General Candidate Information - Oceanside's Elected Offices

Oceanside's next General Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The positions up for election include the Mayor, 2 members of the City Council, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer.

All elected officials are elected at large. There are no districts assigned to any Council seats. Each elected position serves a term of 4 years. There are no limits on the number of terms an elected official can serve.

Municipal elections are also nonpartisan. Candidates are not asked their political party affiliation.

Oceanside is a Charter City but follows the California Elections Code, Government Codes and Fair Political Practices Commission regulations in all election matters. The City Clerk serves as the Election Officer for the City. All election-related questions should be addressed to the City Clerk Department at (760) 435-3000 or e-mailed to election2012@ci.oceanside.ca.us

Oceanside consolidates its elections with San Diego County, working with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

Newly elected or re-elected officials will be sworn into office on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

The Process - Running for Elected Office

The official filing period begins on **Monday, July 16, 2012** and ends on Friday, August 10, 2012. You can call the City Clerk's Office at (760) 435-3000 to set an appointment with the City Clerk during this time period <u>only</u>. You should allow about 30 minutes for your appointment.

At your appointment, the City Clerk will issue the official nomination papers to you. We recommend that you set your appointment at the beginning of the filing period to give yourself enough time to gather the required number of signatures.

At this time, the City Clerk will also provide you with a Candidate Handbook, which contains information and various forms to assist you as you run for office. She will go over the process, notify you of the deadlines to return certain forms and answer any questions you may have.

The Cost

The only mandatory cost to run for office is a \$25 non-refundable filing fee. An

initial \$10 is to be paid when you are issued your papers and handbook, and the remaining \$15 is paid when you return your nomination papers.

There is the option to have a Candidate Statement of Qualifications printed in the sample ballot. If you choose this option, there is a direct cost to you for the printing and translation of your statement. The estimated cost is \$1,100, which is due when you return your paperwork at the end of the filing period, or August 10.