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District 3 Vacancy Q and A

1. Who can be a candidate for the vacancy?

A registered voter residing within the boundaries of District III who has obtained not less than 100 valid signatures on petition(s) supporting their candidacy.

2. What are the boundaries for District 3?

See attached map.

3. Can signatures be collected prior to Jan. 5?

No, signatures must be obtained after the city council declares the vacancy.

4. Who can sign a petition?

Signers must be registered voters and residents of District 3.

5. Can an individual sign more than one candidate's petition?

No. See: K.S.A. 25-205(c) and K.S.A. 25-303(g).

6. Is there a specific form that must be used for the petition?

Yes, it is attached. All signatures must be completed in ink. Signers should sign in the same manner as their signatures on their voter registration or driver's license. Signatures will be verified by the Sedgwick County Election Office.

7. Submission of Petitions

All petitions must be received by the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Petitions may be mailed, hand-delivered, faxed or emailed to the City Clerk. All petitions with signatures must be received at the same time. Late petitions will not be counted. If signatures are obtained electronically as set forth below, all original paper signatures must be submitted to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2021.

If signatures are obtained electronically, certain steps must be followed. The person verifying the signature must be able to identify the signer either by personal knowledge or by proper identification. The verifier must observe the person signing the document via two way video communication (Zoom, Team, Video Call, FaceTime). Multiple signatures may be obtained during the same video meeting.

The electronic signature and petition can be transmitted electronically by email or fax and filed with the City Clerk. All petitions must be submitted at the same time. The observer/circulator will be responsible for sending all original signed documents to the clerk. Signatures on successive petitions will not be counted. Initial digital copies of the petition must be received by the initial deadline of 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

However, the original paper signatures of the petition must also be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Friday, January 29, 2021. Signatures that are received after that date will not be counted.

8. Process after petitions are received.

Following the verification of signature by the Election Commissioner, candidates who have submitted petitions with the required number of signatures will be contacted to participate in a public forum with members of DAB 3. Following the public forum, the names of recommended candidates will be submitted to the City Council.

9. Who may circulate petitions?

Circulators must possess the constitutional qualifications of electors (U.S. citizenship, Kansas residency, 18 years of age, not a convicted felon) but are not required by law to be registered voters in District 3. A Candidate may circulate his or her own petitions. Each circulator must: (1) witness every signature on every page; (2) collect signatures; (3) sign, and have notarized, an affidavit that is attached to or printed on the back of the petition form. An incorrect affidavit will invalidate all pages to which it applies. Circulators may not sign the front of a petition form that they are circulating because they may not witness their own signatures.