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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES AND OBJECTORS

The Cook County Officers Electoral Board (the "Board") will meet as an Electoral Board on December 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to adopt Rules of Procedure and conduct other preliminary business. **Candidates and objectors, or their attorneys, DO NOT need to attend this meeting.**

The Board has jurisdiction over objection-petitions filed against the nomination papers of candidates for the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, State's Attorney, Board of Review Member (1st District), Water Reclamation District Commissioner (3 seats), and various judicial vacancies.

The Board will issue a Call to each objector and candidate notifying the parties that the Board will meet on December 16, 2019. Typically, the Call is served on the objector and candidate, along with other Electoral Board documents by certified mail as well as by Sheriff's service to the parties' residence. To expedite the process, parties are encouraged to waive formal service in lieu of electronic service to an email address. To waive formal service, any candidate or objector, or their attorneys, can obtain a copy of the objection(s) filed, the *proposed* Rules of Procedure, and a Receipt, Acknowledgment and Waiver of Statutory Service form and appearance form, beginning on Wednesday, December 10, 2019 after 2 p.m. at the Cook County Clerk's Office on the 5th Floor, 69 W. Washington Street. Candidate consent notices will be available starting on Monday November 25, 2019 so candidates may agree to be provided email notice of objections being filed and instructions to obtain copies of the objections.

The Board will assign each case to a Hearing Officer. Hearing Officers will preside over all initial hearings on December 17, 2019 and subsequent hearings on objections until the issuance of their final report and recommendation to the Board. All initial hearings will be conducted at 69 West Washington Street, in the lower level Pedway Room. Subsequent hearings may occur at different locations that will be identified by the assigned hearing officer. A detailed schedule with the times and location for all hearings will be posted on the Clerk's website at <u>www.cookcountyclerk.com</u>. *OBJECTORS AND CANDIDATES MUST APPEAR AT THE INITIAL HEARING HELD BY THEIR ASSIGNED HEARING OFFICER*. Failure to appear may result in the dismissal of the objector's petition if the objector fails to appear, or in the default of the candidate and the removal of his or her name from the ballot if the candidate fails to appear.

When you appear for your initial hearing before the Hearing Officer, you will be required to complete and sign an Appearance form listing your or your attorney's contact information. Copies

of all the forms mentioned herein are available on the Clerk's website. You can also contact Holly Figliuolo at 312.603.0928 or <u>Holly.Figliuolo@cookcountyil.gov</u> for copies of any of these forms.