



FALL 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CANDIDATE APPLICATION PACKET

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

This election will fill the **second resident commissioner seat** on the DCHA Board of Commissioners. In the May 2026 election, residents elected Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton to the first seat. Any resident who meets the eligibility and nominating petition requirements may run for the second seat, including candidates who ran in the May election. All candidates must submit a new application and new petition signatures.

Complete each of the following tasks in order & check each box when done.

1. Have your property manager verify your eligibility.....☐
2. Provide your contact information.....☐
3. Initial the disclosure statements.....☐
4. Read the campaign rules.....☐
5. Sign the applicant agreement.....☐
6. Submit completed Nominating Petition (200 valid signatures; max 40 per property).....☐

All completed application packets MUST BE RECEIVED no later than 5:00 PM on September 21, 2026. If you are mailing your application packet, it must ARRIVE at our office by the deadline. Completed application packets may be delivered by any of the following methods:

Mail: Resident Participation Services, PO Box 10517, Washington, D.C. 20020

Fax: 301-637-3635

Email: Info@ResidentParticipation.com

1. PROPERTY MANAGER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY MANAGER, NOT THE RESIDENT SEEKING TO BE A CANDIDATE. YOUR PROPERTY MANAGER MUST VERIFY THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE BEFORE PROCEEDING. IF THE PROPERTY MANAGER DOES NOT VERIFY THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, YOU CANNOT RUN FOR COMMISSIONER.

Applicant Full Name: _____

Date Application Received by Manager: _____ Time Received _____

Name of property where resident resides: _____

Is the applicant listed above a resident on your property? YES___ NO___

Is the applicant in compliance with all terms & conditions of the lease? YES___ NO___

If the applicant is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of his/her lease, briefly explain why:

___Rent ___Recertification ___Housekeeping ___Legal ___Other

Manager's Name (print) _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

2. CANDIDATE APPLICATION

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

- Applicant's Full Name: _____
- Property where you reside: _____
- Today's Date: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Street Address: _____
- Apt #: _____ Zip code: _____
- Name of Leaseholder (Head Of Household): _____
- Lease #: _____
- Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____
- Best times to reach you: _____AM _____PM
- E-Mail Address: _____
- How did you hear about this Resident Commissioner Election?
____Housing Manager ____DCHA website ____Resident Council
____Another Resident ____Flyer ____DCHA Staff ____Other

B. CANDIDATE DISCLOSURES

Please place your initials on each line below if the statement is true.

I certify and affirm the following:

____*I am a public housing resident in the District of Columbia.*

____*I am directly assisted by the DCHA.*

____*I am named on the lease.*

____*I am eighteen (18) years of age or older.*

____*I am a resident in full compliance with the lease.*

____*I am up to date on my rent payments.*

____*I am not behind in any past due taxes, special assessments or other charges owed to the District of Columbia.*

____*I do not hold a position on any other D.C. government board or commission, other than an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.*

____*I have no family member who has any financial interest in any business entity or contract directly or indirectly involved in any transaction with DCHA.*

____*I have no family member who is employed by or been offered employment by a person or business entity which is a party or prospective party with the DCHA.*

____*I am not an employee of the federal government.*

____*I am not an employee of the District of Columbia government.*

____*I am not an employee of the DCHA.*

____*I do not have a spouse, domestic partner, parent, or child who is an employee of DCHA or the District of Columbia government.*

_____I do not have a spouse, domestic partner, parent, or child who is the head of a District department or agency or an elected official.

_____I do not have any financial interest in any contract to which DCHA is a party, nor do I have any financial interest in any business entity directly or indirectly involved in any transaction with DCHA, except as already disclosed.

_____I understand that no person may be elected, appointed, or reappointed to the Board if they have already served nine (9) years or longer on the Board, either in consecutive or non-consecutive terms, and I certify that I do not exceed this limitation.

C. CAMPAIGN RULES

- All nominating petitions will be randomly audited to verify validity of resident signatures.
- Mandatory candidate training will take place on **September 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Sibley Plaza.**
- Candidates who campaign before attending the Candidate Training risk being disqualified for violating election policies and procedures.
- All candidates must follow all election-day rules and procedures.
- All campaign information distributed by candidates (i.e., flyers, brochures, biographies) must comply with the election campaign rules. These rules will be provided at the candidate training.

Prohibitions: Any candidate who is found to violate any rule of this election process, including but not limited to the following activities or omissions will be disqualified from the election. Disqualification can occur at any time, including after the election on the basis of:

- Submitting false statements to the Independent Third Party Monitor (ITPM) regarding the election;
- Bribery, cheating, or stuffing the ballot box;
- Encouraging ineligible persons to vote or sign a nominating petition;
- Defacing or destroying posters or campaign literature of other candidates;
- Using resident council restricted funds for campaign purposes;
- Threatening or interfering with voters' ability to vote;
- Missing deadlines for candidate applications or financial disclosures; or
- Engaging in dishonesty with regard to the election, including filing grievances for the purpose of gaining an electoral advantage or submitting false or fraudulent materials to the ITPM.

“Electoral fraud” is an improper interference with the process of an election that intends to bring about an election result, whether by increasing the vote share of the favored candidate, depressing the vote share of the rival candidates or both. Any act of electoral fraud by a candidate or their agents may result in a candidate’s disqualification. Some examples of electoral

fraud include submitting false petition signatures, voter intimidation, vote buying, or intentionally misinforming voters by distributing false or misleading information.

Even the perception of fraud can be damaging as it makes voters and candidates less inclined to accept election results. Any candidates found to have engaged in electoral fraud will be subject to disqualification at any time prior to or after the election.

Any complaint regarding the violation of campaign rules must be submitted to the ITPM, in writing, with supporting evidence and documentation. Complaints **MUST** include written evidence and documentation in order for an investigation to be properly conducted.

Grievance Deadline: Any complaint regarding the election process must be RECEIVED by the ITPM no later than three (3) business days after the Election. Requests for reconsideration of an ITPM decision must be received within two (2) calendar days of the date of the ITPM's written response.

D. APPLICANT AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I agree to the terms of candidacy and affirm that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I understand that any material false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate disqualification. I also affirm that I have been given the opportunity to read, understand and will abide by the rules for campaigning. I am aware that any non-compliance or violation of these rules may result in my disqualification.

I acknowledge that if elected, I must file an affidavit of financial disclosure with DCHA General Counsel and Ethics Officer within thirty (30) days of my election and annually thereafter during my term. I further acknowledge that I must comply with all filing requirements of the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. Failure to comply with required financial disclosure obligations may result in disqualification or removal from office.

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. NOMINATING PETITION

Candidates must obtain a minimum of 200 valid signatures of public housing residents on the official petition forms provided by RPS.

No more than 40 signatures may come from any one property.

Who May Sign: Signatures must be from DCHA residents who are eligible voters. Signers must be at least 18 years of age and named on the lease for the unit they occupy.

Signature Verification: Signatures for the nominating petition will be reviewed and verified. Fraudulent or illegible signatures will not be counted. Candidates are ultimately responsible for submitting valid signatures.

Official Forms Required: Signatures must be submitted on the official petition forms provided by RPS. Signatures not provided on the official petition will not be considered.

Help Getting Signatures: Candidates are allowed to ask friends to help get signatures. However, candidates should remain cautious at all times of their actions and those of their supporters. Any damage to the property of another may result in disqualification of the candidate at any time prior to, during or after the election.

Candidates are encouraged to get more than the minimum number of signatures required, should any of the signatures be found ineligible. Candidates are also encouraged to submit their petitions as soon as possible, so if any signatures are found to be inaccurate, the candidate may have a chance to gather more.

Petition sheets of candidates may be filed with the ITPM via fax or email, but the original hard copies must be made available upon request of the ITPM.

Candidates will be notified if they have not met the threshold signature requirement for their petitions no later than 3 calendar days after receiving their petition, whether or not the number of valid signatures on the petition meets the threshold requirement. If the same person has signed a petition for the same candidate more than once, it shall count only one (1) signature of such person. If a person who signs a petition is found to be an eligible voter in a property other than that which was indicated on the petition sheet, such person shall be counted from the correct property in determining whether or not the candidate qualifies for the ballot.

Header on Each Page: Candidates must insert their name at the top of each nominating petition so signers know who they are supporting.

Signature Gatherer Affidavit: Whoever (a candidate or their friend) gathers signatures for a nominating petition must complete this form stating that the gatherer swears they were in the presence of each person when the signature was written and that each signature is the genuine signature of the person it identifies.

CANDIDATE FORUM will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Sibley Plaza Community Room.

ELECTION DAYS will take place on Thursday, October 29, 2026 and Friday, October 30, 2026. Polling sites will be open 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM each day.

TERM OF OFFICE: The second seat's term begins when the winner is sworn in and ends December 31, 2029.