



**Florida Candidates Qualify for Federal Office**  
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Tallahassee, FL – On 3 Public Relations (On3PR) posted a comprehensive listing of Florida candidates who qualified this week for federal office. The qualifying period began noon, Monday, April 26 and concluded noon, Friday, April 30. This candidate listing was secured from the Florida Division of Elections website (<http://election.dos.state.fl.us>) and is not considered official until certified by Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning.

On3PR also included in its report the latest campaign finance numbers through March 31, 2010. Q1 Contributions and Q1 Expenditures include everything raised and spent from January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 only. The last column, Cumulative COH, is the cumulative cash on hand total throughout all reporting periods, and is the total amount the candidate had available on that date, for both the primary and general election. This information was secured through the Federal Election Commission website at [www.FEC.gov](http://www.FEC.gov).

While in past federal elections there have been several instances when an incumbent has been re-elected without opposition. In 2010, only one seat falls into that category. Republican Mario Diaz-Balart (District 25) will walk right into brother Lincoln Diaz-Balart's Congressional District 21 seat without opposition. Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart announced his retirement in February. Every other incumbent has either a primary or general election opponent this election cycle.

Late breaking news in that Republican incumbent Ginny Brown-Waite (District 5) announced after the noon qualifying deadline that she will not seek re-election due to health problems. She will seek permission Monday, May 3 from the Florida Secretary of State to remove her name from the ballot. Brown-Waite has encouraged Republican Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. Nugent to run for her seat. Nugent filed his qualifying papers for CD5 today.

In addition to Congresswoman Brown-Waite, other open congressional seats include those held by Republican Adam Putnam (District 12) who is running for Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner; Democrat Kendrick Meek (District 17) who is running for United States Senate; Republican Lincoln Diaz-Balart (District 21) who is retiring; and Republican Mario Diaz-Balart (District 25) who is running to replace brother Lincoln in District 21.

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