

## Chirikova Approved for Khimki Race

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Yevgenia Chirikova, the environmental and opposition activist, said Sunday that she has been approved to run for mayor of Khimki.

Chirikova and her campaign chief, Nikolai Lyaskin, wrote Sunday on Twitter that her candidacy had been approved for the Oct. 14 vote in the Moscow suburb.

The Khimki election is seen as a litmus test for opposition activists' electability. It also could test the tolerance for dissent in Russian President Vladimir Putin's government.

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