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2009 Special Vacancy Election Fact Sheet

A special election will be held for voters of District V to elect a successor to fill a vacancy for the office of councilmember. Election results will be announced on August 7, 2009.

Important Dates

- Last day to file Nomination Papers - Thursday, June 25, 2009
- Voter Registration Deadline - Wednesday, July 8, 2009
- Last Day to File Financial Disclosure Statement – Friday, July 10, 2009
- Absentee Walk Voting at City Hall – Thursday, July 23 to August 5, 2009
- Last Day to Request Absentee Mail Ballots – Friday, July 31, 2009
- **LAST DAY FOR BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED (Election Ends) -Friday, August 7, 2009**

Vote-By-Mail

The election will be conducted entirely as a “Vote-By-Mail” election. All registered voters as of the voter registration deadline will automatically be mailed a packet containing the Vote-By-Mail ballot and return envelopes. No polling places will be open on August 7, 2009 (end of election).

Ballots will be mailed approximately 20 days prior to the election. Voted ballots must be **received** by the City Clerk no later than 6:00 p.m., August 7, 2009 **in the return envelopes provided**.

Submission of an “Absentee ballot” application form to receive a ballot packet is not required unless the registered voter transfers (re-registers) into the district after the voter registration deadline or if the voter is unable to receive mail at the address listed in the general county registry.

Walk In Early Voting

Any voter requiring the use of an accessible voting machine may do so at Honolulu Hale between July 23, 2009-August 5, 2009 excluding Sundays and holidays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Walk in voting will be open on Saturdays during this period.

Candidates

Persons interested in running as a candidate in this special election must file nomination papers at the Office of the City Clerk at Honolulu Hale, Room 100, by 4:30 p.m., June 25, 2009.

Qualifications for Councilmember

- Resident of the City and County of Honolulu
- Duly qualified elector of Council District V

Nomination requirements

Nomination signatures – No signatures are required for candidates filing to run in a special election to fill a vacancy (HRS §12-5d)

Filing Fee - \$250. A discounted fee of \$25 is available to candidates that file a notarized “*Affidavit of Compliance with Campaign Spending Limits*” with the Campaign Spending Commission. (HRS §12-6d). *Only cash, certified cashiers checks, or money orders will be accepted.*

Disclosure of Financial Interests – All candidates who file nomination papers for the special council election must disclose their financial interests and file a “*Financial Disclosure Statement*” within ten (10) working days after the deadline for filing as a candidate, or by July 10, 2009. (ROH 3-8.4)

Term of Office – To fill the unexpired term ending January 2, 2013. The winning candidate elected by the highest number of votes received at the special vacancy election may take office upon issuance of the certificate of election after the expiration of the election contest period. (HRS §11-156 & §174.5).

Salary - \$45,084 per year; Chairperson \$50,388 per year

Source – A vacancy in the office of any councilmember is provided for in Section 3-105(b), Revised Charter of Honolulu (RCH) 1994. City non-partisan special elections provided for in Section 13-116, RCH 1994.

More information on “Vote by Mail” will be posted at the Elections Division website www.honoluluelections.us