

Why are our names not on the ballot?

1. Our team submitted documentation with the Township on November 18th as required by law.
2. Dan Rogers, an employee of the Township and Precinct Committee Chair of the Republican party, filed objection papers to challenge our petitions.
3. The main issue was that the petitions did not meet the “residency” requirement of IL Statute 10 ILCS 5/10-4, which states you must list “place of residence”. **The law does not state the need to list municipality as a requirement for residency.** See actual petition section image below, section “Address – Zip Code”.

Our lawyer argued that we had “substantial compliance” to the law. In Illinois, ballot access is a substantial right not to be lightly decided and the court should apply the **reasonable interpretation of the relevant statute that favors ballot access.**

THE NEW PARTY’S SLATE OF CANDIDATES IS HEREBY PRESENTED

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS - ZIP CODE
Kathleen Blahunka [REDACTED]	Supervisor	750 Mawman Ave, 60044
Christopher Papas [REDACTED]	Trustee	[REDACTED]
Catherine Oliver-Salbilla	Trustee	904 W North Ave, 60044
	Trustee	[REDACTED]
	Trustee	18 Clover Lane, 60044

(A Full term is sought by each candidate in slate unless an unexpired term is specified along with the office in the “OFFICE” space provided above)

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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4. To our knowledge not a single petition signer questioned any of the circulators as to what municipality (town) of residence we live in.
5. After 2 months and 3 hearings lasting 6 hours in total, the 3-member panel of Shields Township (the longest standing Trustee, the Clerk, and a retired Judge from Lake County) ruled in Dan Rogers favor.
6. We appealed at the Lake County level, but again the Objection was upheld. The judge ruled that we had “the potential to confuse the people signing the petitions”, despite NO EVIDENCE of confusion.
7. We apologize to all you who signed our petitions for assuming that we all know the zip codes in our communities.