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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 18, 2017 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 to hear objections to nominating petitions and referenda petitions for the following offices for the 2018 Primary Election:

- i. Countywide offices – Board President, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor
- ii. Board of Review (2nd and 3rd Districts)
- iii. County Commissioner
- iv. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
- v. Township Committeeman
- vi. Trustee/Commissioner of a Sanitary District
- vii. Judicial Circuits (Cook County and Subcircuits 1-15)
- viii. State Central Committeeman in Congressional districts 4, 7 and 9*
- ix. State Senators in legislative districts 9 and 27 and State Representatives in legislative districts 7, 17, 18, 30, 44, 53, and 54*

The Board will issue a Call to each objector and candidate notifying the parties that the Board will meet on December 18, 2017. 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 their residence. 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 form at www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/electoral-board

The Board will assign each case to a Hearing Officer. Hearing Officers will preside over all initial 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 on December 19, 2017. A detailed schedule with the times and location for all hearings will be posted on the Clerk's website. **OBJECTORS AND CANDIDATES MUST APPEAR AT THE INITIAL HEARING HELD BY THEIR ASSIGNED**

* Candidates and objectors for these offices file their petitions with the Illinois State Board of Elections.

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 Christina Lynch at 312.603.6886 or christina.lynch@cookcountyl.gov for copies of any of these forms.