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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Development District Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and District Manager

**FROM:** John Vericker

**DATE:** March 4, 2010

**RE:** Statutory Notice of The Groves Community Development District (the “District”) Elections

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**Introduction**

The District is a local unit of special-purpose government which was created pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. As such, the District must abide by all laws governing elections for open Board of Supervisors seats. This year the qualifying period for the District elections runs from noon on June 14, 2010 through noon on June 18, 2010. Due to this short period of time to qualify, it is extremely important for interested candidates to prepare to in advance of the qualifying period so they do not miss their opportunity to run for the open seats on the Board.

**Statutory Notice Requirements for 2010 District Elections**

In an effort to keep residents of community development districts informed regarding the qualifying period for open seats on the Board, the Florida Legislature recently updated section 190.006 (3) (b), Florida Statutes, to include a notice requirement for community development district elections. In accordance with this statutory revision, the District is now required to publish a notice of the qualifying period at least two weeks prior to the start of the qualifying period. For the 2010 general election, the qualifying period begins on Monday, June 14 at noon and ends on Friday, June 18 at noon. In order to meet this new requirement, the District should publish the enclosed notice prior to May 28, 2010, in the local newspaper. For your convenience, we have also enclosed a copy of the seat numbers and the term expiration dates for the current Supervisors seats as shown in the District records. Please review this information and report any errors in the District records to the District Manager at your earliest convenience so the records can be corrected.

We encourage all interested candidates to inquire with the Supervisor of Elections about running for office well before the qualifying period begins. By contacting the Supervisor of

Elections Office early, the candidates can become familiar with the required fees and information that must be submitted in order to run for office. Because the qualification period is so short, an interested candidate could miss the deadline if they do not have all of the information gathered before the qualification period begins. In addition, by having all of the required fees and forms ready in advance of the qualification period, a potential candidate will have time to clear up any issues that could prevent him or her from qualifying for the general election to be held in November 2010.

### **Additional Recommendations**

In addition to the statutory notice requirements outlined in this memo, many community development districts have elected to spread the news about District elections in a variety of other ways. For example, many districts publish a notice of the qualifying period in a District/HOA newsletter, District/HOA website, or on the District/HOA bulletin board. We recommend using any available methods at the Board's disposal in order to publicize the qualifying period. If you have any additional questions regarding the upcoming District elections, please contact our office, the District Manager, or the Supervisor of Elections.