

RUNNING FOR OFFICE OF CDD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

The process to qualify to run for Special District Offices was made a lot simpler as a result of the passage of HB 537, passed during the 2007 State Legislative session.

Candidates are no longer required to appoint a campaign treasurer, designate a campaign depository or file periodic campaign treasurer's reports as required in past elections. However, under these provisions, you are prohibited from collecting, soliciting or accepting any money or contributions in-kind in conjunction with your campaign.

In the event that you later decide to collect, solicit or accept any money or contributions in-kind, or make any campaign expenses (other than paying the qualifying fee), you will be required to file Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Campaign Depository) with the Supervisor of Elections Office. You will then be subject to campaign finance regulations in accordance with Florida Statute 106 and be required to file periodic campaign treasurer's reports as required by Florida Statute 106.

QUALIFYING TO HAVE YOUR NAME PLACED ON THE BALLOT

During the Qualifying Period, a candidate must file **qualifying paperwork**, and depending on which qualification method is used, either a Certificate of Petition, or a check, which can be drawn on a personal account to pay the qualifying fee. **The qualifying period is from Noon, June 16, 2008 – June 20, 2008.**

There are two ways for a candidate to qualify to have their name placed on the ballot - by petition - or by paying a qualifying fee.

BY PETITION

Candidates can start collecting petition signatures at any time, once they have decided to run for office.

In order for a candidate to qualify by petition, they must obtain the signatures of 25 registered voters that reside in the Community Development District.

The deadline to submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections Office is Noon, May 19, 2008.

Once the petitions are submitted, the Supervisor of Elections Office will verify the petition signatures to insure that your petitions were sign by registered voters from your Community Development District. It's a good idea to collect more than the required number of signatures.

Once the verification is complete, if you obtained the required number of signatures, you will receive a certificate from the Supervisor of Elections Office stating you have met the requirements to qualify by the petition method. **You must provide this certificate**

during the qualifying period along with the other required paperwork, or you will have to pay the qualifying fee to have your name placed on the ballot.

BY FEE

During the qualifying period – Noon, June 16, 2008 through Noon, June 20, 2008 the candidate pays a qualifying fee of \$25.00 along with the other required paperwork.

BY WRITE-IN

During the qualifying period, candidate completes all required forms. The name of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot

OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK

During the Qualifying Period, other required paperwork must be filed with the Supervisor of Elections Office. These forms will be provided to filed candidates prior to the qualifying period.

The **Loyalty Oath/Oath of Candidate, DS-DE 24B**, must be completely filled out and filed with the Supervisor of Elections Office during the Qualifying Period.

In the first section of the **Loyalty Oath** , fill in the County name (Hillsborough), then print your name (first, middle, last).

In the **Oath of Candidate** portion, print your name as you want it to appear on the ballot. You cannot use titles such as Doctor or Reverend. Regardless of whether or not you choose to provide a name in this block other than the name in the Loyalty Oath, **you must fill in this space.**

After signing the form in the space designated, provide your **mailing** address, **daytime** phone number and the date the form was signed. It is important to provide accurate contact information on this form in the event we need to contact you concerning your candidacy.

The **Statement of Financial Interest, Form 1**, for 2007 is also required to be filed during the qualifying period.

This form must be filled out completely and **signed**. Instructions for completing this form are contained on page 3 of the form.

Questions? Contact Tim Bridge at 612-4195.