River Forest Park District

August 25, 2026

Dear Resident:

Thank you for interest in the elected position of Commissioner for the River Forest Park District. The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2027.

The petition filing dates for this office are Monday, November 16, 2026 through Monday, November 23, 2026; from 8:30am to 3:30pm (5:00pm on November 23) each business day, at the Park District offices located at 401 Thatcher Avenue.

Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to August 25, 2026.

Candidates are required to file petitions with an estimated minimum of forty-eight (48) signatures, along with a Statement of Candidacy, a receipt stating that you have filed a Statement of Economic Interest with the Cook County Clerk's Office, and a Campaign Contact Form.

Placement on the ballot is done in order of receipt of properly completed nominating forms and petitions at the Park District office. If forms are filed simultaneously between candidates, a lottery will be held to determine ballot placement.

In the April 6, 2027 elections, three (3) four (4) year terms are open on the five (5) members Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District. It's expected that the newly elected members of the Park Board will be sworn into office at the first Regular Board Meeting of the Park District following the receipt of official election results from Cook County. Included is a set of election forms for your review and use. Please be aware of the disclaimer that follows at the end of this memo regarding any forms the Park District may make available to you.

Additional election information is available from the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.cookcountyclerkil.gov, under Running for Office drop down, including the 2027 Candidates Guide and Independent Packet. If you have any additional questions, please feel free contact me at 708-366-6660x101 or at msletten@rfparks.com

This information is provided as a public service. The River Forest Park District makes no representations regarding the accuracy or validity of these forms. Be sure to consult with an attorney before taking any action based upon these forms. Anyone who uses them does so at his/her own risk.

Thank you.

Michael J. Sletten
Board Secretary