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D.C. ELECTIONS BOARD ANNOUNCES START OF NOMINATING PETITION PERIOD
FOR ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION CANDIDATES

Nominating petitions for District residents seeking election as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will become available August 10th in Room 7 of the District Building, announced D.C. Elections Board Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. Contests for all 323 ANC Commission offices in the District will appear on the November 8th Presidential General Election ballot.

Established in the Home Rule Charter in 1974, ANC's provide a means for citizen comment on proposals affecting District residents and their neighborhoods. ANC Commissioners--who serve two-year terms as unsalaried, non-partisan officials--are elected by the voters residing within ANC Single Member Districts (SMDs). Each SMD contains approximately 2,000 residents and is represented by its elected Commissioner on one of the city's 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (see enclosed map).

To appear on the ballot, an ANC candidate must submit the signatures of 25 voters registered within his or her SMD by Friday, September 9th. Candidates must also be registered voters, and must have lived within the SMD for at least 60 days before nomination.

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The Board's Registration Division offers special services to assist ANC candidates with petition requirements and deadlines. "Qualifying for the ballot is not a complicated or difficult process," says Registrar of Voters Joe Baxter. "We have simplified the procedure to assist all citizens interested in participating in this unique form of democracy."

Assistance to ANC candidates includes a brief conference with a member of the Board's staff to answer questions and outline procedures for circulation and filing of petitions. The Board also provides each ANC candidate with a listing of the registered voters in the candidate's SMD, a detailed map of the ANC/SMD area, and other information materials.

The Registration Division will be open the following weekend dates to accommodate ANC candidates wishing to pick up or file petition forms: August 13th and 14th; August 20th and 21st, August 27th and 28th, and September 3rd and 4th.

Petition forms will be posted from September 12th to September 21st, during which any registered voter may challenge the validity of the signatures on the petition form. Ballot position will be determined by a lottery drawing on Monday, September 19th.

For more information, the public may call the Voter Information Division at 727-2525.

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