

The Ward Seven Democrats EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

TIME AND LOCATION

Non-Candidates: The Ward Seven Democrats Biennial Election will be held Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Large Conference Room of the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC. 200019 (“Polling Location”).

Candidates: Candidates who choose to vote in this election will cast their ballots on the date and location indicated for non-candidates but must vote between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Suspension of the Rules: After Call to Order, and declaration of a Quorum, a motion will be made to suspend the organization’s parliamentary rules. Upon proper passage of the motion, the Election will commence.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility: Any individual who is a resident of Ward 7, has reached the age of eighteen (18), and has registered Democrat Party affiliation in the District of Columbia is eligible to run for an Executive Committee position.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Voter Eligibility: Voting eligibility is conferred to Qualified Electors. A Qualified Elector in the underlying elections shall be a resident of Ward 7 and shall have a registered Democrat Party affiliation in the District of Columbia.

VOTING PROCEDURE

Verification of Eligibility and Vote

- Upon entry to Meeting Room 1 of the Polling Location, prospective electors must check in with a DC Democratic State Committee-designated volunteer voter clerk to determine eligibility to vote. At that point, said clerk will confirm the following:
 - Last Name, First Name
 - Address and in-boundary Ward 7 location
 - Registered Democrat Party affiliation
- Once eligibility is determined, prospective voters will be confirmed as Qualified Electors and thereby permitted to cast a regular ballot.

Qualified Elector Ballot Options: Each Qualified Elector is entitled to receive either (1) paper or (1) password-generated electronic ballot.

- If the voter clerk cannot confirm that a prospective voter meets the standard requirements of a Qualified Elector, the prospective voter will be given a provisional paper ballot.
- A provisional ballot will be counted only in the event of a tie or close-margin vote (as defined, below) and if said ballot has been certified by a designated representative of the DC Democratic State Committee.
- Certification of a provisional paper ballot will require confirmation of Ward 7 residence and registered Democratic Party affiliation in the District of Columbia.

Provisional Ballot Options

Provisional ballots are only available in paper form and are given to same-day voter registrants and non-qualified electors.

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

- Voting Candidates must exit the Polling Location immediately after casting their ballots.
- Candidates will be prohibited from affixing campaign materials to any part of the interior or exterior of the Polling Location.
- Within 100 feet of the Polling Location, Candidates will be prohibited from distributing campaign material or otherwise engaging prospective voters in any way, whatsoever.
- Within 100 feet of the Polling Location, Non-Candidate Voters will be prohibited from distributing or otherwise displaying campaign material or engaging fellow Voters in what can reasonably be interpreted as campaign activity on behalf of any Candidate.

TABULATION AND REPORTING

Tabulation

- Counting of Paper and electronic ballots will commence no later than 30 minutes after the polls close.
- Winners will be decided by simple majority vote. In each contested race, the candidate with the highest number of total votes will be declared the winner. There is no threshold percentage requirement for victory.
- A tie vote count or a margin of victory of less than 5 percentage points will trigger an automatic recount.
- If the recount yields a tie vote or margin of victory of less than 5 percentage points, provisional ballots will be counted.
- In the event of a tie after inclusion of Provisional Ballots, a winner will not be declared in that race, and a second round of voting will take place immediately following the tie.
- In the event of a subsequent tie, a coin toss officiated at the Polling Location by a representative of the DC Democratic State Committee will determine the winner.

Certification

- The Chair of the Nomination Committee and a representative from the DC Democratic State Committee will certify the results and announce the totals for each office immediately after tabulation.
- Once the results have been certified, the Chair of the Nomination Committee will relinquish meeting control to the newly elected/re-elected Ward 7 Democratic Committee Chair.

Monitoring

- Monitoring of tabulation by individual candidates or slates is permitted. In the case of monitoring by a slate, the slate lead may be present or send a representative to witness tabulation.
- Representatives from the DC Democratic State Committee will be on-site to field procedural objections raised at any point during the election.

Reporting

- In no more than 30 days from the date of the underlying election, the Nominating Committee will deliver a report of the election to the general body of the Ward 7 Dems.

Thank you for your decision to participate in the Ward 7 Dems 2025 Executive Committee Elections. Your vote is foundational to the organization's guiding principles of civic participation and engagement. This document is intended to aid in the smooth conduct of that most important process. If you have any questions or concerns about the process as laid out, please feel free to contact Election Committee Chair, Nkosi Bradley at bradleync1@gmail.com.