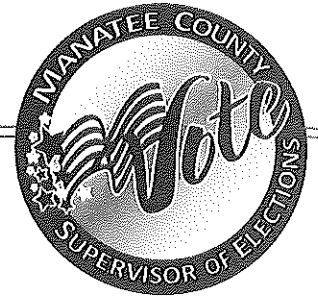


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May 13, 2022

Charles B. Smith  
1701 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Palmetto, FL. 34221

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is official notification, pursuant to Section 99.095, Florida Statutes, that you have obtained the required number of valid signatures on your candidate petitions as a **Democratic** candidate for the office of the **Manatee County Commissioner District 2**. This certification excuses you from paying the qualifying fee and any party assessment when seeking to qualify for this office.

**Qualifying Dates and Location**

Noon, Monday, June 13, 2022 - Noon, Monday, June 17, 2022

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton  
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\***Florida Statute 99.061(8)**, states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in **Florida Statute 99.061(7)(a)**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bennett", is written over a large, stylized graphic that resembles a signature or a logo.

Michael Bennett  
Supervisor of Elections

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