

Election Procedures and Related Conduct For NIHD Board of Directors

Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of five elected members. The District is divided into five (5) separate zones with each member living in and representing one of the zones. An elected term shall be of four years duration. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.

The District shall hold its general election consolidated with the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years. The candidate receiving the most votes in each zone, even if not a majority shall be elected. Unless as a result of a vacancy, all BOD terms shall be four (4) years. Those Board members whose term in office has concluded shall continue on the board until the successor has qualified or the first Thursday in December following the election which ever is later.

All registered voters within each zone are qualified to run for office in their zone of residence. Prospective Board members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and District residents. Interested candidates for the BOD are directed to the Inyo County Clerk/Recorder's office for information regarding the rules and regulations related to candidacy for a Board seat. Law sets the candidate filing period for Statewide General Elections. All candidates must file a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest.

The candidate pays for the cost of the candidate's policy statement. Directors shall not use any District resources, for example, photocopiers or paper supplies, or make requests of staff to produce or disseminate any partisan campaign material to be used in support of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or any ballot measure. By law, NIHD may not use public funds or resources to advocate for or against any ballot measure or candidate. It is permissible to use public funds for the dissemination of impartial educational information, to make a fair presentation of the facts to aid voters in making an informed decision. It is permissible for the BOD to go on record at a public meeting in favor of or opposed to a particular ballot measure. Directors shall not hand out any partisan campaign material supporting or opposing any candidate for public office or any ballot measure while the public Board meeting is in progress.