



Office of the City Clerk

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**Dear Des Plaines Residents and Prospective Candidates,**

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Des Plaines and for your willingness to contribute to our community and its continued progress. My name is Dominik Bronakowski, and I have the esteemed honor of serving as your City Clerk.

In an effort to promote transparency and make the local election process as accessible and straightforward as possible, my team in the Clerk's Office and I are proud to reintroduce candidate guides to the City of Des Plaines. Whether you are considering running for office for the first time or have participated in the election process before, we hope this guide provides you with a helpful starting point and makes the process easier to navigate.

On Tuesday, April 6, 2027, voters will elect one Alderman for each of the following wards: Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 6, and Ward 8.

If you reside in one of these wards and are interested in running for office, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) for official information and guidance.

The Candidate's Guide for 2027 provided by the State Board of Elections includes information for candidates seeking office at the local level. Information includes filing dates, general requirements for filing, as well as answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures. Potential candidates should be aware that the State Board of Elections may revise the Candidate's Guide after its release. Candidates are encouraged to check the website for updates.

**Candidate Information for the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election**

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| Tuesday, August 25    | First day to circulate nominating petitions      |
| Monday, November 16   | First day to file nomination papers              |
| Monday, November 23   | Last day to file nomination papers               |
| Wednesday, December 2 | Last day to file objections to nomination papers |

**Filing of Candidacy**

November 16 – November 23

City Clerk's Office

1420 Miner Street, 6th Floor

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 847-391-5311.

Thank you again for your interest in serving the residents of Des Plaines. Public service is an important responsibility, and I hope this guide helps provide you with the information and resources you need as you consider taking this step.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominik B.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Dominik Bronakowski**

City Clerk

City of Des Plaines