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MEMORANDUM

To: City of Gainesville

From: Supervisor of Elections, Alachua County

Looking towards the 2012 Elections Calendar, the date for the Presidential Preference Primary remains unknown at this time. However, other dates of note are already fixed by statute. F.S. 103.101 (3) provides that the names to appear on the ballot will be furnished to the Supervisor of Elections offices "no later than the third Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the presidential preference primary." For 2012, this would be November 22nd 2011. On receipt of this information from the state, our office will begin preparation of the ballot.

In order to accommodate the City of Gainesville Election sharing ballot space, we will need the list of City Candidates in hand for ballot preparation. For this reason, the City Qualifying will need to conclude no later than November 22nd 2011. If the City wishes to conduct a Monday-Friday qualifying period, Monday November 14th- Friday November 18th would be the last full week prior to this deadline.

Should the State Committee established by F.S. 103.101 (1) (a) select a date prior to January 31st 2012, the State will need to review its own laws and resolve potential conflicts with deadlines from various statutes. In this event, we will notify the City as soon as we are made aware what resolution the State comes to, and what conflicts it may cause with the City schedule.