

Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc.



2021 Wharton County Election Package

Filing Dates: September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021

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2021 WHARTON COUNTY ELECTION

FOR WHARTON COUNTY

Election Schedule
Election Date: September 23 & 24, 2021

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
	Approval of Wharton County Election Package
9-13-2021	Announcement Released on GCCAC Website: a) Election Date b) Rules for Filing c) Early Voting Information
9-13-2021	Candidates Begin Filing (9:00 am)
9-17-2021	Candidates Filing close-down (4:30 pm)
9-20-2021	Letters to Candidates via email
9/20-22/2021	Early Voting (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
9-23-24-2021	ELECTION DAY (8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM)
9/24/2021	Final Tabulation – Following the closing of the Polls

Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc.
Wharton County Election Procedures

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Wharton County Resident
- 2) Eighteen (18) years old or older

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF RESIDENCY- will include but is not limited to the following:
(ALL PROOF OF RESIDENCY MUST INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF VOTER)

- 1) Current Texas Driver's License
- 2) Current Texas I.D. Card
- 3) Current Voter Registration Card
- 4) Current Utility Bill
- 5) Current Lease or Rent Receipt
- 6) Food Stamp ID
- 7) Veterans Registration Card
- 8) Health Insurance Card
- 9) Association/Membership Cards
- 10) Any other documents that specify name and address of voter

RULES FOR FILING OF CANDIDATES

- 1) Filing Dates: September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.–4:30p.m.
- 2) Eligibility to File as Candidate
 - A. Eighteen (18) years old or older
 - B. Proof of residency in area candidate will represent (Wharton County)
- 3) No person who is an employee or related to an employee of GCCAC, or a Federal Grantee Agency may qualify as a candidate unless he/she resigns before filing.
- 4) Each candidate must file in person with GCCAC offices in respective county which they are running to represent.

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE

The Polling Station will be open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Thursday & Friday, September 23 & 24, 2021, at 1506 N. Alabama Rd. Suite G-105, Wharton, Texas 77488. There will be no campaigning done inside the polling place. All campaigning must be kept 100 ft. outside the premises.

RUN OFF

A run-off election will be held, if necessary.

VOTER ASSISTANCE

Voters needing assistance because of language difficulty, physical or educational handicap, may be assisted by an Election Judge or a person designated by the Election Judge, providing his choice is not a candidate. A Bilingual Election Judge should be placed in appropriate polling stations whenever possible.

ELECTION JUDGE

The seated President of the Board of Directors will be the official Election Judge. This election will be supervised by the Election Judge. Except for the Chairman, current GCCAC Board Members will not supervise nor count the election ballots. In case of a challenge and/or disagreement on the tabulation and outcome of the election, the Committee Chairman will also designate the Polling Places each official is to serve.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

The Wharton County will select one person to serve as an Election Official to render his/her services at a place so designated by the Official Election Judge. Election Officials will be given the option to select two (2) people to serve as Deputies. The Election Official must be an area resident.

ELECTION CANDIDATE

The qualifying candidate with most of the votes cast will be elected as the Area Representative (Board Member) and the qualifying candidate with second highest number of votes will be declared the Alternate. If there is no candidate having most votes to be declared winner, the two candidates having the highest number of votes will go into the run-off. In the run-off, the candidate having a simple plurality of votes will be declared the winner. A qualifying candidate who is unopposed will be elected as the Area Representative (Board Member).

FINAL TABULATION

Final tabulation of the votes by the Ad Hoc Election Committee will be held Friday, September 24, 2021, following the closing of the polls (approximately 6:30 p.m. to allow the ballot box to be delivered) at the GCCAC Main Office located at 4700 Broadway, Suite C109, Galveston, TX. Election results will be posted at the GCCAC main office, Galveston, and will be publicized in the GCCAC Website. Tabulation will be open to the public and candidates.

CHALLENGES

Any challenge of the election, election results, or voter eligibility must be made in person and in writing by the Candidate to the GCCAC Board of Directors at 4700 Broadway Suite C109, Galveston, TX 77551 within 48 hours after the election polls have closed.

ACCLAMATION

In the event that only one candidate files to run for the board position in any respective county after the filing deadline has passed, the GCCAC President of the Board of Directors shall call the election and that one candidate shall be elected by acclamation.

NEWS RELEASE:

GCCAC, Inc. Seeks Candidates For Its Board of Directors



Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc. announces filing dates for ballot positions in its 2021 Wharton County Board Election. The Election is scheduled for **September 23 & 24, 2021.**

Community Action Council elections are held every two years to elect representatives from the low-income sectors of the community to four seats on the GCCAC Board. The Board itself is made up of 12 members: 1/3 or 3 representatives of the Private Sector, 1/3 or 3 representatives of the Public Sector, and the remaining 1/3 or 3 representatives are elected from low-income Wharton County.

Persons who desire to run for a seat on the Board must be 18 years of age or older and must reside in the Wharton County they wish to represent. No person who is an employee or related to an employee of GCCAC, one of its Delegate Agencies or Federal Grantee Agency, may qualify as a candidate unless he/she resigns before filing.

Filing for ballot positions will begin Monday, September 13, 2021, and will continue weekdays until Friday, September 17, 2021, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. Individuals wishing to file must do so in person at the GCCAC Office, **1506 N. Alabama Rd. Suite G-105, Wharton, TX 77488.**

Early voting will begin Monday, September 20, 2021 and continue through Wednesday, September 22, 2021, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the GCCAC Office, **1506 N. Alabama Rd. Suite G-105, Wharton, TX 77488.** Individuals wanting additional information concerning the Wharton County Election may call GCCAC's Main Offices at 409-765-7878.

Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc.

4700 Broadway Suite C109

Galveston, TX 77551

Telephone: 409-765-7878 – Fax: 409-765-9951

Dear Wharton County Candidate:

We appreciate your interest in our community, your commitment to change and problem-solving as shown by your desire to be part of the Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc. Board of Directors.

If you wish to have campaign materials made available to you, please let us know. We can provide you with assistance in making flyers for your campaign.

Early voting will be held at the **GCCAC Office, 1506 N. Alabama Rd. Suite G-105, Wharton, Texas 77488** from **September 20, 2021**, through **September 22, 2021**, between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Election Day will be Thursday & Friday, September 23 & 24, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Election results will be tallied on this date at the GCCAC Main Offices, 4700 Broadway Suite C109, Galveston following the closing of the polls (approximately 5:30 p.m.).

On the day of the election, no campaigning will be allowed inside the polling place nor within 100 feet of the doorway of the polling place.

***An orientation meeting for candidates is scheduled for September 18, 2021, at 9 a.m. via Zoom, Candidates are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.**

Once again, we thank you for your interest in this election and in Community Action.

Sincerely,

Robert Quintero
Executive Director

SAMPLE



GCCAC Board Election 2021

VOTING BALLOT

September 23, 2021, THROUGH September 24, 2021
8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

THIS BALLOT WAS PROVIDED TO A
QUALIFIED VOTER ON THE _____
DAY OF _____ 2021
_____ (AM/PM)

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

(Wharton County with candidates will be listed for voter's choice)

SAMPLE



GCCAC Board Elections 2021

OFFICIAL BALLOT

WHARTON COUNTY 5

Please mark an "X" in the box next to the candidate of your choice

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

Candidate 3