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Procedure and time frames of registration of majoritarian candidates for membership of municipal councils and mayoral candidates of self-governing cities/self-governing communities

Local Self-Government Elections of 2017

- + **From August 22 through August 25** – An initiative group of voters applies to the relevant election commission;
- + **Not later than the next day (deadline – August 26)** – The Chairperson of the relevant election commission registers the initiative group of voters;
- + **Not later than the next day (deadline – August 27)** – In the case of a shortcoming, corrected documents are returned to the Chairperson of the relevant election commission for registration;
- + From the application by the initiative group **up to September 1** – A representative of the initiative group of voters submits a list of voters supporting the candidate to the relevant election commission;
- + **Within three days (deadline – September 4)** – The list of the candidate's supporters is verified;
- + **Within two days** after the completion of verification of the list of supporters (**deadline – September 6**) – The candidate nominated by the initiative group of voters is registered for elections;
- + In the case of refusal of registration, the representative of the initiative group is notified in writing of the incompatibility of data in the registration documents with the legislation and is given **two days (deadline – September 8)** to improve the documents;
- + The data of the **mayoral** candidate, which have been corrected by the representative of the initiative group of voters, are verified and the issue of registration for elections is decided on **within two days** after the submission of the data (**deadline – September 10**), while the data of the **majoritarian** candidate, which have been corrected by the representative of the initiative group of voters, are verified and the issue of registration for elections is decided on **within three days** after the submission of the data (**deadline – September 11**);
- + The decree on registration/refusal of registration is **immediately notified** to the representative of the initiative group and handed over to him/her **upon request**.

See frequently asked questions about independent candidates [here](#).

The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association expresses its readiness to provide legal aid to independent candidates who run in the local self-government elections.