

## CITY OF TUCSON 2021 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

## **INFORMATION UPDATE 2021-02**

**TO:** Candidates, Political Parties and Political Committees

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**FROM:** Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

From time to time, this office distributes information regarding campaign finance and other election related issues that may be of interest to you. We encourage you to contact the City Clerk's Office with any questions you have regarding these issues.

## **E-Qual Online Nomination Petition Filing System**

On Thursday, March 4th, the City Clerk's Office finalized coordination with the Secretary of State's Office for City of Tucson candidates to use their online nomination petition filing system.

This system will allow candidates to access the State portal to establish an account and create their nomination petition using the City of Tucson Primary template. Once created, candidates are given a direct link to their petition they can provide electors.

Qualified electors can either use the direct link to go to the portal, or, go to the Secretary of State website and access the portal where they can select the candidate whose petition they wish to sign and sign the petition electronically.

Signatures collected through the online portal are immediately verified against the voter registration database and if valid are placed on the candidate's petition. Since they are automatically verified as being valid, a candidate may only receive the minimum number of signatures required for nomination through the online portal.

Candidates may also supplement their online signatures with those collected on hard copy petitions. At the time of filing hard copy petitions with the City Clerk, the candidate must close their online petition since all petitions must be filed at the same time.

Attached to this update are the instructions for logging into the online portal, creating an account and petition and how to file those petitions. City Clerk staff will be available to provide assistance and walk candidates through the process.

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk, at 791-4213 or e-mail cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov.