

2010 LEON COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION SHEET

PRIMARY
AUGUST 24

GENERAL
NOVEMBER 2

ALL OFFICES on this sheet, if contested will be on a 2010 Ballot in LEON COUNTY.

**Candidates for offices listed below qualify and file campaign reports with
the Supervisor of Elections, Leon County, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 110
PO Box 7357, Tallahassee FL 32314-7357 (850) 606-8683**

Qualifying fees for offices listed below are based on the salary as of July 1 immediately preceding the qualifying period, and are therefore, subject to change. All dates listed are also subject to change.

County Commissioner: 4-year terms; non-partisan; *qualifying fee = \$2,880.52; annual salary of \$72,013, elected within single member districts while "At Large" seats are countywide. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. If only two candidates run for a seat, they will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office 2nd Tuesday after general election.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
District 1	Bill Proctor	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	313	391
District 3	John E. Dailey	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	345	431
District 5	Bob Rackleff	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	403	504
At Large (Group 2)	Cliff Thael	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	1,745	2,181

School Board Member: 4-year terms; non-partisan; *qualifying fee = \$1,414.04; annual salary of \$35,351; elected within single member districts. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office 2nd Tuesday after general election.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
District 1	Forrest Van Camp	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	377	471
District 3	Maggie Lewis-Butler	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	298	373
District 5	Georgia Joy Bowen	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	319	399

City Commissioner & Mayor: 4-year terms; non-partisan; *qualifying fee = (1% of annual salary) \$360.05 for Commissioners and \$720.10 for Mayor; annual salary of \$36,004.80 for Commissioners and \$72,009.60 for Mayor; elected citywide. Candidate must reside in city at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office no later than the 17th day after general election.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
Mayor, Seat 4	John Marks	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	1,102	1,378
Seat 3	Debbie Lightsey	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	1,102	1,378
Seat 5	Gil Ziffer	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	1,102	1,378

Ochlockonee River Soil & Water Conservation (ORS&WC) District Supervisor: 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected countywide; appear only on Nov. 2 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. There is no salary for this office. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
District 2	Scott Matteo	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32
District 4	Alexandra Harper	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32

Capital Region Community Development District Supervisor: 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected from within Capital Region CDD residents; appear only on Nov. 2 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. Annual salary = \$2,400. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office 2nd Tuesday after general election.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
Seat 1	Mary Lee Kiracofe	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32
Seat 3	Alan Hanstein	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32
Seat 5	Jorge Gonzalez	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32

Piney-Z Community Development District Supervisor: 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected from within Piney-Z CDD residents; appear only on Nov. 2 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. Annual salary = \$1,200. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 17, 2010 before noon. Takes office 2nd Tuesday after general election.

SEAT	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING DATES	# OF PETITIONS	
			Required	Recommended
Seat 1	Geraldine C. Rudd	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32
Seat 3	Tom Cooper	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32
Seat 5	Richard A. Mergy	Noon, 6/14 – Noon, 6/18/10	25	32

CANDIDATE CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES – 2010 REPORTING DATES

REPORT	DUE DATE	PERIOD COVERED	REPORT	DUE DATE	PERIOD COVERED
2010 Q1	4/12/10	1/1/10 – 3/31/10	2010 G1	9/17/10	8/20/10-9/10/10
2010 F1	7/23/10	4/1/10-7/16/10	2010 G2	10/1/10	9/11/10-9/24/10
2010 F2	8/6/10	7/17/10-7/30/10	2010 G3	10/15/10	9/25/10-10/8/10
2010 F3	8/20/10	7/31/10-8/19/10	2010 G4	10/29/10	10/9/10-10/28/10

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

FILING is the first step in becoming a candidate. (106.021 F.S.). You must be a registered voter in Leon County to run for local public office. Filing allows you to solicit contributions and make expenditures for your campaign and can occur at any time. You must complete an Appointment of Treasurer form and file with the Elections Office **prior to opening your campaign depository**. The Appointment of Treasurer form states:

1. the office you are running for (including seat #),
2. your political party affiliation (except candidates for City Commission, County Commission, Judges, School Board, Supervisor of Elections, CDDs and Water district),
3. what bank your campaign account will be in, and
4. who your treasurer is (can be yourself).

AFTER FILING, your campaign must submit treasurer's reports. Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed. Following the last day of qualifying, reports must be filed on the 32nd, 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the primary election and on the 46th, 32nd, 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the general election. Candidates must file a termination report within 90 days after the date the candidate becomes unopposed, eliminated, withdrawn or elected to office.

Additionally, a candidate has 10 days from the date he or she files the appointment of treasurer to execute a DS-DE 84 "Statement of Candidate" (106.023 F.S.). Judicial Candidates must also turn in a DS-DE 83, "Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office".

PETITIONING is the alternative method to payment of the qualifying fee. (99.095, 99.0955, 99.096, 99.09651 & 99.097 F.S.)

Petitions:

1. must be properly completed and signed by at least 1% of voters eligible to sign petition (only single member district restrictions apply)
2. must be submitted for verification before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of qualifying. For the 2010 fall elections, the petitions must be submitted as follows:
 - **For judicial candidates: March 29, 2010 before noon**
 - **For all other local candidates: May 17, 2010 before noon**
3. there is a fee of 10 cents per petition for verifying signatures, which must be paid upon submission of petitions, or the candidate may file an undue burden oath to waive the cost of verification.

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he or she may still pay the qualifying fee.

QUALIFYING is the final step that allows a candidate to be on the ballot and occurs at the Supervisor of Elections Office as follows:

- **For judicial candidates: NOON, 4/26 – NOON, 4/30/10**
- **For all other local candidates: NOON, 6/14 – NOON, 6/18/10**

The candidate must fill out:

1. Financial Disclosure Form 6 (Form 1 for City Commission, CDDs and ORS&WC)
2. Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party (DS-DE 24 for Candidates with Party Affiliation, DS-DE 24A for Write-In Candidates, DS-DE 24B for Candidates with No Party Affiliation, DS-DE 25 for Non-Partisan Candidates or DS-DE 26 or 26A for Judicial Candidates and Judicial Write-In Candidates).
3. Pay the qualifying fee (6% of annual salary for partisan/4% of annual salary for non-partisan Constitutional or County Commission; 1% for City Commission, \$25.00 for ORS&WC or CDDs candidates) or have petitions certified.

Candidates who do not complete the qualifying process as indicated above prior to the primary election will not be on the ballot!

Candidates for offices listed below file candidacy and qualifying papers, as well as campaign treasurer reports, with the Florida Division of Elections, Room 316, R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, (850) 245-6200.

State & District Offices

Florida Legislature (4-year term for Senate, 2-year term for House of Representatives)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Senate, District 6	Al Lawson (DEM)
House, District 7	Marti Coley (REP)
House, District 8	Alan B. Williams (DEM)
House, District 9	Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda (DEM)

Governor and Cabinet

Governor	(4-year term) Charlie Crist (REP)
Lt. Governor	Jeff Kottkamp (REP)
Attorney General	Bill McCollum (REP)
Commissioner of Agriculture	Charles Bronson (REP)
Chief Financial Officer	Alex Sink (DEM)

Second Judicial Circuit

<u>Circuit Judge</u>	(6-year term) <u>INCUMBENT</u>
Group 5	Jackie Lee Fulford
Group 9	L. Ralph Smith, Jr.
Group 11	Dawn Caloca-Johnson
Group 14	James C. Hankinson
Group 15	Jonathan Sjostrom

Federal Offices (4-year term for Senate, 2-year term for House of Representatives)

<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
House of Representatives, District 2	Allen Boyd (DEM)
House of Representatives, District 4	Ander Crenshaw (REP)
Senate	George LeMieux

Up for merit retention

<u>Supreme Court Justices</u>	<u>1st District Court of Appeal</u>	
Charles T. Canady	Paul M. Hawkes	Charles J. Kahn, Jr.
Ricky Polston	Edward T. Barfield	Philip J. Padovano
James E.C. Perry	Michael E. Allen	Nikki Ann Clark
Jorge Labarga	James R. Wolf	