



City Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2024

TO: Candidates for Election

FROM: Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk – City of Aurora

RE: Consolidated Primary Election – February 25, 2025
Consolidated Election – April 1, 2025

The first day to file nominating petitions is October 21, 2024. The last day to file nominating petitions is October 28, 2024. Petitions are to be filed with the City Clerk in the Clerk's Office during regular office hours: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Petitions will not be accepted before or after office hours or at any location other than the City Clerk's Office.

On October 21, 2024, City Hall will open at 7:30 a.m. for those wishing to line-up to file nominating petitions at the City Clerk's Office at 8:00 a.m. Filers must use the side entrance to City Hall (on the Water Street Mall side of City Hall). The City Hall greeter cannot accept nominating petitions. Upon entry into City Hall, all filers will be required to line up at the City Clerk's Office on the 1st floor. The filing line will begin at the City Clerk's window.

All petitions filed by persons waiting in line outside the City Clerk's Office as of 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2024, shall be deemed **SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED** as of 8:00 a.m. Petitions filed by mail which are received in the Office of the City Clerk in the **FIRST MAIL DELIVERY OR PICKUP** on October 21, 2024, shall be deemed **SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED** as of 8:00 a.m. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt by the City Clerk's Office.

Per 10 ILCS 5/10-6.2, two (2) or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing) shall be deemed simultaneously filed and are included in the lottery drawing to determine the **FINAL** ballot position.

Whenever two or more petitions are simultaneously filed for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period or within the last hour of the filing deadline, the Local Election Official (City Clerk) shall break such ties by means of the lottery system approved by the State Board of Elections, within nine (9) calendar days after the last day of the petition filing period.

The Simultaneous Filing Lottery for ballot placement will take place on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** at City Hall in City Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor. The lottery will be open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Candidates are not required to attend the lottery.

The first-position lottery will be conducted as follows for each office:

1. The lotteries will be conducted in the following order (for the first ballot position and then the final ballot position for each office): Mayor, Alderperson at Large, Alderperson Ward 1, Alderperson Ward 2, Alderperson Ward 4, Alderperson Ward 7, Alderperson Ward 9, and Alderperson Ward 10.
2. Names of simultaneous filers will be placed in alphabetical order and then numbered.
3. Assigned numbers of candidates will be placed into a container.
4. After the container is thoroughly shaken and mixed, numbers will be drawn and the first number drawn shall be certified ahead of the other candidates listed on the alphabetical list. All remaining numbers drawn shall be listed 2nd, 3rd, etc.

The last-position lottery will be conducted as indicated above for each office, however, the first person drawn will be assigned the last position on the ballot and then the next person drawn will be the second to last position, etc.

If there are more than four (4) candidates filing to appear on the ballot for a given office, the February primary election must be conducted for that office. If there is a primary, only the top two (2) candidates receiving votes will be placed on the April Consolidated Election ballot. If there are four (4) or less candidates filing to appear on the ballot for a given office all candidates will be listed on the Consolidated Election ballot in April.

Copies of filed Candidate Packets will be available for distribution upon written request within twenty-four (24) hours of filing.

Objections to Nomination Papers may be filed through November 4, 2024 during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the office of the City Clerk.

Neither the City Clerk, City Clerk's Staff, nor the Kane County Clerk take responsibility or liability for the candidate's action or lack of action. Should the candidate have any questions regarding the elections, reference may be made to the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10: Elections (10 ILCS 5/1), the Illinois Board of Elections, or an attorney should be consulted.

Any information given by the City Clerk, City Clerk's Staff, or County Election Official is NOT intended as legal advice, should not be construed as legal advice, and cannot be relied upon as a legal defense.