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PETITION PERIOD OPENS FOR SEPTEMBER 13TH PRIMARY

D.C. Board of Elections Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. today announced

that nominating petitions will become available Friday, May 13th for

Democratic, Republican, and D.C. Statehood candidates seeking party

nominations in the September Primary for seats on the District of Columbia

City Council.

The following contests will appear on each party's primary election ballot:

At-Large Member of the D.C. Council

" Ward Two Member of the D.C. Council

\* Ward Four Member of the D.C. Council

Ward Seven Member of the D.C. Council

\* Ward Eight Member of the D.C. Council

To appear on the ballot, candidates must submit the required number of

voter signatures to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July

6th. In all cases, the voters signing the nominating petition must be

registered within the candidate's political party. For ward offices,

voters signing the petition must also live and be registered within the

candidate's ward.

Signature requirements, which are based on party registration figures at

the start of the petition period, are listed below.

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OFFICE	DEMOCRATIC SIGNATURES REQ.	REPUBLICAN SIGNATURES REQ.	D.C. STATEHOOD SIGNATURES REQ.
At-Large Councilmember	2,000	218	17
Ward 2 Councilmember	219	40	2
Ward 4 Councilmember	250	17	2
Ward 7 Councilmember	250	11	2
Ward 8 Councilmember	206	6	2

Beginning July 9th, petition forms will be posted in Room 7 of the District Building for ten consecutive days, during which any registered voter may challenge the validity of the signatures on the petition.

The highest vote-getter in each party's primary will appear on the November 8th General Election ballot, along with any minor party or independent candidates who qualify for the ballot directly through the submission of petition signatures. In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, each party may nominate only one candidate to the contest for At-Large Councilmember, even though two At-Large Councilmembers will be elected by voters on November 8th. (Voters in the general election will be permitted to cast ballots for a total of two candidates, and the two highest vote getters in this contest will be elected.)

In addition to the City Council offices, the following offices will appear on the November General Election ballot:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- ° Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives
- ° Two At-Large Members of the Board of Education
- Ward 3 Member of the Board of Education
- 323 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

For more information, the public may call 727-2525.