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Important Upcoming Deadlines: Last Day to File Nominating Petitions is March 18, 10-Day Challenge Period begins March 21

Washington, DC – The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) is reminding all candidates and the public of two important deadlines in the ballot access process for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election and Special Election:

- **Wednesday, March 18, 2026:** Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions, petition supplements, and/or any additional forms necessary for ballot access in the June 16, 2026 Primary Election and Special Election.

All required documents should be filed at DCBOE's offices at 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750 by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Candidates should arrive with their petition sheets counted and numbered, along with other documents ready to file.

- **Saturday, March 21, 2026:** Nominating petitions are posted for the 10-day challenge period that ends on **Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

In addition to its normal weekday hours of 8:15 am to 4:45 pm, DCBOE will be open weekends (Saturday, March 21; Sunday, March 22; Saturday, March 28; and Sunday, March 29) from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm during the challenge process.

To learn more about the challenge process, visit <https://www.dcboe.org/candidates/petition-challenge-process>. For more information about the ballot access process, visit <https://www.dcboe.org/candidates/candidate-ballot-access-information>.

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