



NEWS RELEASE

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44 Pinellas County Candidates Qualified

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections confirms **44** candidates completed their qualifying requirements for county office during this week’s qualifying period. Six candidates made ballot position by collecting petition signatures (*); all other candidates paid the designated qualifying fee.

The following candidates qualified this week:

Ken Burke (REP).....Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
 Bob Gualtieri (REP).....Sheriff
 James McLynas (NPA).....Sheriff
 Greg S. Pound (WRI).....Sheriff
 James C. “Jim” Frishe (REP)Property Appraiser
 Mike Twitty (REP)Property Appraiser
 Joseph John Catalano (WRI)Property Appraiser
 Charles W. Thomas (REP)Tax Collector
 Deborah Clark (REP)Supervisor of Elections

Janet C. Long (DEM)Board of County Commissioners, District 1 - At Large
 Mike Mikurak (REP).....Board of County Commissioners, District 3 - At Large
 Charlie Justice (DEM).....Board of County Commissioners, District 3 - At Large
 Karen Seel (REP)Board of County Commissioners, District 5 - Single Member
 Ken Welch (DEM)Board of County Commissioners, District 7 - Single Member

Robert J. Beal (NP).....School Board Member, District 1 - At Large
 Bill Dudley (NP).....School Board Member, District 1 - At Large
 Joanne Lentino (NP)School Board Member, District 1 - At Large
 Matt Stewart (NP)School Board Member, District 1 - At Large
 Eileen Long (NP)School Board Member, District 4 - Single Member
 Ken Peluso (NP)*School Board Member, District 4 - Single Member
 Carol J. Cook (NP)School Board Member, District 5 - Single Member
 Michael A. “Mike” Petruccelli (NP)School Board Member, District 5 - Single Member
 Eliseo Santana (NP)School Board Member, District 5 - Single Member

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Kevin Kenney (NP).....East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 1
Tom McKone (NP)*East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 1
David J. Root (NP).....East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 3
Jason Vargas (NP)East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 3
James Dalrymple (NP)East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 5
Roger Johnson (NP).....East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Seat 5

Ron Kemerer (NP).....Lealman Special Fire Control District, Seat 1
Jay D. Alexander (NP)*Lealman Special Fire Control District, Seat 3
Jorge Mercado (NP).....Lealman Special Fire Control District, Seat 3
Vivian Diane Campbell (NP)*Lealman Special Fire Control District, Seat 5

Norman Atherton (NP)Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District, Seat 1
Casey Cane (NP)Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District, Seat 1
Debbie Buschman (NP).....Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District, Seat 3
Joseph Petrillo (NP)Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District, Seat 5
Kelli Snow (NP)Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District, Seat 5

Lawrence “Larry” G. Schear (NP).....Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, Seat 1
Laura T. Martin (NP)Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, Seat 2
Louis R. Snelling IV (NP).....Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, Seat 5

Scott Roper (NP)*Eastlake Oaks Community Development District, Seat 4
J.R. “Nick” Yagnik (NP)*Eastlake Oaks Community Development District, Seat 4
Joseph Dinelli (NP).....Eastlake Oaks Community Development District, Seat 5

Previously, nine candidates qualified for County Judge (May 2-6):

John D. Carballo.....Group 1
Holly T. Grissinger.....Group 4
Paul LevineGroup 6
Dora Komninos.....Group 8
Curtis “CK” Korsko.....Group 8
Dwight Dudley.....Group 9
Myriam Irizarry.....Group 9
Dorothy Vaccaro.....Group 12
Kathleen “Kathy” T. HessingerGroup 13

The following county races will be included in the August 30 Primary Election:

- **Republican Primary for Property Appraiser**
- **Nonpartisan races for County Judge Group 8 and County Judge Group 9**
- **Nonpartisan races for School Board Member, District 1 - At Large, School Board Member, District 4 - Single Member and School Board Member, District 5 - Single Member**

The August 30 Primary Election ballot will also feature a proposed Constitutional Amendment (No. 4 – Solar Devices or Renewable Energy Source Devices; Exemption From Certain Taxation and Assessment).

Reminder: Florida is a “closed primary” state. Only voters registered with a political party can vote in that party’s Primary Election.

For nonpartisan races, if no candidate wins the majority of the vote in the race (50% plus one vote), the two candidates receiving the most votes will be in a runoff on the November 8 General Election ballot. All special district races will appear on the November 8 General Election ballot. Unopposed candidates will not appear on the ballot.

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Statewide, the qualifying period for all federal, state, multicounty, county and special district candidates began at noon Monday (June 20) and ended at noon today (June 24). Candidates for federal, state and multicounty offices qualify with the Division of Elections: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/>.

For information on Pinellas County candidates and the August 30 Primary Election, visit VotePinellas.com.

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Note: NPA = No Party Affiliation; NP = Nonpartisan; WRI = Write-In candidate