



Qualifying Candidate
Election Information
for the
2023 Special Election

- Qualifying takes place at City Hall, August 15, 2023, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., on August 16, 2023, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., and on August 17, 2023, from 8:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.
- Qualifying fees are \$90 for City Council Members.

The forms below are included in this qualifying packet. Those with red text indicate they need to be filed when you qualify or shortly after. Any others can be filed later or may not be needed at all.

- Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit *(submit when qualifying)*
- Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions Form (Form DOI) *(submit when qualifying)*
- Registration Form for a Candidate's Campaign Committee (Form RC)
- Affidavit of a Candidate's Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500 in Contributions and/or Expenditures *(submit when qualifying, if applicable)*
- Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR)
- Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFD) *(incumbents submit within 15 days of qualifying)*
- Two Business Days Report of Contributions Received (TBD)
- Campaign Contribution Disclosure Final Report & Termination Statement

Signature

Date



CITY OF RINCON

302 South Columbia Ave. • P.O. Box 232
Rincon, GA 31326
Phone: (912) 826-5745

Campaign signs in the Right of Way

Campaign signs are not allowed in the City right-of-way, on government property (City, County, State), or in the DOT right-of-way. In an effort to eliminate issues within this area, please place all campaign signs behind the line of the Georgia Power poles. In the past, we have realized that when these signs are placed in the right-of-way, it makes grass cutting for the City very difficult, and this is a violation of the City of Rincon sign ordinance. Please refrain from placing these signs in the right-of-way areas; however, if we see any signs in those areas, they will be removed and taken to our Utility Shop located at Prosperity Drive behind Lowes. If the signs are not picked up within 10 days they will be destroyed.

Campaign signs can be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner.

I _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand this information. I also agree that I will adhere to these guidelines as notated above.

Signature

Date

CANDIDATE FORMS & DISCLOSURES



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& Campaign Finance Commission

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DOI

Declaration of Intention
to Accept Contributions

RC

Registration Form for
a Candidate's Campaign
Committee

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Choosing the Option of
Separate Accounting

PIN APP

Electronic Filing Access
Code Application

CCDR

Campaign Contribution
Disclosure Statement

FR&TS

Final Report &
Termination Statement

PFDS

Personal Financial
Disclosure Statement

TBD

Two Business
Day Report

Local Filing Officer

Individual a candidate for a county or municipal office files with. Usually the city clerk or elections superintendent.

FORMS

Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30(g)

- Must be filed **PRIOR** to accepting contributions.
- A candidate's personal funds expended for their campaign, except for payment of a qualifying fee, are considered campaign contributions.
- A new form must be filed if there is a break in office or if accepting contributions for a different office.
- County and Municipal candidates file this form with their local filing officer. All other candidates file with the Commission.

Registration Form for a Campaign Committee

Reference: O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-3(2); 21-5-30(b)

- This form registers a candidate's campaign committee.
- A committee is required only if a candidate designates someone to file reports, accept money, or expend money on behalf of the campaign.
- A Chairperson and Treasurer are required to form a committee; however, they can be the same person and can be the candidate. If either position is vacant, the committee cannot accept contributions.
- The committee registration will remain in effect until the registration is canceled by the committee or the candidate.
- Filed with the Commission

Choosing the Option of Separate Accounting

Reference: O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-43(a)(2); 21-5-30 (c)

- Permits candidates to accept contributions for multiple elections within an election cycle. Thus, a candidate may accept contributions for the general election in an election cycle even if the primary election has not occurred.
- A candidate must designate what election the contribution is accepted for on the applicable CCDR.
- Contributions received for a future election cannot be expended until the current election has occurred.
- If a candidate does not qualify or participate in a future election in an election cycle, the contributions received for the future election must be returned to contributors pro-rata.
- Filed with the Commission

Electronic Filing Access Code Application

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34.1(a)

- Used for identification purposes for local and state candidates.
- Filed with the Commission.

DISCLOSURES

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34

- A CCDR is a report filed by a candidate or campaign committee that discloses all contributions received and expenditures made during a reporting period.
- Six reports are due in an election year and two reports are due in a nonelection year. Filing Schedule is found at O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c).
- \$125 late fee is assessed when a report is filed late. However, there is a five-day grace period.
- Local candidates may be exempt from filing CCDRs if they file an Affidavit of Exemption and meet certain criteria.
- Candidates for any state or state-wide office must file electronically with the Commission and candidates for county and municipal offices file with their local filing officer.

Final Report & Termination Statement

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34 (m)

- A FR&TS is a statement submitted with the campaign's final CCDR.
- It is filed by all campaigns within 10 days of the dissolution of the campaign.
- The Statement must identify the termination date as well as the person responsible for maintaining campaign records as required by the Act.
- To qualify to file a FR&TS, the filer must have a zero net balance, zero debt, and not be seeking or holding the office.
- Candidates for any state or state-wide office must file electronically with the Commission and candidates for county and municipal offices file with their local filing officer.

Personal Financial Disclosure Statement

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50

- A PFDS is a statement filed by a candidate or public official in which the filer discloses information about financial activity for the preceding calendar year.
- A statement must be filed each year, even if information does not change.
- If running for a state-wide position additional information is required to be reported.
- No grace period and a \$125 late fee is assessed when a statement is filed after the due date.
- Candidates for any state or state-wide office must file electronically with the Commission and candidates for county and municipal offices file with their local filing officer.

Two Business Day Report

Reference: O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34 (c)(2)(C)

- A TBD is a report used to report individual contributions (including loans) of \$1,000.00 or more received between the date of the last CCDR due prior to the date the election for which the candidate has qualified and the date of such election.
- These contributions must be reported within two business days of receipt.
- This contribution must also be reported on the next scheduled CCDR.
- Candidates for any state or state-wide office must file electronically with the Commission and candidates for county and municipal offices file with their local filing officer.
- No grace period and a \$125 late fee is assessed when a statement is filed after the due date.

Georgia Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Commission

200 Piedmont Ave. SE, Suite 1416-West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: 404 463 1980 Website: www.ethics.ga.gov

YOU ARE QUALIFYING FOR THE CITY OF RINCON SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE 12/31/2025. Initials _____

TO: _____
Superintendent of Elections
of _____ County/Municipality
State of Georgia

**NOTICE OF CANDIDACY AND AFFIDAVIT
(COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY)**

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, do depose and say my name is _____

my residence address is _____
(Street Number) (Street)
(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

my post office address is _____

my telephone number is _____
(Business) (Home)

my profession, business, or occupation (if any) is _____

the name of my precinct is _____; I am an elector of the county/municipality of my residence eligible to vote in the election in which I am a candidate; the name of the office I am seeking is _____

_____ (Circuit, District, or Post if Applicable); my date of birth is _____; as of the general election for this office,

I will have been a legal resident of the State of Georgia for _____ consecutive years; a legal resident of _____ county for _____ consecutive years; a legal resident of my district (if applicable) for _____ consecutive years; and a legal resident of my circuit (if applicable) for _____ consecutive years; I am a citizen of the United States;

I am eligible to hold such office; that I am a candidate for such office in the _____ (Election) to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20_____;

I have never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence under the laws of this State, any other State, or of the United States, or, if so convicted that my civil rights have been restored; and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; I am not a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law (pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, Sec. II, paragraph III); I will not knowingly violate any provisions of the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2) or of the rules or regulations adopted thereunder.

I understand that any false statement knowingly made by me in this Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit will subject me to criminal penalties as provided by law and I hereby request you to cause my name to be placed on the ballots to be used in such election as a candidate for the office I am seeking.

(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires _____

(Required by Ga. Election Code O.C.G.A. § 21.2.132.)

I desire that my name appear on the ballot as follows (the surname of the candidate shall be as it appears on the candidate's voter registration card):

Should I be elected, I desire that my name appear on official documents as follows:

(Please Print)

(Please Print)

Check only one

1. I am running in a special election for a partisan office and my party affiliation is _____.

I am running as a nonpartisan candidate.

I am running as an independent candidate.

I am running to be the nominee of the _____ Party (Body) nominated by:

Convention;

Other (Specify method of nomination and statute and party rule governing and allowing such method of nomination):

2. I am required to file the above Notice followed by a nomination petition containing at least _____

valid signatures due _____.

I am not required to submit a nomination petition pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, because I am:

Running as a nonpartisan candidate.

Running as an incumbent.

Running in a special election.

Running for a state-wide office nominated by a duly constituted political body convention.

3. I hereby tender check/money order in the amount of \$ _____.

NAME OF BANK: _____

CHECK NUMBER: _____

In the event that a candidate pays his or her qualifying fee with a check that is subsequently returned for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall automatically find that such candidate has not met the qualifications for holding the office being sought, unless the bank, credit union, or other financial institution returning the check certifies in writing by an officer's or director's oath that the bank, credit union, or financial institution erred in returning the check as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-6(d).

I hereby file a Pauper's Affidavit, accompanied by a qualifying petition as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(g), in

lieu of paying the qualifying fee.

NOTE: CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES MUST FILE AN ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LISTED CODE SECTION AND MAY HAVE OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO BE QUALIFIED TO SEEK OFFICE. CANDIDATES SHOULD REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THEY OFFER FOR ELECTION CAREFULLY.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
SHERIFF
CORONER
TAX RECEIVER
TAX COLLECTOR
TAX COMMISSIONER

O.C.G.A. § 15-6-50(b)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2(a)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 15-16-1(c)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 45-16-1(b)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2)
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2)

Initials _____



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 200 Piedmont Avenue S.E. | Suite 1416 - West Tower | Atlanta Georgia, 30334

DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO ACCEPT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (FORM DOI) – COUNTY/MUNICIPAL LEVEL FILERS

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED • If form is handwritten, it must be legible.

1	Today's Date: _____	
2	Candidate (full name): _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone (optional): _____ Email: _____	
3	Name County/City: _____ Name of Office Sought or Held: _____ (include office, district, post, or judicial seat)	Party Affiliation (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other
4	Next Election Year: _____	

Complete sections 5 and 6 ONLY if you have a campaign committee.
 This information does not register a campaign committee. (Please use Form RC to register.)

5	Campaign Committee Chairperson (full name): _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____	
6	Treasurer (full name): _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____	

I CERTIFY THAT THIS STATEMENT IS COMPLETE, TRUE AND ACCURATE.

 Signature of Candidate _____
 Date

STATE OF GEORGIA

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission
200 Piedmont Ave SE, Suite 1402-West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

AFFIDAVIT OF A CANDIDATE'S INTENT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 IN CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR EXPENDITURES

Per O.C.G.A. §21-5-34(d)(d.1)(1),

_____ is a candidate for /public officer of
(Full Name of Candidate)

_____ in _____
(Office Sought/or Held) (City or County)

By submitting this form I am affirming that I, the above named candidate, do not intend to accept during this election cycle* a combined total of contributions exceeding \$2,500.00 for the campaign nor make a combined total of expenditures exceeding \$2,500. If the above named candidate does not exceed \$2,500.00 in contributions or expenditures then the candidate SHALL not have to file a report under O.C.G.A. §21-5-34 (c).

I understand that if I, the above named candidate, exceed the \$2,500 limit for either accepting contributions or making expenditures for such campaign during the election cycle, but do not accept a combined total of contributions exceeding \$5,000.00 or make expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 then I, the above named candidate, SHALL be required to file only the June 30 and December 31 reports required by O.C.G.A. §21-5-34 (c) (2). The first of such reports shall include all contributions received and expenditures made beginning January 1 of such calendar year.

Furthermore, I understand that if I, the above named candidate accepts a combined total of contributions exceeding \$5,000.00 or makes expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 for such campaign during any such election cycle, then such candidate or campaign committee chairperson or treasurer shall thereupon be subject to the reporting requirements of this Code section the same as if the written notice authorized by this subsection had not been filed.

**Election cycle" means the period from the day following the date of an election or appointment of a person to elective public office through and including the date of the next such election of a person to the same public office and shall be construed and applied separately for each elective office.

State of Georgia County of _____
I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do swear or affirm, certify and say that this affidavit and the information hereinabove is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Sworn to and subscribed before me on _____
Signature of Notary Public Signature of Candidate/Chairman/Treasurer filing Affidavit
My Commission expires on _____
Notary Seal