



Kristen J. Bryant
Interim City Clerk

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Dear Candidate:

Welcome to the election process of the City of Gainesville. Enclosed you will find your election packet which includes forms, due dates, and reference materials to assist you during the next few months. As you are aware our City Election will be held on August 24, 2024 and a Run-Off(if needed) on November 8, 2024. Three seats are becoming available, City Commissioner District 1, City Commissioner At Large, Seat A, and City Commissioner At Large, Seat B.

The City of Gainesville City Commission is composed of six commissioners and a mayor. The seven Commissioners, including the Mayor, are elected for staggered terms.

The Commission is vested with all legislative powers and its members are the community's decision makers. The Commission meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday at 10:00 am to hold public hearings and make policy decisions regarding municipal business and services. The City of Gainesville Commission promotes open access to and participation in City government processes, ensuring a quality community with a safe and attractive environment.

In addition to regular Commission meetings, there are General Policy Committee Meetings, Joint City/UAB, Joint City/Alachua County Commission meetings, budget workshops during the spring and two public hearings for review of the annual budget in September in addition to other special meetings and workshops.

The mayor will appoint each commissioner as a liaison or member to one or more advisory boards. City advisory boards usually meet once or twice per month. Commissioners serve on various county and regional boards including, but not limited to the Regional Planning Council, Alachua County League of Cities, Oversight Advisory Board, Tourist Development Council and Water Policy Committee.

Compensation for the Mayor and Commissioners is contained in Article II, Section 2-66 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances. As of this 2023 calendar year, the Mayor receives \$51,400 yearly and the Commissioners receive \$40,386 yearly, paid biweekly. The City also provides enrollment in the city retirement system as well as other optional benefits.

We urge all candidates and their staff to keep in mind that it is always easier to avoid a problem than it is to solve one. Please call our office or the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office before taking any action regarding your campaign when you are not certain of the laws or requirements. The City Clerk's office is always available for questions and assistance. The Clerk is the qualifying officer for the City

elections. The qualifying period for the August election opens at noon, Monday, June 10, 2024, and closes at noon, Friday, June 14, 2024 and we will contact you to schedule appointments for qualifying beginning April 2024. Qualifying will be held in the City Clerk's Office located at 200 East University Avenue, First Floor.

I hope this answers some of your questions about the City Commission and helps to prepare you for participation in this exciting process. Thank you for your commitment to serve the City of Gainesville.

Sincerely,



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