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D.C. ELECTIONS BOARD ISSUES FINAL ANC UPDATE:
59 OFFICES STILL WITHOUT CANDIDATES

With only a week left in the candidate qualification process for the 323 seats on the District's Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, 59 offices are still without candidates, the D.C. Board of Elections announced today. Contests for all ANC Commission offices in the District will appear on the November 8th Presidential General Election ballot.

To appear on the ballot, an ANC candidate must submit the signatures of 25 voters registered within his or her ANC Single Member District by Friday, September 9th. Also, candidates must have lived within the ANC Single Member District for at least 60 days before nomination.

The Voter Information Division in Room 7 of the District Building will be open Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th—as well as Labor Day—to accommodate ANC candidates wishing to pick up or file ANC petitions.

To date, 406 candidates have picked up petitions for 264 of the ANC offices, leaving 59 without any candidates at all. The number of Single Member Districts (SMDs) without candidates in each ward is listed below:

Ward 1 - 2 SMD's w/out candidates	Ward 5 - 8 SMD's w/out candidates
Ward 2 - 3 SMD's w/out candidates	Ward 6 - 5 SMD's w/out candidates
Ward 3 - 7 SMD's w/out candidates	Ward 7 - 6 SMD's w/out candidates
Ward 4 - 12 SMD's w/out candidates	Ward 8 - 16 SMD's w/out candidates

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. Each SMD contains approximately 2,000 residents and is represented by its elected Commissioner on one of the city's 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

A map depicting areas of the city without ANC candidates is enclosed. Citizens who are interested in becoming ANC Commissioners but do not know their ANC number should check their voter registration card or call the Board at 727-2525. Additional information about ANC's--including a public information advisory and candidate information circulars--is available from the Board of Elections.

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