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# Filing for the 2021 Municipal Election

An Evanston City Clerk's Office Presentation



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# Election Format and Dates

- Consolidated Primary Election: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- Consolidated Election: Tuesday, April 6, 2021
- There is a mayoral primary, and primaries for aldermanic races where 4 or more candidates run

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

**Tuesday, Feb 23rd 2021**

April 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**Tuesday, Apr 6th 2021**





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# Qualifications to Run

- Lived at least 1 year in the district you want to run in
  - Exceptions apply for active military members
- Not eligible if you have committed bribery, perjury, a felony, or are not up to date on your taxes
- Must be 18 years or older by the date of the General Election and a registered voter





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# Signatures Required

- Mayor and Clerk: 921 to 1,474 signatures
- Ward 1 Alderman: 76 to 126 signatures
- Ward 2 Alderman: 78 to 128 signatures
- Ward 3 Alderman: 133 to 212 signatures
- Ward 4 Alderman: 95 to 153 signatures
- Ward 5 Alderman: 54 to 104 signatures
- Ward 6 Alderman: 182 to 290 signatures
- Ward 7 Alderman: 118 to 188 signatures
- Ward 8 Alderman: 77 to 127 signatures
- Ward 9 Alderman: 108 to 173 signatures



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# Petitioning Period and Filing Dates

- Petitioning period for the Primary Consolidated Election begins Tuesday, **August 25, 2020**
  - Filing occurs between Monday, **November 16** and Monday, **November 23, 2020**
- All candidates must file for the Primary Consolidated Election, even if a primary does not occur





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# Petition Circulators and Signers

- Circulators must be 18 years or older by the date of the General Election and a US citizen
- The circulator must witness all signatures on each sheet they circulate and sign the affidavit
- Signers must must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking election
- Signers may not sign for others
- Signatures may be stricken prior to the petition's filing





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# Filing

1. Statement of Candidacy
2. Receipt of Statement of Economic Interest submitted to County Clerk
3. Signature Sheets



Pages must be securely bound and signature pages must be consecutively numbered.

Samples of each of these and further instructions and information may be found on our website!





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## Campaign Disclosures

Please remember that disclosures must be made for all candidates with expenditures and/or contributions exceeding \$5,000 and all Political Action Committees. Donations from individuals are capped at \$5,800 for a single candidate. The State Board of Elections Campaign Disclosures Guide is available on their website or on ours as well. It is recommended that you consult an elections lawyer in order to ensure your compliance.





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# Potential Candidate Interest Form

Please fill out the form on our website or at <https://tinyurl.com/evanston2021> in order to stay up to date about the latest information on the election! We'd love to invite you to any potential forums or events for the election.