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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 January 2, 2019 at 11:00 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 any School Board Member and Special Districts (libraries, parks, fire protection and township trustees of schools). The initial hearings on any School Board Member and Special Districts objections will be held on January 3, 2019, at 69 West Washington Street, in the Cook County Clerk's Pedway Room, in Chicago.

The Board will issue a Call to each objector and candidate notifying the parties that the Board will meet on January 2, 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 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 of Statutory Service form beginning on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at the Cook County Clerk's Office on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.

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. A detailed schedule with the times and location for all hearings will be posted on the Clerk's website at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com). **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 Janeen Bass at 312.603.0928 or [Janeen.bass@cookcountyclerk.com](mailto:Janeen.bass@cookcountyclerk.com) for copies of any of these forms.