

Candidate's Form

Consolidated Election Office April 4, 2023. Candidates, please respond with short sentences (like bullet points/numbered lists). Your canvassers and community members need to describe your candidacy concisely. The information we are gathering may be present on the DGTD website.

For what position are you running? List the position and the district or municipality (examples: School Board District 99, Mayor Downers Grove). *

Downers Grove Park District Commissioner

How is your name listed on the ballot? *

Write-in

What is the best way for voters to learn more about you (website, facebook or other platforms)? *

Not Available

What experiences do you have to help you succeed in the position (e.g. employment, volunteer)? *

I have been a commissioner for the past two years but most of my experience comes from talking with my mother who worked for the Downers Grove Park District for 23 years and still hasn't missed watching a meeting since she retired 6 years ago. I've grown up following everything the Park District has done, including participating in many of its programs, volunteering for its events, and even working for it during high school. I have also been able to bring my experience as an attorney to the board. I started my legal career volunteering at the Citizens Advocacy Center, working for a law firm specializing in municipal law, and writing and analyzing procurement, OMA/FOIA, and election laws for House Democrats in Springfield.

What do you want to accomplish (list your top three)? *

The Park District is in the early stages of making plans to develop a 14.5 acre plot at Walnut/Gelwicks Park. We have held three public hearings to discuss possible options, but nothing is decided yet. My top goal is ensuring the development includes the features that best serve the community. We have also begun the process to update the Park District's master plan, and I would like to see that plan prioritize low or no cost recreation offerings like the upcoming splash pad.

Why are you running (list three short reasons)? *

I ran as a write-in two years ago when I saw no one else was running and saw the opportunity to play a role in serving my community, which I've always been interested in doing. I've enjoyed being involved the past two years as it's important, fulfilling work. I would like to continue doing something I enjoy.

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