



City of West Hollywood General Municipal Election

DATE OF ELECTION: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

POSITIONS FOR ELECTION:

City Council Two (2) seats:

John Duran
John Heilman

Term of Office: ***Four-year terms beginning March 2017 – March 2021 (****please see below)*

*[**The City of West Hollywood is awaiting approval from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to begin consolidation with County statewide elections beginning November 2020. If approved, Councilmembers elected in March 2017 will serve a partial term of 3 years and 8 months, expiring November 2020 to accommodate this change.- (Ordinance No. 16-986)*

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

All candidates must be 18 years of age, a Citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the City limits at the time nomination papers are issued.

NOMINATION PERIOD:

Opens: Monday, November 14, 2016 (Please note that City Hall is closed on Thursday, November 24, 2016 and Friday, November 25, 2016 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday).

Closes: Friday, December 9, 2016, unless an incumbent does not file, then the period is extended to Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

NOMINATION PAPERS AND / OR CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOKS:

If you are interested in running for City Council please contact the **City Clerk's Office (323-848-6409)** in early November to schedule an appointment to receive your nomination papers and review all required deadlines for becoming an official candidate on the March 7, 2017 Ballot.

Documents will be available on the first day of the nomination period, Monday, November 14th. "Pulling" nomination papers will take approximately 45 minutes, so an appointment is requested.

City Clerk's Office hours are: Monday through Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST:

There is no cost to be issued nomination papers, receive a Candidate's Handbook, which is provided free to all persons considering becoming a candidate, nor is there a fee to file nomination papers.

A candidate may choose to submit a candidate's statement, free of charge.

CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

If you plan to raise or spend any money during your campaign, please review the City's **Election and Campaign Information** in the West Hollywood Municipal Code. The City now requires Campaign filings to be filed electronically through Netfile. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for additional information regarding this requirement.

In addition, prior to raising or spending any funds for your campaign you must file a **Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501)** with the West Hollywood City Clerk's Office. Within 10 days of receiving \$1000 or more in campaign contributions, you must file a **Statement of Organization (Form 410)**. This form must be filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy must be filed with the West Hollywood City Clerk's Office.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) provides free, expert advice at their toll free number:

(866) ASK FPPC (275-3772)

OR you may go to their website at: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

OR e-mail them at:
advice@fppc.ca.gov

All campaign forms and most manuals and instructions are available on the FPPC website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Special or adjourned City Council meetings may be held as needed.

MAYOR:

The Mayor is appointed every year on a rotational basis by the City Council.

REGISTERED VOTERS:

West Hollywood has 26,394 Registered Voters according to the County Registrar of Voters.

The last day to register to vote in the March 7, 2017 election is February 20, 2017.