instead is the count of ballots at the previous election (that the 2% needs to be calculated of). *Always get at least an extra full page of signatures beyond the minimum!*

H. Public Library District Trustee

A minimum of 50 valid signatures.

I. Public Water District Trustee

A minimum of valid signatures.from 0.5% of

the registered voters within the public water district, but not less than 25 valid signatures.

J. Regional School Trustee

A minimum of 50 valid signatures. Note that no school board employee or Board of Education Member or anyone who holds a county office is eligible to be a Regional School Trustee.

K. Township Community Building Manager

A minimum of 10 valid signatures.

L. Township Library Trustee

A minimum of 25 valid signatures.

M. Unit School Board Member

A minimum of 50 valid signatures.

N. Village Library Trustee

A minimum of 25 valid signatures.

4. How do I get my petitions signed?

Here are some practical tips:

- In the Citizen Participation Institute's free EzNom™ software that you used to create your nomination papers, use the **Print Extra Petition Pages** button to print extra petition pages (Form C-5) with the various preprinted city-county-state addresses.
- It is best to three-hole punch those forms and put them into a three-ring binder, because it is easier for someone to sign them that way. (Some folks use a clip board, but the pages can get tattered, wrinkled, and dirty that way.)
- Some folks are reluctant to be the first person to sign any petition, so to remove their hesitancy, have different friends sign the first lines of a few sheets.
- Put a tabbed separator page at the back of your three-ring binder, and place a list (in address sequence) of registered voters behind it.
- Take several pens with you. It is better if they have blue ink instead of black, so that what they write is distinguishable from any of the printed matter on the petition forms. Using blue ink also helps distinguish the original signed pages from photocopies.
- Download from www.CitizenParticipation.org a free copy of the *Statewide Standards for Findings and Rulings by Illinois Electoral Boards*. It is the rules authorities follow if someone challenges your papers' validity. Read it, starting with the section named *Objections affecting the entire candidacy*, to learn how to avoid rookie mistakes.
- Never, never, ever allow anyone to sign a document that has already been notarized!
- Don't go after dark, and don't wear a hoodie or anything that might frighten anyone from opening the door to you.
- You can sign one of the petitions, even though your circulated that sheet.
- Work from the list of registered voters you obtained in step 2A! Do not ask for or accept the signature from anyone not on the list.
- Go door-to-door, skipping homes that are not on the list. Go to the door it appears the family usually uses, often a side door instead of the front door.
- If you have to open the screen door to knock on the door, close it and step back to a non-threatening distance before the resident comes to the door.
- Explain that you need a few signatures to get onto the ballot. Signing does not mean they have to vote for you, just that you can be on the ballot for them even vote against!
- Ask if anyone else on your list at that address is available to also sign.
- Do not allow a petition to be signed outside of your sight. (You must later certify that you witnessed each person sign.) Besides, you don't want any pages to disappear!
- Depending upon the configuration of the neighborhood, you should be able to average about 10 signatures an hour, so don't let yourself become trapped into a long conversation. You don't have time to come in for a chat now, but can come back later.
- It is nice to leave behind a preprinted half-page note thanking them for signing your nomination petition, reminding them what you are running for, and that the local election will be held on April 6, 2021.
- The person circulating each sheet must later certify that he personally witnessed each person signing it, so your petitions must not be left on a counter somewhere for folks to sign as they amble by.

5. How do I prepare for filing my packet?

After you have gathered more than the quantity of signatures you need, you need to still do a few things.

A. Verify the Signatures

Consecutively number the petition (Form C-5) pages at the bottom, following the preprinted word “Sheet.”

Use the voter registration list you obtained in step number 2A to look up each person who signed, by the address they listed on the petition. If the voter registration list does not show someone at that address by that name, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross it off the petition sheet yet.

If the signature is illegible, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross it off the petition sheet yet.

If the voter list does not show anyone by that name at that address, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross it off the petition sheet yet.

If, after subtracting those listed on Form C-7 from your count, you do not have left *at least* 10 signatures above the minimum required, then you need to get more.

Keep that Form C-7; we may want to turn it in.

B. Notarization

There are three types of forms needing notarization: (1) your required statement of candidacy (Form C-2), and (2) your required petition sheets (Forms C-5), and (3) the optional loyalty oath (Form C-22).

The person who actually circulated each petition sheet must personally appear before a Notary Public to officially certify it. If the circulator happens to be a notary, he cannot notarize his own signature and so must appear before another notary. Banks, attorneys, and public offices usually have a Notary Public available.

There have been many cases where a notary has mistakenly done things to nomination papers that invalidate them. The suggested forms we supply have been designed to be “notary-proof” by eliminating most of the blanks that often get filled in by the notary.

All the notary needs do is follow the numbers on the black disks at the bottom of the form, filling in only the county name, the date, and then signing it (using black ink!) and affixing his seal.

There are two important questions few persons ask, but you should always ask first:

1. **What is the date on your notarial seal?** (*If it has expired, you need to go to a notary with a current commission.*)
2. **Have you moved since you last received your notary commission?** (*If he now resides in a different county, his commission automatically became void when he moved, but he may not have realized it. You need to go to a notary with a current commission.*)

People have been kicked off the ballot because of such notary ineligibility.

C. Assemble Your Nomination Papers

Now you need assemble your packet to turn in. Assemble these forms, already signed and notarized if necessary, in this sequence:

C-2 Statement of Nonpartisan Candidacy.

C-1R Receipt for Candidate’s Statement of Economic Interests.

C-5 Petition for Nomination. (*Multiple sheets.*)

C-6 (*if any*) Summary of Deletions.

C-7 (*if any*) Certification of Deletions.

C-22 (Optional) Loyalty Oath.

C-24 (Optional) Fair Campaign Practices.

D. Number Certain Pages

Confirm that all C-5 Petition pages, (and any C-6 and C-7 pages) are consecutively numbered after the word “Sheet” at the bottom.

E. Make Copies

Make several copies of your nomination papers. You need at least one extra, to be file-stamped as a proof you filed in time.

The set you file must be the one containing the original signatures, not a copy.

If you can, scan each page into your computer, to create a PDF or image of all those pages so they can be printed out later if necessary.

F. Securely Bind Your Nomination Papers

If you do not securely bind your nomination papers together, you *will* be disqualified. Paper clipping them together does not count. Neither does putting them loose into a folder.

The best way is to 3-hole punch all the pages and to then put brass brads through the top and bottom holes and spread the legs of those brads. You could staple them along the left edge (or even the top) but the election officials often need to take the packet apart to copy it, so using brads makes it easier for them.

6. Where do I file my various papers?

Form C-1 is always filed with the County Clerk, not the elections office.

For most units of government, the rest of the forms are filed with that government. For local school boards, they are filed with the County Clerk's elections office.

Local governments often sprawl into more than one county, so which county do you file in? It's simple: the county where the main office of the local government is. Be careful, because sometimes the main office relocates and could be in a different county than at the last election.

C-1 Economic Interests Must be Filed at	Elected Office	Nomination Papers Must be Filed at
County Clerk	Community College Trustee	Board Secretary
County Clerk	Elementary School Board Member	County Elections Office
County Clerk	Fire District Trustee	Fire District Secretary
State Board of Elections	Fox Waterway Agency Director (or Chairman)	State Board of Elections
County Clerk	High School Board Member	County Elections Office
County Clerk	Multi-township Assessor	County Elections Office
County Clerk	Park District Commissioner	Park District Secretary
County Clerk	Park District Trustee	Park District Secretary
County Clerk	Public Library District Trustee	Library District Secretary
County Clerk	Regional School Trustee (1-county)	County Elections Office
State Board of Elections	Regional School Trustee (Multi-county)	State Board of Elections
County Clerk	Township Community Building Manager	Township Clerk
County Clerk	Township Library Trustee	Township Clerk
County Clerk	Township Trustee, Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Highway Commissioner	Township Clerk
County Clerk	Unit School Board Member	County Elections Office
County Clerk	Village Library Trustee	Village Clerk

7. When do I file my nomination papers?

From no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, December 14, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. (even if the office normally closes earlier than that) on Monday, December 21, 2020.

(If you miss the deadline, Form C-41, Declaration as a Write-In, is included in this packet. It must be filed on or before February 4, 2021.)

Everyone in line at 8:00 a.m. (or when the

office opens) on December 14, 2020 is deemed to all have filed simultaneously. The same is true of those filed between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020.

You can also mail in your nomination papers, but that is not recommended.

Once nomination papers are filed, they cannot be withdrawn, altered, or added to, nor any signature revoked.

8. What is the sequence of names on the ballot?

A. General Rule

Names appear in the order in which the nomination papers are received.

When nominations papers are filed simultaneously, then on or before December 30, 2020, a lottery must be conducted by the office where the papers were filed to determine which one will appear on the ballot ahead of the other one.

Any nomination papers received in the first delivery of mail on the opening day of the filing period are deemed to have been filed simultaneously with any filed in person when the office first opened that day.

B. Ballot Lottery Procedure

You have a right to be given seven days written notice of the time and place of the lottery. It must be held no later than December 30, 2020, be open to the public, and must follow these rules set by the State Board of Elections:

For each office, the names are numbered on a list of candidates arranged alphabetically by surname. One card for each of those numbers is then placed into a container. One is drawn out, and the first place on the ballot goes to the candidate with that card's number. The drawing continues for second place, and so on until everyone who filed simultaneously for that office has received his place on the ballot.

9. How are nomination papers validated?

A. Overview

The election officials do not verify that all the signatures are from registered voters, and that all other qualifications are met. With 25,000 local officials being elected at the same time, they just don't have time.

Instead, Illinois law leaves scrutiny to the public, assuming that an opposing candidate or supporter has the greatest motivation to see that competitors have met all the requirements.

That is a good way to weed out those who are unlikely to pay proper attention to public business if they are elected, based upon them being having been indifferent with the accuracy of their own nomination papers -- the most important papers a candidate signs.

But if no one examines a set of nomination papers that have been filed, then an invalid candidate skates through.

Very few nomination papers are scrutinized by anyone, especially for unpaid posts such as school, library, or park boards.

But you should always assume anyway that someone will examine yours, and to protect the public from invalid or indifferent candidates, you or a supporter should examine others.

Copies of anyone's nomination papers are to be made available without charge and without delay upon request, without the requirement of filing a Freedom of Information Act request. Many jurisdictions will scan them in and provide a PDF file, if asked. Some even post them on their website.

B. Common Flaws

The most common flaw is not really having enough valid signatures. Signatures are usually disqualified because the person is not a registered voter, or not a resident within the district, or is registered at a different address than listed on the petition.

A signature that is illegible can also be

grounds for not counting it toward the minimum.

Not including the receipt for filing your Statement of Economic Interests, or not consecutively numbering your petition pages, or not stapling or otherwise securely binding your nomination papers together, are mandatory disqualifications by law.

The candidate might not be of legal age, or not truly a resident and registered voter of the district or address shown on his papers.

C. Initiating a Formal Hearing

On or before December 28, 2020, any legal voter of the district can file three copies of a formal "Objection" to someone's nomination papers.

The Objection must state the specific and detailed grounds for believing the nomination papers are invalid.

This is best done by an attorney experienced in Illinois election law. A list of some of them who specialize in Illinois election law is available at www.CitizenParticipation.org.

If *your* nomination papers are challenged, you should also contact an election law attorney.

D. Electoral Board

A hearing will be called by a quasi-judicial ad hoc body, called an "electoral board." The automatic members for nonpartisan offices are usually the County Election Commission (if there is one) or the County Clerk, State's Attorney and Clerk of the Circuit Court (or their assistants).

The Objector has the burden of proof, and cannot raise new objections. You should insist that in making its decision, the Electoral Board use the *Statewide Standards for Findings and Rulings by Illinois Electoral Boards*. A copy of the *Standards* may be downloaded from www.CitizenParticipation.org.

The Electoral Board issues a written decision. Its decision can be taken to the Circuit Court for judicial review

10. What if I change my mind?

Form C-49, Withdrawal of Candidacy, is included in this packet. It must be filed at the same place you filed your nomination papers. The deadline for filing it is January 28, 2021.

Instructions for Municipal/Township Candidates

Independent Candidates

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Cass County	(217) 452-7217	Johnson County	(618) 658-3611	Putnam County	(815) 925-7129
Champaign County	(217) 384-3724	Kane County	(630) 232-5990	Randolph County	(618) 826-5000
Christian County	(217) 824-4969	Kankakee County	(815) 937-2990	Richland County	(618) 392-3111
Clark County	(217) 826-8311	Kendall County	(630) 553-4104	Rock Island County	(309) 558-3571
Clay County	(618) 665-3626	Knox County	(309) 345-3815	Saint Clair County	(618) 825-2380
Clinton County	(618) 594-6620	City Of Galesburg	(309) 342-5563	City Of East St. Louis	(618) 482-6672
Coles County	(217) 348-0501	Lake County	(847) 377-2410	Saline County	(618) 253-8197
Cook County	(312) 603-0906	LaSalle County	(815) 434-8202	Sangamon County	(217) 753-8683
City Of Chicago	(312) 269-0990	Lawrence County	(618) 943-2346	Schuyler County	(217) 322-4734
Crawford County	(618) 546-1212	Lee County	(815) 288-3309	Scott County	(217) 742-3178
Cumberland County	(217) 849-2631	Livingston County	(815) 844-2006	Shelby County	(217) 774-4421
DeKalb County	(815) 895-7147	Logan County	(217) 732-4148	Stark County	(309) 286-5911
DeWitt County	(217) 935-7780	Macon County	(217) 424-1305	Stephenson County	(815) 235-8289
Douglas County	(217) 253-2442	Macoupin County	(217) 854-3214	Tazewell County	(309) 477-2267
DuPage County	(630) 407-5600	Madison County	(618) 296-4485	Union County	(618) 833-5711
Edgar County	(217) 466-7433	Marion County	(618) 548-3400	Vermilion County	(217) 554-1900
Edwards County	(618) 445-2115	Marshall County	(309) 246-6325	City Of Danville	(217) 554-1930
Effingham County	(217) 342-6535	Mason County	(309) 543-6661	Wabash County	(618) 262-4561
Fayette County	(618) 283-5000	Massac County	(618) 524-5213	Warren County	309/734-4612
Ford County	(217) 379-9400	McDonough County	(309) 833-2474	Washington County	(618) 327-4800
Franklin County	(618) 439-3403	McHenry County	(815) 334-4242	Wayne County	(618) 842-5182
Fulton County	(309) 547-3041	McLean County	(309) 888-5190	White County	(618) 382-7211
Gallatin County	(618) 269-3025	City Of Bloomington	(309) 888-5136	Whiteside County	(815) 772-5139
Greene County	(217) 942-5443	Menard County	(217) 632-3201	Will County	(815) 740-4615
Grundy County	(815) 941-3222	Mercer County	(309) 582-7021	Williamson County	(618) 997-1301
Hamilton County	(618) 643-2721	Monroe County	(618) 939-8681	Winnebago County	(815) 319-4250
Hancock County	(217) 357-3911	Montgomery County	(217) 532-9530	City Of Rockford	(815) 987-5750
Hardin County	(618) 287-2251	Morgan County	(217) 243-8581	Woodford County	(309) 467-2822

3. How many signatures will I need?

You should be able to gather all you need over a weekend or two, if you work from the list. **You must also gather extra signatures**, because some you gather will not eligible to be counted and you need to still have enough after those have been discounted. Working only from the list of registered voters minimizes that problem.

The general rule for a **village** office is that you need at least as many valid signatures as 1% of the *total votes* cast last time in the race for village president (“mayor”). (An exception to the general rule is village library trustees, who need a minimum of 25 valid signatures from residents within that village.)

The general rule for **city** offices is that you need between 5% and 8% of the *ballots cast* last time in the geography of that office.

Ballots cast is the quantity of persons living in that city or ward who showed up at

the polls at the last April election. *Ballots cast* is not the same as the *total votes*, because not everyone votes for everything on the ballot, and they cast multiple ballots when there are candidates for a group of multiple seats (e.g. electing two county board members at the same time).

The quantity of total votes or ballots cast last time can be obtained from the village or city clerk, county elections office, or by emailing Director@CitizenParticipation.org.

When you get a number, be careful that you know whether it is already the minimum quantity of signatures required, or instead is the count of votes or ballots at the previous election (that the 1% or 5% and 8% needs to be calculated of).

Always get at least an extra full page of signatures beyond the minimum!

4. How do I get my petitions signed?

Here are some practical tips:

- In the Citizen Participation Institute's free EzNom™ software that you used to create your nomination papers, use the **Print Extra Petition Pages** button to print extra petition pages (Form C-5) with the various preprinted city-county-state addresses.
- It is best to three-hole punch those forms and put them into a three-ring binder, because it is easier for someone to sign them that way. (Some folks use a clip board, but the pages can get tattered, wrinkled, and dirty that way.)
- Some folks are reluctant to be the first person to sign any petition, so to remove their hesitancy, have different friends sign the first lines of a few sheets.
- Put a tabbed separator page at the back of your three-ring binder, and place a list (in address sequence) of registered voters behind it.
- Take several pens with you. It is better if they have blue ink instead of black, so that what they write is distinguishable from any of the printed matter on the petition forms. Using blue ink also helps distinguish the original signed pages from photocopies.
- Download from www.CitizenParticipation.org a free copy of the *Statewide Standards for Findings and Rulings by Illinois Electoral Boards*. It is the rules authorities follow if someone challenges your papers' validity. Read it, starting with the section named *Objections affecting the entire candidacy*, to learn how to avoid rookie mistakes.
- Never, never, ever allow anyone to sign a document that has already been notarized!
- Don't go after dark, and don't wear a hoodie or anything that might frighten anyone from opening the door to you.
- You can sign one of the petitions, even though your circulated that sheet.
- Work from the list of registered voters you obtained in step 2A! Do not ask for or accept the signature from anyone not on the list.
- Go door-to-door, skipping homes that are not on the list. Go to the door it appears the family usually uses, often a side door instead of the front door.
- If you have to open the screen door to knock on the door, close it and step back to a non-threatening distance before the resident comes to the door.
- Explain that you need a few signatures to get onto the ballot. Signing does not mean they have to vote for you, just that you can be on the ballot for them even vote against!
- Ask if anyone else on your list at that address is available to also sign.
- Do not allow a petition to be signed outside of your sight. (You must later certify that you witnessed each person sign.) Besides, you don't want any pages to disappear!
- Depending upon the configuration of the neighborhood, you should be able to average about 10 signatures an hour, so don't let yourself become trapped into a long conversation. You don't have time to come in for a chat now, but can come back later.
- It is nice to leave behind a preprinted half-page note thanking them for signing your nomination petition, reminding them what you are running for, and that the local election will be held on April 6, 2021.
- The person circulating each sheet must later certify that he personally witnessed each person signing it, so your petitions must not be left on a counter somewhere for folks to sign as they amble by.

5. How do I prepare for filing my packet?

After you have gathered more than the quantity of signatures you need, you need to still do a few things.

A. Verify the Signatures

Consecutively number the petition (Form C-5) pages at the bottom, following the preprinted word "*Sheet*."

Use the voter registration list you obtained in

step number 2A to look up each person who signed, by the address they listed on the petition. If the voter registration list does not show someone at that address by that name, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross it off the petition sheet yet.

If the signature is illegible, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross

it off the petition sheet yet.

If the voter list does not show anyone by that name at that address, then list that page and line number onto Form C-7, but do not cross it off the petition sheet yet.

If, after subtracting those listed on Form C-7 from your count, you do not have left *at least* 10 signatures above the minimum required, then you need to get more.

Keep that Form C-7; we may want to turn it in.

B. Make Deletions

There is a maximum quantity of signatures that you can turn in for a village, city, or township nomination. (Any submitted in excess of that limit will be absolutely ignored for all purposes.)

The difference between the minimum required quantity (5%) and the maximum allowable amount (8%) is a pad that can be used to make up for signatures that disqualified for one reason or another. It is always a good idea to turn in the full 8%.

Especially if the size of that pad is small, then to keep from using it up, you should formally withdraw from the count those signatures that you have already identified as liable to be disqualified anyway.

You created such a list, just in case, when you made the Form C-7 as you checked those signatures. Now we will activate it.

- Working from Form C-7, draw a single line through the signature and address on the original petition page. Do not obliterate it, a single line will do nicely.
- Place your initials beside the signature you have just struck.
- Be sure all signatures that you don't want to count against you are listed on Form C-7, and then sign it.
- Working from the page numbers listed on Form C-7, on Form C-6 (Summary), circle the page numbers of all the petition sheets have at least one signature crossed-out.
- Sign both forms, C-6 and C-7. They will become part of the packet of nomination papers you will turn in. Give them next page numbers after the last petition sheet number.

C. Notarization

There are three types of forms needing notarization: (1) your required statement of candidacy (Form C-2), and (2) your required petition sheets (Forms C-5), and (3) the optional loyalty oath (Form C-22).

The person who actually circulated each petition sheet must personally appear before a

Notary Public to officially certify it. If the circulator happens to be a notary, he cannot notarize his own signature and so must appear before another notary. Banks, attorneys, and public offices usually have a Notary Public available.

There have been many cases where a notary has mistakenly done things to nomination papers that invalidate them. The suggested forms we supply have been designed to be "notary-proof" by eliminating most of the blanks that often get filled in by the notary.

All the notary needs do is follow the numbers on the black disks at the bottom of the form, filling in only the county name, the date, and then signing it (using black ink!) and affixing his seal.

There are two important questions few persons ask, but you should always ask first:

1. **What is the date on your notarial seal?** (*If it has expired, you need to go to a notary with a current commission.*)
2. **Have you moved since you last received your notary commission?** (*If he now resides in a different county, his commission automatically became void when he moved, but he may not have realized it. You need to go to a notary with a current commission.*)

People have been kicked off the ballot because of such notary ineligibility.

D. Assemble Your Nomination Papers

Now you need assemble your packet to turn in. Assemble these forms, already signed and notarized if necessary, in this sequence:

C-2 Statement of Independent Candidacy.

C-1R Receipt for Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests.

C-5 Petition for Nomination. (*Multiple sheets.*)

C-6 (*if any*) Summary of Deletions.

C-7 (*if any*) Certification of Deletions.

C-22 (Optional) Loyalty Oath.

C-24 (Optional) Fair Campaign Practices.

E. Number Certain Pages

Confirm that all C-5 Petition pages, (and any C-6 and C-7 pages) are consecutively numbered after the word "*Sheet*" at the bottom.

F. Make Copies

Make several copies of your nomination papers. You need at least one extra, to be file-stamped as a proof you filed in time.

The set you file must be the one containing the original signatures, not a copy.

If you can, scan each page into your computer, to create a PDF or image of all those

pages so they can be printed out later if necessary.

G. Securely Bind Your Nomination Papers

If you do not securely bind your nomination papers together, you *will* be disqualified. Paper clipping them together does not count. Neither does putting them loose into a folder.

The best way is to 3-hole punch all the pages and to then put brass brads through the top and bottom holes and spread the legs of those brads. You could staple them along the left edge (or even the top) but the election officials often need to take the packet apart to copy it, so using brads makes it easier for them.

6. Where do I file my various papers?

Form C-1 is always filed with the County Clerk, not the elections office. If the municipality sprawls into more than one county, then it is the county where the Village or City Hall is located.

The rest of the forms are filed with the Village, City, or Township Clerk except that multi-township assessors file with the county elections office.

7. When do I file my nomination papers?

From no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, December 14, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. (even if the office normally closes earlier than that) on Monday, December 21, 2020.

(If you miss the deadline, Form C-41, Declaration as a Write-In, is included in this packet. It must be filed on or before January 28, 2021.)

Everyone in line at 8:00 a.m. (or when the

office opens) on December 14, 2020 is deemed to all have filed simultaneously. The same is true of those filed between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020.

You can also mail in your nomination papers, but that is not recommended.

Once nomination papers are filed, they cannot be withdrawn, altered, or added to, nor any signature revoked.

8. What is the sequence of names on the ballot?

A. General Rule

Names appear in the order in which the nomination papers are received.

When nominations papers are filed simultaneously, then on or before December 30, 2020, a lottery must be conducted by the office where the papers were filed to determine which one will appear on the ballot ahead of the other one.

Any nomination papers received in the first delivery of mail on the opening day of the filing period are deemed to have been filed simultaneously with any filed in person when the office first opened that day.

B. Ballot Lottery Procedure

You have a right to be given seven days written notice of the time and place of the lottery. It must be held no later than December 30, 2020, be open to the public, and must follow these rules set by the State Board of Elections:

For each office, the names are numbered on a list of candidates arranged alphabetically by surname. One card for each of those numbers is then placed into a container. One is drawn out, and the first place on the ballot goes to the candidate with that card's number. The drawing continues for second place, and so on until everyone who filed simultaneously for that office has received his place on the ballot.

9. How are nomination papers validated?

A. Overview

The election officials do not verify that all the signatures are from registered voters, and that all other qualifications are met. With 25,000 local officials being elected at the same time, they just don't have time.

Instead, Illinois law leaves scrutiny to the public, assuming that an opposing candidate or supporter has the greatest motivation to see that competitors have met all the requirements.

That is a good way to weed out those who are unlikely to pay proper attention to public business if they are elected, based upon them being having been indifferent with the accuracy of their own nomination papers -- the most important papers a candidate signs.

But if no one examines a set of nomination papers that have been filed, then an invalid candidate skates through.

Very few nomination papers are scrutinized by anyone, especially for unpaid posts such as school, library, or park boards.

But you should always assume anyway that someone will examine yours, and to protect the public from invalid or indifferent candidates, you or a supporter should examine others.

Copies of anyone's nomination papers are to be made available without charge and without delay upon request, without the requirement of filing a Freedom of Information Act request. Many jurisdictions will scan them in and provide a PDF file, if asked. Some even post them on their website.

B. Common Flaws

The most common flaw is not really having enough valid signatures. Signatures are usually disqualified because the person is not a registered voter, or not a resident within the district, or is registered at a different address than listed on the petition.

A signature that is illegible can also be

grounds for not counting it toward the minimum.

Not including the receipt for filing your Statement of Economic Interests, or not consecutively numbering your petition pages, or not stapling or otherwise securely binding your nomination papers together, are mandatory disqualifications by law.

The candidate might not be of legal age, or not truly a resident and registered voter of the district or address shown on his papers.

C. Initiating a Formal Hearing

On or before December 28, 2020, any legal voter of the district can file three copies of a formal "Objection" to someone's nomination papers.

The Objection must state the specific and detailed grounds for believing the nomination papers are invalid.

This is best done by an attorney experienced in Illinois election law. A list of some of them who specialize in Illinois election law is available at www.CitizenParticipation.org.

If *your* nomination papers are challenged, you should also contact an election law attorney.

D. Electoral Board

A hearing will be called by a quasi-judicial ad hoc body, called an "electoral board." The automatic members for municipal offices are the mayor, the clerk, and the senior trustee (unless one of them in the opponent in the election).

The Objector has the burden of proof, and cannot raise new objections. You should insist that in making its decision, the Electoral Board use the *Statewide Standards for Findings and Rulings by Illinois Electoral Boards*. A copy of the *Standards* may be downloaded from www.CitizenParticipation.org.

The Electoral Board issues a written decision. Its decision can be taken to the Circuit Court for judicial review

10. What if I change my mind?

Form C-49, Withdrawal of Candidacy, is included in this packet. It must be filed at the same place you filed your nomination papers. The deadline for filing it is January 28, 2021.

Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests

File this before your nomination papers are due.

File this statement with the **County Clerk** in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government you are running for is located.

Your **name**:

Name of the school district,
municipality or other **unit of local
government** you are a **candidate for**:

Title of the **elected office** in that unit **Candidate for**
of government you are a candidate for:

Street or P.O. box **address** for mailing:

City, State ZIP for mailing:

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The interest (if constructively controlled by you) of a spouse or any other party shall be considered to be the same as **your interest**. Do not include campaign receipts in this statement. If more space is needed, attach a supplemental listing.

1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, in which the ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received during the preceding calendar year. (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by the street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument shall be listed.

Name of Business Entity

Instrument of Ownerships

Position of Management

2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Name of Professional Organization

Address

Type of Practice

3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other than to the unit or units of local government in relation to which the person is required to file) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person making the statement.

Nature of Professional Services

Nature of Paying Entity

4. List the identity (including the address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the preceding calendar year.

Capital Asset Identity

5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity which has applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar year.

Name of Entity Nature of Action Requested in 2017 from the Unit of Government You are a Candidate for.

6. List the name of any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional services and the title or description of any position held in that entity. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.

Name of Vendor or Employer Your or Spouse's Title or Position

7. List the name of any unit of government which employed the person make the statement during the preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file.

Name of Unit of Government Name of Employee

8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year.

Name of Each Entity giving gifts or money worth a total of more than \$500 during 2015

VERIFICATION

I declare that this Statement of Economic Interests (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (5 ILCS 420/4A). I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment.

9. Date signed: _____ 2018 10. Signature: _____

Receipt for Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests

- 1. Present this Receipt to the County Clerk** along with the pages of form C-1, your Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests.
- 2. File this receipt**, validated by the County Clerk, with your nomination papers. (If the County Clerk gives you something else as a receipt, instead of validating this document, then attach that receipt.)

Unit of Government:

Office Sought:

Name and mailing address of Candidate:

This Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests was filed pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (5 ILCS 420/4A in this office on this date:

*File stamp or
other validation
by the County Clerk:*

Statement of Candidacy

All Local Offices

Consult your election attorney
Suggested Form **C-2** CPI 2020
Released 9/18/2020Candidacy Data
Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021

A: Name:	C: Unit of Government:
B: Address:	D: Office Sought:
	E: Term:
F: Formerly Known as _____ Until Name was Changed on _____	

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Candidate's Affidavit

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF **2** _____

I, first being duly sworn (or affirmed), say that

1. I am the person named at **A** above;
2. all of my applicable name changes and the dates thereof during the three years before the last day for filing my nomination papers are fully and truthfully listed at **F** above;
3. I reside at the place stated in **B** above in the State of Illinois;
4. I am a qualified voter therein;
5. I am a candidate for election to the office stated at **D** above in the unit of governments stated at **C** above, to be voted upon at the election to be held on April 6, 2021;
6. I am legally qualified for such office;
7. I have filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Government Ethics Act [5 ILCS 420/4A];
8. and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

7 Official Seal

3 x _____

Candidate's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the above-signed before

me this **4** _____ day of **5** _____, 2020.**6** _____

Notary Public

Petition for Nomination

A: Name	C: Unit of Government:
B: Address:	D: Office Sought:
	E: Term:

Line	Date	Signature	Complete Residence Address
1	2020		
2	2020		
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10	2020		

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Circulator's Certification

I certify that I reside at the address shown above at **1**, that I am a person 18 years of age or older (or 17 or older who is a registered voter in Illinois) who is a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions, are genuine, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were, at the time of signing this petition, voters of the unit of government named above at line **C** and that their correct residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

4 COUNTY OF _____

9 Official Seal

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Notary Public

Petition for Nomination

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

4 COUNTY OF _____

9 Official Seal

5 **X** _____

Circulator's Signature
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the above-signed before

me this **6** _____ day of **7** _____, 2020.

8 _____

Notary Public

Loyalty Oath

Optional for All Offices

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Affidavit

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF **2** _____

I, first being duly sworn (or affirmed), say that

1. I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois;
2. I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization;
3. Nor with any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Illinois;
4. I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the State of Illinois or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

7 Official Seal

3 x

Candidate's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the above-signed before

me this **4** _____ day of **5** _____, 2020.

6 _____

Notary Public

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

Optional for All Offices

A: Name; B: Address;	C: Unit of Government: D: Office Sought: E: Term: (Is for a Full Term, unless otherwise indicated)
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There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

1. I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
2. I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
3. I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
4. I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
5. I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
6. I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
7. I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

 Date

 Signature

Notice of Obligation

All Candidates

All Campaign Disclosure Documents, Including The D-1 Statement Of Organization, Must Be Filed With the State Board Of Elections Only.

The Election Code requires a political committee to file a form D-1, Statement of Organization, within 10 business days of the creation of such committee, except any political committee created within the 30 days before an election must file a Statement of Organization within two business days. Required forms and A Guide to Campaign Disclosure are available from the State Board of Elections offices and online at www.elections.il.gov. Failure to file or late filing of a Statement of Organization will result in a civil penalty being imposed by the Board.

Committees who must file fall within five categories: Candidate Political Committee, Political Party Committee, Political Action Committee, Ballot Initiative Committee, or Independent Expenditure Committee.

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8 Political Committees

Candidate Political Committee: means the candidate himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership, corporation, or other organization or group of persons designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of the candidate.

Political Party Committee: means the State central committee of a political party, a county central committee of a political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee formed by a ward or township committee person of a political party. A legislative caucus committee means a committee established for the purpose of electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

Political Action Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for political office. Political Action Committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any candidate or candidates for public office.

Ballot Initiative Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that accepts

contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. Ballot initiative committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters. The \$5000 threshold applies to any contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the method of initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and certified by the governing body.

Independent Expenditure Committee: means any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications that are not made in connection, consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion of a public official or candidate, a public official's or candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.

Declaration as Write-In

All Offices

The deadline for filing this Declaration with the County Clerk is February 4, 2021
When your candidacy sprawls into more than one county, it should be filed in those other counties too.

Candidacy Data

Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021

A: Name;

C: Unit of Government:

B: Address;

D: Office Sought:

Term: (Is for a Full Term, unless otherwise indicated)

1 Do Not Fill in or Sign Anything Below This Line Until You are in the Presence of the Notary Public

Candidate's Affidavit of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate

Filing Deadline with county elections office is February 4, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

2 COUNTY OF _____

I, first being duly sworn (or affirmed), say that

1. I am the person named at **A** above;
2. I reside at the place stated in **B** above in the State of Illinois;
3. I reside within the territory or jurisdiction of the unit of government stated at **C** above.
4. It is my intention to be a **write-in candidate** for the office stated at **D** above in the unit of governments stated at **C** above, to be voted upon at the election to be held on April 6, 2021.
5. ;
6. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/29-10, I certify that the statements set forth

7 Official Seal

3 x _____
Candidate's Signature
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the above-signed before

me this **4** _____ day of **5** _____, 2020.

6 _____
Notary Public

Withdrawal of Candidacy

All Offices

Filing Deadline is January 28, 2021

A Withdrawal is filed with the office where the original nominating petition was filed.

Upon receipt, the local election official must issue amended certification to each election authority that prepares ballots for that elective office

Candidacy Data

Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021

A: Name	C: Unit of Government:
B: Address:	D: Office Sought:
	E: Term: (Is for a Full Term, unless otherwise circled)

1 Do Not Fill in or Sign Anything Below This Line Until You are in the Presence of the Notary Public

Candidate's Affidavit of Withdrawal

I, first being duly sworn (or affirmed), say that

1. I am the person named at **A** above;
2. I reside at the place stated in **B** above in the State of Illinois;
3. I am the same person whose behalf nomination papers were filed for the office stated at **D** above in the unit of governments stated at **C** above, to be voted upon at the election to be held on April 6, 2021;
4. **I hereby withdraw as a candidate for such office;**
5. and I hereby request that my name be NOT printed upon the official ballot for the election to Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

2 COUNTY OF _____

I hereby certify that the person named at **A** above, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to in the foregoing withdrawal, appeared before me in person this day and acknowledged that he signed the said instrument as his free and voluntary act of his own will and accord.

7 Official Seal

3 x _____
Candidate's Signature
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) by the above-signed before
me this **4** _____ day of **5** _____, 2020.

6 _____
Notary Public

Summary of Deletions

City or Village Offices

If no signatures have been stricken from any Form C-5, then this Form C-6 and Form C-7 are not used.

Every person striking signatures shall sign this certificate.

In the Consolidated Election to be held on **April 6, 2021**
Regarding the Petition of

A: Name of Candidate:	C: Name of Unit of Government:
B: Address:	D: Office Sought:
	E: Term: (Is for a Full Term, unless otherwise circled)

1 We, all of the persons who have stricken signatures from the attached petition indicated above, certify that we have below circled the sheet numbers of said petition that contain one or more signatures stricken by one or more of us:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79
80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99

We further certify that the total count of Form C-7 (Certificate of Deletions) pages following, listing signatures that have been stricken is **2** _____.

Each and every one of us has affixed our signatures below:

3 _____

Certification of Deletions

City or Village Offices

If no signatures have been stricken from any Form C-5, then this Form C-7 and Form C-6 are not used.

Only the person circulating that petition page, or the candidate himself, may strike any signature from the petition. The person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck, and shall list the page and line number on this form, and sign this form and shall also sign form C-6.

In the Consolidated Election to be held on **April 6, 2021**
Regarding the Petition of

A: Name of Candidate B: Address: 	C: Name of Unit of Government: D: Office Sought: E: Term: (Is for a Full Term, unless otherwise indicated:)
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① Locations of Signatures Stricken													
Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.

I certify that I have properly initialed the deletions of signatures listed above in the petition described above.

② _____
Signature of Person Making the Deletions
③ Cross-out one title: Candidate OR Circulator