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Candidate Notices, Voter Registrations & Party Affiliations

Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes reminds candidates interested in running for City or Fire District offices in November that they need to file a declaration with the City or the Fire District first. "The City or the Fire District verify a candidate's qualifications first, and then notify our Elections team," said Hayes. The November 8 ballot will contain numerous choices for offices with 24 entities County-wide.

Voter registrations continue to be verified. Hayes said Elections staff has heard back from about 40% of those contacted so far. The remainder will receive a letter giving notice that the voter's registration will be cancelled unless they contact us within 20 days. "It's disappointing that we have to resort to this, yet maintaining the integrity of registered voters is paramount to the Elections process," Hayes noted. Voters can of course re-register at any time.

Elections staff continue to spot-check and verify voter registration data as an ongoing part of their weekly routines. They confirm data supplied on all new voter registrations.

Elections staff are now accepting party affiliation forms. "As a result of a federal court decision, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 351 implementing a closed primary system" said Hayes. "That means only registered members affiliated with a particular party may vote in that party's primary or participate in that party's caucus." Party affiliation forms are available at the Kootenai County Elections office at 1808 N. 3rd Street, Coeur d'Alene or may be downloaded from the County's website at www.kcgov.us/elections/party/asp.

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