




LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

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CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FILE COVER SHEET

☒ ORIGINAL

☐ REVISED

Candidate Name	JAMES MERRITT		
Voter Registration ID #	111 288 234		
Residence Address	23203 FOXBERY LAKE		
City and Zip Code	ESTERO, FLORIDA 34135		
Mailing Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as above.		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if different from residence.
Telephone Number(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daytime (list below)	OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate (list below)
	239-405-1944		239-947-1633
Campaign Email Address	* jmerrittsw@gmail.com		
Campaign Website			
Office Sought	* BROOKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Area, District, Group or <u>Seat #</u>	* Seat #2		
<p>➔ Judicial, School Board, and Special District Offices such as Community Development, Fire, Lee Health System, Library and Mosquito Control are non-partisan offices. A candidate for these offices, must indicate "non-partisan" on the line below.</p> <p>➔ A candidate for a Constitutional Office or County Commission may file partisan or "No Party Affiliation" (NPA) and shall indicate a political party affiliation or "No Party Affiliation" on the line below.</p>			
➔ Political Party for Office Sought	* BROOKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #1 SEAT #2 non partisan		
Incumbent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of Birth	3/24/1941		
Candidate Signature & Date	 6/1/2024		

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections posts all candidate-qualifying documents and campaign finance reports on its website www.lee.vote or visit the following link: <https://www.lee.vote/Candidates/Archived-Candidate-Lists>. Under Florida Law, a candidate's campaign-contact information, such as address, telephone number, and email address are available to the public. If you have questions or need more information about becoming a candidate for public office, please call (239) LEE-VOTE (239-533-8683) and ask for the Qualifying Department.

CANDIDATE OATH**NONPARTISAN OFFICE**

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)
Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

☐ Write-in candidate

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

Name to appear on ballot: JAMES MERIETTI

Check box if two last names without hyphen. ☐ (Name cannot be changed after qualifying.)

Check box if name includes nickname. ☐ (For use of a nickname, you must complete the Nickname Affidavit on reverse side.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of BROOKS of Bonita Springs
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (Office) 1 (District #)

2 (Circuit #) 2 (Group or Seat #); I am a qualified elector of LEE County, Florida

I am a qualified elector under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties

I owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties, that cumulatively exceed \$250, for ethics or campaign finance violations (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.).

YES, I Do ☐ NO, I Do Not ☒

If you do, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on the reverse side.

X J. Meriotti (239) 405-1944 jmeriottsw@gmail.com
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address
23203 Peacherry Lane Estero FL 34135
Address of Legal Residence City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

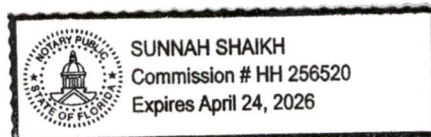
COUNTY OF LEE

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of
online notarization ☐ OR physical presence ☒
this 11 day of JUNE, 2024.

Personally Known ☐ OR Produced Identification ☒
Type of Identification Produced: FL DL

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:





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Affidavit of Intent Special District Candidates

A special district candidate is prohibited from financing ANY PORTION OF his/her campaign with personal funds except as provided in this affidavit.

State of Florida
County of Lee

I, JAMES MERRILL am a candidate for the independent special
(print name)

district office of:

BROOKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #1 SUPERVISOR SECT #2
(include district name AND .district, seat, area or group #)

in the **November 5, 2024 General Election**. I declare that my only campaign expense, from personal funds, shall be the \$25 candidate-qualifying fee *OR* the signature verification fee for candidates who qualify by the candidate-petition method by submitting the valid signatures of 25 registered voters residing within the District boundaries.

Provided that this is my only campaign expense, I will not be required to: appoint a campaign treasurer, designate a campaign depository or file periodic campaign treasurer's reports as required by Florida Statutes §99.061 or §106.07. I understand that I am prohibited from expending, collecting, soliciting, or accepting any money or contribution(s) in-kind, in connection with my campaign.

In the event I later decide to, collect, solicit, or accept any money or contribution(s) in-kind, or make any additional campaign expense, I understand that prior to doing so, I am required to file Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Campaign Depository Form) with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. My campaign shall then be subject to campaign finance regulations in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 106 and I will be required to file periodic campaign treasurer's reports, as required by Florida Statute §106.07, with the Florida Division of Elections.

X J. Merrill
Signature of Candidate

6/11/2024
Date

FS 106.021(1)(a) No person shall accept any contribution or make any expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination, election, or retention in public office, or authorize another to accept such contributions or make such expenditure on the person's behalf, unless such person has appointed a campaign treasurer and designated a primary campaign depository.



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TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE AGREEMENT

Would you like to receive text message reminders from Lee County Supervisor of Elections (Lee County SOE) about your Campaign Financial Reports and notifications? The Lee County SOE is offering a reminder service by text message to your cell phone. This service is optional. You will continue to receive notices by mail and/or email regardless of whether you choose to receive text messages.

We will not send you text messages without your consent. Text messages are not confidential – anyone who uses your cell phone or who has access to it might see the text messages. Communication service providers used by you or Lee County SOE may also be able to see these messages. Text message charges may apply depending on your text message plan. Therefore, the Lee County SOE will not send you text messages without your permission.

By signing this Text Messaging Service Agreement, you are authorizing the Lee County SOE to send you text messages regarding reports due, important dates and other information pertaining to your account.

You may stop this service by texting STOP to any message or by calling the Qualifying Department.

I understand that this service is optional and I can STOP it at any time.

I would like to receive text messages from Lee County SOE.



YES



NO

Printed Name	JAMES MERRITT	Date	6/11/2024
Office Sought	Brooks Community Developed District #1 - SUPERVISOR Seat # 2		
Cell Phone Number	(239) 405-1944	User ID #	OFFICE USE
Signature	J. Merritt		

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**VERIFICATION AND RECEIPT OF SUBMISSION
TO THE ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILING SYSTEM**

This Verification and Receipt of Submission acknowledges that the Commissions on Ethics received a submission through its electronic financial disclosure filing system.

Filer Name: James Arthur Merritt
Filer PID #: 98304

Date Filed: 6/8/2024
Disclosure Received: 2023 Statement of Financial Interests
Filing ID: 964618

Receipt Print Date: 6/8/2024

The foregoing is a true and accurate depiction of information contained in the electronic financial disclosure filing system held by the Florida Commission on Ethics.

This Verification and Receipt of Submission complies with Sections 112.3144(4) and 112.3145(2)(c), Florida Statutes, and, in accordance with those statutes, it may be presented to any qualifying officer by an incumbent in an elective office or any candidate holding another position subject to an annual filing requirement.

This Verification and Receipt of Submission is not a certification that the form submitted is complete or that the information entered in the form by the filer is true or correct. This Verification and Receipt of Submission is system generated, is created automatically, and its issuance does not indicate that the submission by the filer has been reviewed by Commission staff.

To see the filer's disclosure, visit <https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/PublicSearch/Filings>. For questions regarding this Verification and Receipt of Submission, please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics at (850) 488-7864.

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

Filed with COE: 06/08/2024

General Information

Name: James Arthur Merritt

Address: 23203 Foxberry Ln, Bonita Spgs, FL 34135

PID 98304

County: Lee

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization	Suborganization	Title
Brooks of Bonita Springs CDD	Board of Supervisors	Chair

Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 .

Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity
N/A		

Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source
N/A			

Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/Description
N/A

Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates
US Treasuries	Personal acct.
Annuity, Stocks, Bonds, CDs, Checking acct. .	Personal assets, managed by Broker (Morgia Wealth Mgmt.)
Bank accts. First Horizon - Fifth/Third	Personal accts.

Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor
Residential mortgage - Roundpoint Mortgage	P.O. Box 19409 Charlotte, NC 28219-9409

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1
N/A

Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

Signature of Filer

James Arthur Merritt

Digitally signed: 06/08/2024

Filed with COE: 06/08/2024



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08-15-2023

Canvassing Board Meeting Dates – August 20, 2024, Primary Election

Logic and Accuracy Testing of the Tabulating Equipment or Voting Machines used at Early Voting and Election Day Precincts, and the Tabulating Equipment used for Vote-by-Mail Ballots:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Wednesday, 07-24-24 at 9 AM

Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- 9 AM Each Meeting (see below)
- Friday, 07-26-24 • Monday, 07-29-24 • Wednesday, 07-31-24
- Friday, 08-02-24 • Monday, 08-05-24 • Wednesday, 08-07-24
- Friday, 08-09-24 • Monday, 08-12-24 • Wednesday, 08-14-24
- Friday, 08-16-24 • Monday, 08-19-24

Election Day

Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots and Receive Preliminary Election Night Results:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Tuesday, 08-20-24
 - 9 AM, NOON, 3 PM, and 5 PM until finished

Canvass of Provisional Ballots, Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots, Submit 1st Unofficial Results, Submit Official Results, Certify the Election:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Friday, 08-23-24 at 8 AM

Post-Election Automated Independent Audit:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Monday, 08-26-24 at 9 AM

In the event of a machine or manual recount, the additional dates of 08-24-24 through 08-28-24 will apply.

Canvassing Board Meeting Dates – November 5, 2024, General Election

Logic and Accuracy Testing of the Tabulating Equipment or Voting Machines used at Early Voting and Election Day Precincts, the Tabulating Equipment used for Vote-by-Mail Ballots, and the Initial Canvass of Vote-by-Mail Ballots:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Wednesday, 10-09-24 at 9 AM

Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- 9 AM Each Meeting (see below)
- Friday, 10-11-24 • Monday, 10-14-24 • Wednesday, 10-16-24
- Friday, 10-18-24 • Monday, 10-21-24 • Wednesday, 10-23-24
- Friday, 10-25-24 • Monday, 10-28-24 • Wednesday, 10-30-24
- Friday, 11-01-24 • Monday, 11-04-24

Election Day

Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots and Receive Preliminary Election Night Results:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Tuesday, 11-05-24
 - 9 AM, NOON, 3 PM, and 5 PM until finished

Canvass of Provisional Ballots, Review of Vote-by-Mail Ballots, Submit 1st Unofficial Results:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Friday, 11-08-24 at 2 PM

Canvass of Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballots, Submit Official Results, Certify the Election:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Friday, 11-15-24 at NOON

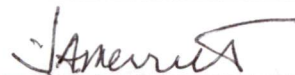
Post-Election Automated Independent Audit:

Lee County Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St., 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, 33901

- Monday, 11-18-24 at 9 AM

In the event of a machine or manual recount, the additional dates of 11-10-24 through 11-18-24 will apply.

I am a candidate for local office and have received a copy of the above schedules.

X 	JAMES MERCURI	6/11/2024
Signature	Print Name	Date