

**PANTHER TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian K. Lamb
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Re: Qualifying Method and Period for Election of Supervisors

There are 2 seats are up for election in the November 4, 2008 General Election. This memo will provide an overview of the instructions for candidacy of the office of CDD Supervisor. Candidates should contact the Supervisor of Elections for Hillsborough County, 601 East Kennedy Blvd. 16th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602 to obtain complete details and a Qualifying Packet. Sample forms are attached and may also be downloaded from the Supervisor of Elections website at www.Votehillsborough.org.

Qualifying Period for the November 2008 elections begins at noon on June 16, 2008 and ends at noon on June 20, 2008. The Notice for elections to be held in 2008 will be published by the District on or before May 31, 2008.

Seats open for the November 2008 election and their term are as follows:

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| Seat 1 Ken Roberts | Term 4 years – to be elected by Landowner Election |
| Seat 2 Andrea Berberat | Term 4 years |
| Seat 3 Anthony Trask | Term 2 years |

Candidates must be a registered voter and a resident of the District. Salary for the position is \$2,400.

The method of Qualifying for the Ballot is by Fee, by Petition or by Write-in as described below. In all qualifying methods, candidates must qualify by seat number.

- **By Fee:**
Qualifying fee is in the amount of \$25.00 is due during the qualifying period – Noon, June 16, 2008 through Noon, June 20, 2008. This must be submitted with other required paperwork.

- **By Petition:**
Candidate must collect the signatures of at least 25 of the District's registered voters as of the last general election (November, 2006). The petition collection period begins January 1, 2008. Deadline to submit petitions are Noon, May 19, 2008. During the qualifying week, the candidate must submit a Certificate of Petition Qualifying and complete paperwork in the Qualifying Packet. There is a signature verification fee of ten cents (10¢) per name.

- By Write-in:
During the Qualifying Period, the candidate completes the required forms. The name of write-in candidates does not appear on the ballot.

Additional requirements to be met by candidates are as follows:

- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE9). This form must be filed before opening a campaign bank account. A candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or signature verification fee may not be required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository. Verify this with the Supervisor of Elections.
- Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE84)
- Loyalty Oath/Oath of Candidate (Form DS-DE24B)
- Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interest in 2007