



# Village of Random Lake

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Dear Candidate:

Thank you for choosing to participate in your village government by running for an elected office. By the design of the Founders, we are reminded with each election where the real power lies with respect to our democratic form of government – with the people.

I have attached forms and information, which I hope will prove to be useful over the course of the coming months. Included is information to guide you through the election processes along with forms that will need to be completed with our office.

As a candidate for public office, it is your responsibility to correctly fill out the appropriate forms and turn them in on time. All of the forms that need to be turned in have instruction sheets. I will be flexible when it comes time to turn them in if you tried to fill them out as best as possible. However, missing deadlines for filing candidate forms for ballot access will not be tolerated and will lead to your name not appearing on the ballot.

A special note for one of the forms that tends to cause confusion: on the bottom of Page 2 of the form ETHCF-1 Campaign Registration Statement, if you plan on spending very little money or none at all, check the top box and sign and date. However, if your campaign spends more than \$2,000 in a calendar year you must file accurate and timely campaign finance reports with our office. If that is the case, check the bottom box, sign and date. If you fall into the category that you have to file campaign finance reports and your campaign misses a deadline (dates are included in the packet), I will refer the matter to the District Attorney. No extensions are granted because in Wisconsin, election law is a serious matter. Furthermore, campaign finance reports need to be timely because on many of the deadline dates, members of the public and local media inquire on who has filed and they also review campaign finance reports.

I believe that public service is an honorable pursuit and I have a high degree of appreciation for your willingness to serve the people of the Village of Random Lake. If you have any questions regarding the elections process, forms, campaign finance law, deadlines, sign laws, or anything else, do not hesitate to contact our office. If we don't know the answer, we'll find it – that's our job.

Best of luck in the coming months.

Respectfully,

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