

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS  
CITY ELECTION  
MARCH 20, 2018  
FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 3 AND 5

Following is general information for anyone interested in running for election for the office of Council Member in Districts 1, 3 and 5.

Election packets are available at the office of the City Clerk. Please contact Debbie Filipek, City Clerk, at 239-949-6262 or email: [debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org](mailto:debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org) to schedule an appointment to obtain a packet and discuss filing procedures.

A candidate may **announce** his or her candidacy at any time; however, before making any expenditure or accepting any contributions, or obtaining petition signatures, the candidate must file an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Depository (Form DS-DE 9) with the City Clerk. Candidates must be residents and registered voters in the City for a minimum of six months preceding commencement of office and must reside in the district they represent during their incumbency.

In order for a candidate to be qualified to run, the following completed items must be received by the City Clerk, **no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 12, 2018:**

- ✓ Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Depository (Form DS-DE 9)
- ✓ Oath of Candidate (Form DS-DE 25)
- ✓ Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests (CE Form 1)
- ✓ Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84)
- ✓ Filing fee: A campaign check in the amount of \$508.41. In lieu of paying a filing fee, candidates may qualify via the petition method, by collecting 1% of signatures of the registered voters in the district the candidate is seeking as of the last municipal election. For a candidate in District 1, the candidate will need at least 55 verified signatures. For District 3, a candidate will need at least 55 verified signatures. For District 5, a candidate will need at least 40 verified signatures. The petitions must be verified with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office **no later than** December 11, 2017. The Elections Office will verify the petitions for 10¢ per signature, and a campaign check must be made payable to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office for the total number of petitions submitted to the Elections office. The petitions must be taken to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office located at 2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida.
- ✓ Assessment fee: A campaign check in the amount of \$169.47.

Please contact Debbie Filipek for further information, or if you would like to schedule an appointment.