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GENERAL ELECTION 2021– Qualifying week is fast approaching for the 2021 General Election. The 2021 General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, and will include City Council District 3 and 5. Qualifying for the 2021 General Election cycle begins Monday, Jun. 7 at noon and ends on Friday, Jun. 11 at noon.

To become a **qualified candidate**, you must complete the following:

1. File **Form DS-DE 9**
2. File **Form DS-DE 84**, Statement of Candidate, **within ten days of filing Form DS-DE 9** (F.S. 106.023). By filing this form the candidate acknowledges they have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S., a copy of which is included in the Candidate Packet.
3. Submit **CE Form 1**, Statement of Financial Interests (F.S. 99.061(5) & 112.3145(2)(a)).
4. Subscribe to a candidate's oath in writing by filing **Form DS-DE 302NP**, Candidate Oath - Nonpartisan Office (F.S. 99.021(1)(a)).
5. Pay an **election assessment fee** equal to 1% of the salary of the office being sought (must be paid prior to the end of the qualifying period) (F.S. 99.093 (1)).
6. During the qualifying period obtain the signatures on the prescribed **petition form** of at least 25, but not more than 50, registered voters who reside within the district for which election is sought (City Charter).

NOTE: The petition form must be obtained from the City Clerk's Office during the week of May 31st (offices closed Memorial Day) and will only be provided to individuals who have completed items 1 through 5 above.

Candidate packets for the 2021 City General Election are now available through the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 326 West Marion Avenue. For more information or questions regarding qualifying, please contact Karen Smith, City Clerk, at (941) 575-3369 or email pgclerk@cityofpuntagordafl.com.

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