

**COUNTY COMMISSION  
PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

<b>Filing Location:</b>	Kent County Clerk's Office, 300 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
<b>Candidate Qualifications:</b>	State law requires that candidates be a citizen of the United States and a qualified and registered elector of the district they wish to represent.
<b>Filing Requirements:</b>	- Affidavit of Identity - Petitions containing sufficient signatures <b>OR</b> \$100 filing fee. [MCL 46.311]
<b>Petition Signature Requirements:</b>	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f]</p> <p><b>Minimum 50</b> <b>Maximum 100</b></p> <p>If you collect signatures from residents of more than one municipality, use a separate petition sheet for each municipality.</p> <p>Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
<b>Filing Deadline:</b>	<p>Filings must be made by <b>4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, <u>May 11, 2010</u></b>.</p> <p>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. If, however, a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</p>
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 14, 2010.
<b>Campaign Finance:</b>	<p>All candidates are required to have or create a Candidate Committee. Non-incumbent candidates must complete the Statement of Organization and file with the County Clerk within 20 days after becoming a candidate. It is your responsibility to contact the County Clerk (632-7650) to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance.</p> <p>You should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p>