

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION CENTER



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PRE-ELECTION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Candidate Qualifying Begins	Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Candidate Qualifying Ends	Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Statement of Economic Interest Due	Sunday, July 19, 2026
Election Day	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Runoff (if necessary)	Tuesday, October 13, 2026



BEFORE YOU QUALIFY

Please complete the following before visiting the Montgomery Election Center to qualify as a candidate:

- ☐ **Complete the Statement of Candidacy.**
 - The form must be notarized before submission.
 - Notary services are not available at the Montgomery Election Center.

- ☐ **Bring a valid government-issued photo ID.**

- ☐ **Bring your qualification fee or petition.**
 - A \$100 filing fee (check or money order payable to the City of Montgomery), OR
 - A petition containing at least 200 signatures of registered voters residing in City Council District 3.

- ☐ **Review the Alabama Ethics Commission and Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) filing requirements before qualifying.**

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FORM MAY BE TURNED IN AT:

Montgomery Election Center (MEC)

125 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36104

**CITY OF MONTGOMERY – 2026 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION –
DISTRICT 3**



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify as a candidate for the Montgomery City Council, you must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- ☐ Be a **registered voter** in the City of Montgomery.
 - ☐ Be **at least 18 years of age** at the time of qualifying.
 - ☐ Be a **current resident** of the City Council District you are seeking to represent.
 - ☐ Have **resided in the district for at least six (6) months** immediately preceding the election.
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QUALIFICATION FEE

The qualification fee for City Council candidates is **\$100.00**.

Payment must be made by check or money order payable to the City of Montgomery.

PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE

Candidates who choose **not** to pay the \$100 qualification fee may instead submit a petition containing **at least 200 signatures** of registered voters residing in the City Council District for which they are seeking office, as authorized by **Act 618, Section 3.02**.

Please Note: It is strongly recommended that candidates obtain **more than 200 signatures** to help ensure that a sufficient number of valid signatures remain after verification.

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CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

Follow the steps below to complete the candidate qualification process for the **2026 Special Municipal Election – District 3**.

STEP 1 – QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE

Qualifying Period: June 30 – July 14, 2026

☐ Complete the **Statement of Candidacy** form.

- Forms are available at the Montgomery Election Center (MEC) or online at MontgomeryVotesAL.gov.

☐ Have the Statement of Candidacy **notarized** before submission.

☐ Submit the Statement of Candidacy **in person** at the Montgomery Election Center.

☐ Pay the **\$100 qualification fee** (check or money order payable to the City of Montgomery) **OR** submit a qualifying petition containing at least **200 verified signatures** of registered voters residing in District 3 at the MEC.

STEP 2 – FILE YOUR STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (SEI)

Deadline: No later than five (5) days after the close of qualifying (July 19, 2026).

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☐ Complete and file the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) with the Alabama Ethics Commission.

The SEI is **required for ballot access**. Failure to file the SEI by the statutory deadline may result in your name **not appearing on the ballot**.

The SEI may be completed **before** submitting your Statement of Candidacy.

Complete the SEI online at www.ethics.alabama.gov or download the appropriate forms for submission by mail. (Code of Alabama 1975, § 36-25-15(a); Alabama Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion 2016-17.)

Questions?

Contact the Alabama Ethics Commission at **(334) 242-2997**.

STEP 3 – REVIEW FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT (FCPA) REQUIREMENTS

☐ Review the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) filing requirements before beginning your campaign.

Visit www.sos.alabama.gov for required forms, filing deadlines, and campaign finance guidance.

For assistance, contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at **(334) 242-7210**.



BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Before leaving the Montgomery Election Center, make sure you have:

- ☐ Submitted your Statement of Candidacy
- ☐ Paid the qualification fee or submitted your petition
- ☐ Reviewed the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) requirements
- ☐ Reviewed the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) requirements



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

PHONE NUMBERS

Montgomery Election Center	(334) 832-7744
Secretary of State - Elections Division	(334) 242-7210
Alabama Ethics Commission	(334) 242-2997
Board of Registrars	(334) 832-1215
Absentee Election Manager	(334) 832-1281
Montgomery City Clerk's Office (For Municipal Elections)	(334) 625-2195

WEBSITES

Montgomery Election Center	www.montgomeryvotesal.gov
Secretary of State	www.alabamavotes.gov
Alabama Ethics Commission	www.ethics.alabama.gov
City of Montgomery	www.montgomeryal.gov

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