

# **Qualifying to Run for Office**

## **2014 Qualifying Dates**

Noon, June 16, 2014 - Noon, June 20, 2014

What happens when you go to the Supervisor of Elections office to qualify? You will file a loyalty oath, a financial disclosure Form 1 and either pay the \$25 qualifying fee or file a certification for 25 signatures.

## **Qualifying Fees**

\$25.00 (Unless qualifying by petition)

## **Qualifying by Petition**

In order to qualify by petition and thereby have the qualifying fee waived, a person needs to gather the signatures of 25 qualified voters residing within Heritage Oak Park CDD. The Division of Elections has prescribed the format of the petition, a copy of which is attached.

The deadline to submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections is **Noon, May 19, 2014**. (Candidates must still qualify during the candidate qualifying period). Please note that petitions may be submitted prior to the deadline.

There is a verification fee of \$0.10 per signature to ensure the signers are valid residents within the CDD. Cash is accepted. The Supervisor of Elections recommends bringing your petitions in person.

If you want to campaign, you are permitted to do so as long as you do not expend any funds. If you are going to expend money for signage, business cards, etc., even if it is your own money, you must open a campaign account and will need to file the required forms. You will also need to appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository. If campaigning, signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed his or her appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository.

The District shall publish a notice of the qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections for each election at least two weeks prior to the start of the qualifying period.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more specific information on qualifying by petition.

## **Qualifying Officers**

The Qualifying Officer for Special District Offices is the Supervisor of Elections.

## **Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections**

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## CANDIDATE PETITION

**Notes:** - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.  
- It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes]  
- If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid as a Candidate Petition form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, a registered voter  
(print name as it appears on your voter information card)

in said state and county, petition to have the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete box, as applicable]

☐ Nonpartisan ☐ No party affiliation ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate for the office of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert title of office and include district, circuit, group, seat number, if applicable)

Date of Birth or Voter Registration Number  
(MM/DD/YY)

Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

Signature of Voter

Date Signed (MM/DD/YY)  
[to be completed by Voter]