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To: Candidates for City Election
From: Glenda Ferguson, Election Superintendent for Municipal & County Elections
Subject: Candidate Packet
Date: August 2023

Congratulations on your decision to become a candidate for the Municipal General Election on November 7, 2023. The enclosed is information that will aid you in the process. Should you have any questions, we will make every effort to assist you.

However, it is imperative that you visit the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (formerly The State Ethics Commission) website @ <http://ethics.ga.gov> to inquire and/or familiarize yourself with what is required of you as a candidate. Also, two other tools of reference are Georgia Municipal Association, <https://www.gacities.com/Home.aspx> and a candidate training guide is available on the Secretary of State's website: <https://sos.ga.gov/candidate-resouces-qualifying-public-office>
DO NOT campaign or collect campaign funds until you have read necessary materials on these websites. There are forms that are necessary for processing prior to doing so.

The packet consists of the following items:

- 1) Declaration of Intent form – to be filed with the municipal filing clerk prior to collecting any contributions (new candidates only. Incumbents only need file one for the stay in office).
https://ethics.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2020_FormDOI-rev-2.12.2020-LOCAL.pdf
- 2) Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit. (Due and accepted only during the hours of qualifying: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. August 21-24, 2023, August 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Board of Election office, 96 Academy Avenue). (Qualifying fees made payable to the City of Dawsonville)
<https://sos.ga.gov/candidate-resouces-qualifying-public-office>
- 3) \$2500 Affidavit of Exemption:
http://ethics.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016-Candidate_Affidavit_of_Exemption.pdf
- 4) Personal Financial Disclosure Form (due 15 days within Qualifying)
http://ethics.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2014-PFD-Personal-Financial-Disclosure-Statement_writable.pdf
- 5) 2023 Calendar of Elections (see attached)
<https://firefly.sos.ga.gov/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fDocuments%2fState%20Elections%20Calendar%2f2023&FolderCTID=0x012000B8770D4153E69F438EF29ED17E9BA125>
- 6) City/County Sign Ordinance (contact respective offices for current ordinances)

Thank you for letting the Board of Elections & Registration serve you.

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