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SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE INFORMATION

QUALIFYING METHODS

There are 2 ways a Special District candidate can qualify: **Petition Method** OR **Pay the Qualifying Fee**

Petition Method

The candidate must submit 25 valid petitions **on or before Noon, May 11, 2020**.

You may begin collecting petition signatures and submitting them to the Elections Center **any time prior to the Noon, May 11, 2020 deadline**.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 99.097, a cost of .10¢ for each petition verified shall be paid in advance to the Supervisor of Elections unless an oath stating that such charges impose an undue burden on their personal resources.

Qualifying Fee

In lieu of the petition method, the candidate may pay a \$25.00 qualifying fee during the official qualifying period.

OFFICIAL QUALIFYING PERIOD

To be a qualified candidate, all candidates must complete and submit qualifying papers during the **Official Qualifying Period: Noon, June 8, 2020 through Noon, June 12, 2020**.

Per Florida Statute, the qualifying officer may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers 2 weeks prior to qualifying – **May 25, 2020**. *We request that you call the Election Center at 620-3290 ext. 220 to schedule a qualifying appointment.*

QUALIFYING DOCUMENTS

Special District candidates are required to file the following documents during the official qualifying period:

1. Statement of Financial Interests, Form 1 2019
2. Petition Certification or Pay the Qualifying Fee
3. Candidate Oath, DS-DE 302NP
4. Nickname Affidavit (if applicable)
5. Affidavit of Intent

As a Special District candidate, if you decided to campaign (collect contributions or make expenditures), you must comply with additional paperwork and requirements. For additional information, please contact Kim Hankemeyer at 352-620-3290 ext 220.

We look forward to serving you.