

## Scott Farrington qualifies for Supervisor of Elections and shows he has momentum

Farrington campaign submitted 120 percent of the required signatures to qualify for the race and raised over \$45,0000 in 2 months

**BRADENTON, FLA.** (June 14, 2024) – The campaign to elect <u>Scott Farrington</u> as Manatee County's next Supervisor of Elections announces that he is officially qualified for the August 20th Primary Election.

Scott qualified by submitting the signed petitions of 3,675 registered Manatee County voters, 869 more than the required 2,806 petitions for a countywide race. Qualifying by signature petition is rare for countywide candidates, and Scott is the only countywide candidate in Manatee to avoid the filing fee for this fall's races, demonstrating local voters' preference for the candidate who is most qualified to oversee local elections. Constitutional office candidates who did not qualify by petition were subject to a \$10,113 qualifying fee. Write-in candidates are not subject to the qualifying fee.

"The majority of the petitions were gathered in just three weeks," Scott says. "With the help of dozens of volunteers we collected these petitions by going door to door, at markets, music events, a parade and any place people were gathered."

Scott says the appointment of the current Supervisor of Elections struck a nerve with Manatee County voters, many of whom actively helped gather signatures. Farrington's campaign notes that while many of the signatures were gathered at public events, a remarkable 700 people made the effort to mail in their petitions. Dozens of campaign volunteers helped collect between 50 and 100 petitions apiece.

This community support was also shown in the fundraising that Scott was able to accomplish during April and May. He raised more than \$45,000 with a broad coalition of support from past and present elected officials, local leaders and business owners.

"This kind of enthusiasm is really unusual and happened because Manatee County voters want to trust their elections," Scott said. "I am truly humbled and inspired by the hard work of so many people that made this possible. I would never have come this far by myself."

The end of qualifying also included a write-in candidate in the Supervisor of Elections race. This new write-in closes the Primary election to all but Republican voters.

"We were expecting a write-in to close the primary, it has become a common tactic taken by those candidates who don't believe they can win the support of *ALL* the voters," Scott said. "If you wish to vote in this primary race or other Manatee County Primary races, make sure you are registered to vote as a Republican by going to RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov."

The deadline to register or change parties is July 22nd.

Scott Farrington is a Certified Elections Administrator and Master Florida Certified Election Professional. During 20-plus years working in the elections offices of both Sarasota and Manatee counties, Scott has overseen 75-plus elections, including Presidential and Gubernatorial cycles, special, and municipal elections using professional standards in elections administration.

He is dedicated to running elections in a secure, accurate, and transparent manner. Voters can learn more about Scott or contribute to his campaign by visiting <a href="https://www.votescottfarrington.com">www.votescottfarrington.com</a>

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