



## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE DISTRICT RESIDENCY QUESTIONED

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### **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS LEARNS OF CANDIDATE RESIDENCY CONCERNS**

On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Chambless was paid a visit by reporter Scott Johnson, with News4Jax regarding a news investigation underway alleging that School Board-District 5 candidate, Lynne Hirabayashi Chafee, does not legally reside at the address for which she qualified for. Supervisor Chambless did confirm that Florida Statute 1001.361 does specify that a candidate's primary resident must fall within the district boundaries at time of qualification. After further review, Supervisor Chambless has confirmed that the documents that Chafee filed were properly completed and her voter registration address on file does fall within the District 5 boundaries. However, whether Chafee legally resides at that residency is out of his purview. The Supervisor of Elections' duties in the candidate qualification process are purely ministerial in that the office is to ensure the proper forms are filed and those forms completed fully; as to the accuracy of those forms, the Supervisor relies on the attestation and signature of the candidate.

Whereas the Supervisor is not at liberty to remove names from the ballot, the question remains what is the status of Lynne Chafee's candidacy status. Supervisor Chambless commented, "At this point, we have been made aware through phone calls and an office visitor stating the candidate's confession of not currently residing in the district, and as such, I have had a conversation with the State's Attorney concerning this matter. I feel that it is very unfortunate that this event has distracted us from our daily office operations during our very busy time and having us to defend our position that we do not perform residency verification measures, we trust the candidate to attest and report accurately to all relevant information provided".

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