



# DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR A CITY OR TOWN OFFICE IN 2025

(CAN-51)

State Form 49043 (R8 / 12-24)

Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-2-2.5; 3-8-2-4(b))

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the municipal election must be filed **no earlier than January 8, 2025 and not later than NOON, July 3, 2025**. Please print or type all information on this form except all signatures. **All candidates seeking election to a city or town office except for a candidate for city or town judge must file the CAN-12 statement of economic interests WITH this form. Candidates for city or town judge must file the statement of economic interests with the Commission on Judicial Qualifications and provide a file-stamped copy with this filing. SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM.**

STATE OF INDIANA )

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

## GENERAL INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, certify the following:  
*Name of Candidate*

(1) I am a registered voter of Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ of the Township of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(or of Ward, if applicable, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City or Town of \_\_\_\_\_), County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of Indiana (*amend if other state*).

(2) I am (*check one box and enter name of any applicable party*)

☐ an independent candidate (*not affiliated with any party*); **OR**

☐ affiliated with a party **OTHER THAN** the Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, or Republican Party, namely the

\_\_\_\_\_ Party.

(3) I declare my intention to be a write-in candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, District \_\_\_\_\_ (*if any*)  
*Name of Office*

to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025.

(4) I comply with all requirements under the laws of the State of Indiana to be a candidate for this office, including any applicable residence requirements. I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this office.

## RESIDENCY INFORMATION

(5) My complete residence address is:

\_\_\_\_\_, IN (*amend if other state*) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Complete residence address must be included* *City* *ZIP Code*

(6) My mailing address is:

*Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical*

\_\_\_\_\_, IN (*amend if other state*) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing address* *City* *ZIP Code*

## CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION

I request that my name be certified as a declared write-in candidate for the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7:

First Designation	Second Designation	Third Designation	Fourth Designation	Suffix
This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's legal given name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal given name.</li><li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The candidate's nickname.</li></ul>	This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname.</li></ul>	If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname</li></ul>	If not used in the third designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname</li></ul>	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jr. or III</li></ul> <b>CANNOT</b> be a title or degree such as MD, JD

I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c))

If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe

**PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE OF FORM**

### CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

- (7) By initialing, I acknowledge that I have attached a copy of the applicable statement of economic interest statement, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that this statement of economic interest has been filed. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) By initialing, I acknowledge that I: am aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and agree to comply with the provision of IC 3-9. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) I have been a candidate for state, state legislative, or local office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or general election: **(check one)** ☐ Yes ☐ No *If the answer to this question is no, skip paragraph 13 and proceed to paragraph 14.*
- (12) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: **(check one)** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (13) *(This paragraph applies only to a candidate for a local office if the local office receives compensation of at least \$5,000 per year, or to a local office if the local office receives compensation of less than \$5,000 but the candidate raises or spends more than \$500.)* I have filed a campaign finance statement of organization for my principal candidate's committee with the appropriate county election board OR I am aware that I may be required to file the campaign finance statement of organization not later than noon, seven (7) days after the final date to file this declaration of candidacy. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete,  
and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.**

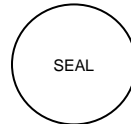
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date Signed (MM/DD/YY) (\_\_\_\_\_) Telephone (Day) (\_\_\_\_\_) Telephone (Evening)

#### OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign website: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires *(applies only to Notary Public)*: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE

A candidate's committee must file its first campaign finance report no later than **NOON, Thursday, July 24, 2025**, with the appropriate county election board.

A candidate's committee must file a pre-municipal election campaign finance report no later than **NOON, Friday, October 17, 2025**, with the appropriate county election board.

The candidate's committee must also file a pre-municipal election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more during the period beginning **October 11, 2025 and ending November 2, 2025**, with the appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

A person who fails to file a report with a county election board is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for each day the report is late, with the afternoon of the final date for filing the report being calculated as the first day, for a maximum penalty of not more than \$1,000, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the county election board.