

Legislative #

210370

1 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission discussed this Special Election at its Regular Meeting on
2 September 2, 2021 and approved certain dates for qualifying, early voting, the election and a
3 run-off election, if necessary; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sections 9-4 and 9-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville provide
5 that special elections shall be ordered by a resolution of the City Commission instructing the
6 Mayor to issue a proclamation calling the special election, with such proclamation published in
7 a newspaper of general circulation at least 30 days prior to the special election.

8 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE,**
9 **FLORIDA:**

10 **SECTION 1.** The Mayor of the City of Gainesville, Florida, shall issue a proclamation calling a
11 special election on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, to allow the registered electors of the City of
12 Gainesville to vote to elect a City Commissioner (At-Large B) to serve for a term of office ending
13 when a successor in office is elected and qualified after the regular election held in 2024.

14 **SECTION 2.** Any person who meets the eligibility requirements described in Article II of the
15 Charter may become a candidate for the office of City Commissioner (At-Large B) by filing the
16 necessary qualifying papers as provided in Florida Statutes with the Supervisor of Elections, at
17 any time after noon on Monday, September 20, 2021, but not later than noon on Friday,
18 September 24, 2021. Provided, however, as a condition precedent to having their name printed
19 on the ballot for the Special Election such person shall pay to the Supervisor of Elections the
20 election assessment imposed by Section 99.093(1), Florida Statutes, or be exempted from such
21 payment of assessment pursuant to the provisions of Section 99.093(2), Florida Statutes. Any
22 person who is seeking election as a write-in candidate shall not be required to pay a filing fee or
23 submit a petition. A write-in candidate shall not be entitled to have their name printed on any

1 ballot; however, space for their name to be written in shall be provided on the ballot. No
2 person may qualify as a write-in candidate if the person has also otherwise qualified for
3 nomination or election to such office. All write-in candidates must submit their qualifying
4 paperwork to the Supervisor of Elections by the end of the qualifying period set out above.

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6 **SECTION 3.** The City Clerk is authorized to publish the proclamation and notice of the Special
7 Election as prescribed by law.

8 **SECTION 4.** This resolution shall become effective immediately.

9 **PASS AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of September, 2021.

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LAUREN POE
MAYOR

Attest:

Approved as to form and legality:

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