

What happens on August 9 at 5pm

The Candidate Services team reviews all the contests and determines if:

- The contest's candidate filing period needs to extend
- The contest will appear on the November 5 ballot
- The contest will not appear on the November 5 ballot, and the candidates will be appointed in lieu of an election

The contest's candidate filing period needs to extend

The Candidate Services team looks at each contest to see if the eligible incumbents have filed. If they have not, the contest will remain open for filing until Wednesday, August 14 at 5pm. During the extension time, incumbents cannot file.

Contests that are in extension are found on the [Candidate Watch](#) page.

The Candidate Services team looks at each contest to see if the eligible incumbents have filed, and then one of two things will happen:

The contest will appear on the November 5 ballot

If there are more candidates filed than there are seats open, the contest will appear on the November 5 ballot.

Contests that will appear on the ballot are found on the [Contact Candidate](#) page.

The contest will not appear on the November 5 ballot, and the candidates will be appointed in lieu of an election

If there are the same/less than number of candidates filed than there are seats open, the contest will not appear on the November 5 ballot. These candidates will be appointed in lieu of an election for the term that they filed for.

Contests that will be appointed in lieu of an election are found on the [Appointed in Lieu](#) page.