

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

MARGARET “MAGGIE” WAGNER,  
and  
MARCELLE “MARCIE” ADKINS,

Petitioners,

v.

CASE NO.:

RON DESANTIS, in his official  
capacity as the Governor of Florida,  
CORD BYRD, in his official capacity  
as Florida’s Secretary of State and  
Florida’s Chief Elections Officer,  
MARIA MATTHEWS, in her official  
capacity as Director of the Florida  
Department of State’s Division  
of Elections; and  
TIM BOBANIC, in his official  
capacity as Supervisor of Elections  
for Brevard County, Florida,

Respondents.

\_\_\_\_\_/

**APPENDIX TO**  
**EMERGENCY PETITION FOR WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO AND**  
**INCORPORATED MOTION FOR STAY AND WRIT OF**  
**MANDAMUS, OR ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR**  
**DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**  
*(TIME SENSITIVE)*

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**Brevard County Court**  
**Eighteenth Judicial Circuit ~ State of Florida**

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**BENJAMIN B. GARAGOZLO**

Brevard County Courthouse  
Brevard County Court Judge

THE MOORE JUSTICE CENTER  
2825 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY  
VIERA, FL 32940  
(321) 617-7266 (TEL)  
(321) 617-7276 (FAX)

April 15, 2026

Chief Justice Carlos G. Muñiz  
The Florida Supreme Court  
500 South Duval Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Your Honor:

By way of this letter, please accept my notice to retire from the bench effective December 31, 2026. It has been a great privilege to serve as a Brevard County Judge.

With God's grace and blessings, I was humbled to have been appointed in 2006 by then Honorable Governor Bush as a county court judge and over the years have strived to serve the people of our great State all the while mindful of providing prompt access to the court.

Looking back over the years, I am grateful for the tremendous valued assistance from my Judicial Assistant and all those members of the Eighteenth Judicial Court's administration who each day exemplified the meaning of public service.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Benjamin B. Garagozlo

Cc;

*Hon. Melanie Chase – Chief Judge of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit*



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

April 17, 2026

The Honorable Benjamin Garagozlo  
Brevard County Courthouse  
2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940

Dear Judge Garagozlo:

I accept your resignation as Judge of the Brevard County Court.

On behalf of the State of Florida, thank you for your service. I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis

Governor



April 17, 2026

Dear Margaret Wagner,

This is to confirm our telephone conversation regarding your candidacy for Brevard County Court Judge, Group 8. As we discussed, the incumbent in this seat, Judge Garagozlo, submitted to Governor DeSantis a letter of resignation with an effective date of December 31, 2026. Governor DeSantis has accepted the resignation, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Pursuant to article V, section 11(b), of the Florida Constitution, Governor DeSantis will fill by appointment the vacancy created by this resignation, and the position is no longer up for election during the 2026 election cycle.

As a result, your name has been removed from my office's Candidate Listing for the 2026 election. To continue as a candidate for another office, you will need to submit a redesignation letter and a new DS-DE 9 form to my office. Further, you will need to contact me in order to file any campaign treasurer's reports due in the interim. If you choose not to redesignate, you must file a termination report no later than July 17, 2026.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Tim Bobanic

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

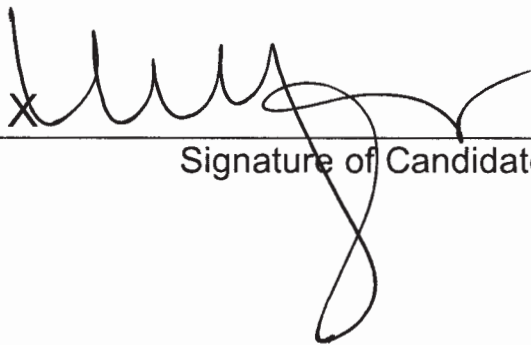
(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

'25 MAY 23 PM 12:11

I, Margaret "Maggie" Wagner,  
candidate for the office of County Judge - Group 8 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

5/22/2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE  
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

(Section 105.031(5), F.S.)

(Please Type)

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I, Margaret "Maggie" Wagner

a judicial candidate, have received, read, and understand the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.



(Signature of candidate)

5/22/2025

(Date)

Each candidate for judicial office, including an incumbent judge, shall file a statement with the qualifying officer, within 10 days after filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the filing officer before opening the campaign account.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

Initial Filing of Form     Re-filing to Change:     Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

**2. Name of Candidate** (in this order: First, Middle, Last):  
(Please Print or Type Name)

Margaret "Maggie" Wagner

**3. Address** (include PO Box or Street, City, State, Zip Code):

PO Box 410024  
Melbourne, FL 32941

**4. Telephone:**

(321) 604-5362

**5. Candidate's Voter Registration #:**

100920306  
(not required for qualifying purposes)

**6. Email Address:**

maggie@wagner-for-judge.com

**7. Office Sought** (include district, circuit, group, or seat #):

<sup>Eighteenth Circuit</sup>  
County Judge, Group B

**8. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check the box if applicable:**

I intend to run as a Write-In Candidate.

**9. If a candidate for partisan office, check the box and fill in the name of the party as applicable:** I intend to run as a

Write-In Candidate.     No Party Affiliation Candidate.     \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate.

**10. I have appointed the following person to act as my:**     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

**11. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer:**

Margaret Wagner

**12. Telephone:**

(321) 604-5362

**13. Email Address:**

treasurer@wagner  
for-judge.com

**14. Mailing Address:**

PO Box 410024

**15. City:**

Melbourne

**16. State:**

FL

**17. Zip Code:**

32941

**18. I have designated the following bank as my** (check appropriate box):     Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

**19. Name of Bank:**

Truist

**20. Address:**

8226 N. Wickham Rd

**21. City:**

Melbourne

**22. County:**

Brevard

**23. State:**

FL

**24. Zip Code:**

32940

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF THE CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.**

**25. Date:** 5/23/25

**26. Signature of Candidate:**

X 

**27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate box)

I, Margaret Wagner do hereby accept the appointment designated above as:

(Please Print or Type Name)

Campaign Treasurer.

Deputy Treasurer.

**28. Date:** 5/23/25

**29. Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer**

X 

Date 3/13/2026

Time 02:28 PM

**Tim Bobanic**  
Supervisor of Elections  
**Petition Status Report**

Brevard County, FL **EXHIBIT E**

Petition Id	Petition Short Description		District		Date Petition Opened	Petition Number	
CCJGrp8W	2026 Maggie Wagner CCJGrp 8		ALL	1	23-May-2025	824	
	Signatures Claimed	Sigs checked	<u>Unchecked Signatures</u>	Signatures Required	Valid Sigs	Rejected Sigs including Duplicates	Duplicate Sigs
Batch 1	0	106	0	4,433	90	16	0
Batch 2		553			458	95	0
Batch 3		150			119	31	1
Batch 4		252			225	27	3
Batch 5		401			319	82	3
Batch 6		394			323	71	5
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,433</u>	<u>1,534</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>12</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>1,856</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>4,433</u></u>	<u><u>1,534</u></u>	<u><u>322</u></u>	<u><u>12</u></u>

**Congressional District**

Batch Number	8	Total
1	90	90
2	458	458
3	119	119
4	225	225
5	319	319
6	323	323
Total	1,534	1,534

**CANDIDATE OATH  
JUDICIAL OFFICE**

**EXHIBIT F**

Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in Candidate

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Name to appear on ballot: Margaret "Maggie" Wagner

Check box if there are two last names without hyphen. (Name cannot be changed after qualifying.)

Check box if name includes nickname. (To use nickname, you must complete the Affidavit of Nickname on page 2 of this form.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the judicial office of County Judge, 8 (Office) 8 (District #)  
8 (Circuit #), 8 (Group or Seat #); my legal residence is Brevard County, Florida;

I am a qualified elector under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

**Section 876.05, Florida Statutes** (only applicable if elected and when term of office begins): I am a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and being employed by or an officer of the court system and a recipient of public funds as such employee or officer, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida.

I swear or affirm, in addition to being a citizen of the United States, that: (Check applicable box.)

I am not a citizen of another country.  I am a citizen of another country, specifically \_\_\_\_\_.

**Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties:** (Check applicable box. If you do owe more than \$250, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on page 2 of this form.)

I do not  / I do  owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250, for any violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.)

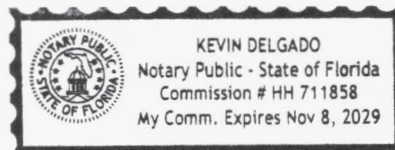
[Signature] (321) 604-5362 mkwagnerpa@gmail.com  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address  
1282 Marguise Court, Rockledge, FL 32955  
Address of Legal Residence City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Brevard

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath  
Affix Seal Below or, if judge, provide name, title, and court (s. 92.50, F.S.)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  
online notarization  OR, physical presence   
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Type of Identification Produced: FL DL



**Phonetic Spelling of Name**  
(Not required for qualifying)

Print the name phonetically on the line below as you wish your name to be pronounced on the audio ballot that may be used by persons with disabilities (see attached Guide for Phonetic Spelling).

Maa-grit

"Mag-ee"

**Detailed Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties**  
(Continued)

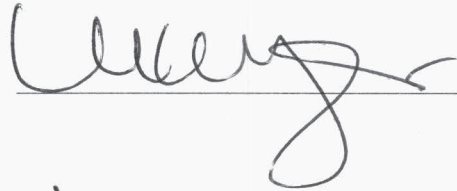
Amount	Entity

**Affidavit of Nickname**

(Only required if using nickname for the ballot)

My legal name is Margaret Wagner. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

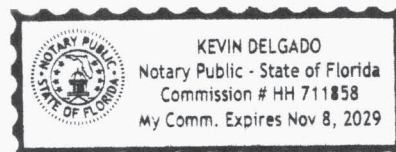
My nickname is Maggie. I am generally known by this nickname or have used it as part of my legal name. I have not created the nickname to mislead voters. My nickname does not imply I am some other person, constitute a political slogan or otherwise associate me with a cause or issue, or that is obscene or profane.

Signature of Candidate: 

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Broward

  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath  
Affix Seal Below or, if judge, provide name, title, and court (s. 92.50, F.S.)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  
online notarization  OR physical presence   
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.  
Type of Identification Produced: FL DL



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Fw: FW: Sending Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement to the Governor's Office (updated contact information)

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**From:** Jenna Rogers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:49 AM  
**To:** Trial Court Chief Judges <[TrialCourtChiefJudges@flcourts.org](mailto:TrialCourtChiefJudges@flcourts.org)>; DCA Chief Judges <[DCAChiefJudges@flcourts.org](mailto:DCAChiefJudges@flcourts.org)>  
**Cc:** Trial Court Administrators <[TrialCourtAdministrators@flcourts.org](mailto:TrialCourtAdministrators@flcourts.org)>; DCA Marshals <[DCAMarshals@flcourts.org](mailto:DCAMarshals@flcourts.org)>; Eric Maclure <[macluree@flcourts.org](mailto:macluree@flcourts.org)>  
**Subject:** Sending Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement to the Governor's Office

Good morning, Chief Judges:

The Governor's office has requested that we pass along updated contact information regarding notification of a judicial resignation or retirement. When a judge resigns or retires, they usually send a hard copy of their letter to the Governor. We have been advised that it can sometimes take weeks for the Office of Judicial Appointments to receive a copy of the letter (USPS and internal mail system delays). To streamline the appointment process and increase efficiency, staff in the Governor's office have recommended emailing the office directly with a copy of the resignation or retirement letter. Please share the updated contact information below with the judges in your circuit or district court.

New Contacts at the Executive Office of the Governor for Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement:

- Mr. Zach Loyed, Assistant General Counsel, Director of Judicial Appointments – [Zachary.Loyed@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Zachary.Loyed@eog.myflorida.com)
- Mr. Tim Glass, Judicial Appointments Coordinator – [Timothy.Glass@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Timothy.Glass@eog.myflorida.com)

If you have any questions, let me know.

Thank you!  
Jenna



**Jenna S. Rogers**  
Senior Court Operations Consultant  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
O: 850-922-4370  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2026 12:28 PM

**To:** Trial Court Chief Judges <[TrialCourtChiefJudges@flcourts.org](mailto:TrialCourtChiefJudges@flcourts.org)>; DCA Chief Judges <[DCAChiefJudges@flcourts.org](mailto:DCAChiefJudges@flcourts.org)>

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**Subject:** Sending Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement to the Governor's Office (updated contact information)

Good afternoon, Chief Judges:

The Governor's office has provided updated staff information for notifications of judicial resignation or retirement. To streamline the appointment process and increase efficiency, a copy of the resignation or retirement letter should be emailed to Ms. Taylor Gustafson, Director of Judicial Appointments (email address provided below). In addition to Ms. Gustafson's contact information, I have also provided contact information for the Mr. David Axelman, General Counsel and Mr. Jake Whealdon, Deputy General Counsel, should you need to reach out to them. Please share the updated contact(s) with the judges in your circuit or district court.

**New Contacts at the Executive Office of the Governor for Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement:**

Ms. Taylor Gustafson – Director of Judicial Appointments – [taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com) / (850) 717-9305

Mr. David Axelman – General Counsel – [david.axelman@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:david.axelman@eog.myflorida.com)

Mr. Jake Whealdon – Deputy General Counsel – [jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Jenna



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**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2026 3:21 PM

**To:** Michelle Baker <[michelle.baker@flcourts18.org](mailto:michelle.baker@flcourts18.org)>; David Koenig <[david.koenig@flcourts18.org](mailto:david.koenig@flcourts18.org)>; Benjamin Garagozlo <[benjamin.garagozlo@flcourts18.org](mailto:benjamin.garagozlo@flcourts18.org)>; George Paulk <[george.paulk@flcourts18.org](mailto:george.paulk@flcourts18.org)>

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Please see Chief Judge Chase's email below, and just as importantly, but the request from the Governor's Office for a copy of all retirement/resignation letters.

I ask that I also be provided a copy of your letters because it is a requirement with certain payroll paperwork that I sent to OSCA on each of your behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*April L. Copp, Chief of Personnel Services 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit*

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**Subject:** Sending Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement to the Governor's Office (updated contact information)

Good afternoon, Chief Judges:

The Governor's office has provided updated staff information for notifications of judicial resignation or retirement. To streamline the appointment process and increase efficiency, a copy of the resignation or retirement letter should be emailed to Ms. Taylor Gustafson, Director of Judicial Appointments (email address provided below). In addition to Ms. Gustafson's contact information, I have also provided contact information for the Mr. David Axelman, General Counsel and Mr. Jake Whealdon, Deputy General Counsel, should you need to reach out to them. Please share the updated contact(s) with the judges in your circuit or district court.

New Contacts at the Executive Office of the Governor for Notice of Judicial Resignation or Retirement:

Ms. Taylor Gustafson – Director of Judicial Appointments – [taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com) / (850) 717-9305

Mr. David Axelman – General Counsel – [david.axelman@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:david.axelman@eog.myflorida.com)

Mr. Jake Whealdon – Deputy General Counsel – [jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Jenna



**Jenna S. Rogers**

Senior Court Operations Consultant

Office of the State Courts Administrator

O: 850 922 4370

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[rogersj@flcourts.gov](mailto:rogersj@flcourts.gov)

Respectfully,

**Kimmy Brimm, Paralegal**

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Ph: 321-728-7280  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF MARGARET “MAGGIE” WAGNER**

State of Florida  
County of Brevard

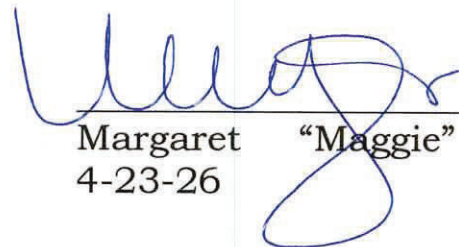
1. My name is Margaret “Maggie” Wagner. I am over the age of eighteen (18), am competent to testify, and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am a Florida citizen and taxpayer.
3. I am eligible to run in the election for Brevard County Judge – Group 8 in Brevard County, FL.
4. Judge Benjamin Garagozlo presently holds the judicial office for Brevard County Judge – Group 8.
5. I intended to run in the scheduled 2026 election for Brevard County Judge – Group 8.
6. On May 23, 2025 I filed my Statement of Candidate (Section 106.023, F.S.), Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office (Section 105.031(5), F.S.), and my Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Section 106.021(1), F.S.) with the Supervisor of Elections Brevard County indicating my intent to run in the election for Brevard County Judge – Group 8.

7. I attempted to qualify for that seat by petitions and by March 13, 2026, had submitted 1,856 signed petitions to the Supervisor of Elections, 1,534 of which were verified and deemed valid by the Supervisor of Elections.
8. Since the number of verified petitions required to qualify for Brevard County Judge – Group 8 is 4,433 I began the process to submit the necessary documents and payment to run in the election for that seat.
9. On Friday, April 17, 2026, during the prequalifying period for Brevard County Judge – Group 8, I submitted my Candidate Oath Judicial Office (DS-DE 303 JU Rev 4/2026). I was not permitted to submit payment during the prequalifying process.
10. Just before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026, I received a phone call from Tim Bobanic, the Supervisor of Elections Brevard County, informing me that Judge Garagozlo, who currently sits in the Group 8 seat as Brevard County Judge, had submitted a letter resigning his seat effective December 31, 2026.
11. Mr. Bobanic indicated to me that such action by Judge Garagozlo constituted an early resignation of his seat, that

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis had accepted Judge Garagozlo's resignation, and that such action by Judge Garagozlo and the Governor canceled the judicial race and voter participation in electing a Brevard County Judge - Group 8 and that the seat would now be filled by the Governor through the appointment process instead. I received this same information in a letter attached to an email from Mr. Bobanic later that same evening.

12. On April 23, 2026, I went to the Supervisor of Elections Office to submit my final paperwork (copy of Form 6) necessary for qualifying as a candidate for Brevard County Judge – Group 8 and pay the qualifying fee of \$7,590.20.
13. I met with Debra Strasser, Candidate Coordinator for the Supervisor of Elections, who gave me another copy of the letter from Mr. Bobanic and stated that she had received an email from Erica Reeve ([Erica.Reeve@dos.fl.gov](mailto:Erica.Reeve@dos.fl.gov)) at 3:52 p.m. on April 23, 2026 stating that the Supervisor of Elections would accept the copy of my submitted Form 6 and my check for my qualifying fee but, that according to Ms. Reeve's email "the seat is no longer up for election."

14. As a direct result of the cancellation of the election and substitution of appointment, I will be deprived of the opportunity to run for the judicial office at issue and Brevard County voters have been disenfranchised.
15. I make this affidavit in support of any legal proceeding that challenges the constitutionality of the Governor's acceptance of a prospective judicial retirement/resignation in a manner that resulted in cancellation of a scheduled judicial election and substitution of an appointment process.
16. I understand that no adequate remedy at law exists because once the election is cancelled and an appointment is made, the deprivation of the right to run in that election cannot be meaningfully remedied after the fact, absent legal challenge.
17. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Margaret "Maggie" Wagner  
4-23-26

## Notary Acknowledgement

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2026, by Margaret "Maggie" Wagner, who is personally known to me or produced identification.

Type of identification produced: Florida DL

Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission Expires: 1/13/2029



**KIMBERLY A. BRIMM**  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
Comm# HH628344  
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Kimberly A Brimm  
Notary Public, State of Florida

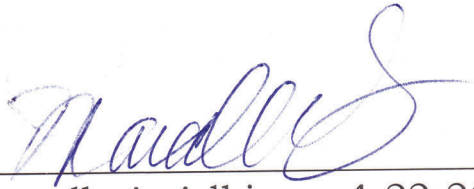
**AFFIDAVIT OF MARCELLE A. ADKINS, Ph.D.**

State of Florida  
County of Brevard

1. My name is Marcelle A. Adkins, Ph.D. I am over the age of eighteen (18), am competent to testify, and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am a Florida citizen and taxpayer. I have lived in Brevard County for most of my life and have been a registered voter and resident since 1996.
3. It is my habit to vote in every election.
4. I am eligible to vote in, and I intended to vote in, the scheduled 2026 election which candidates Margaret "Maggie" Wagner and Andrea Fant had announced they were running for county judge.
5. I understand that Judge Benjamin B. Garagozlo presently holds a judicial office and submitted a retirement letter stating his retirement would be effective December 31, 2026, rather than January 5, 2027.
6. I understand that Governor Ron DeSantis has accepted Judge Garagozlo's retirement letter as an early resignation letter.

7. I understand that, following acceptance of the retirement letter, the election for the judicial office was cancelled and it was announced that the replacement judge would be selected by appointment by Governor DeSantis instead.
8. As a direct result of the cancellation of the election and substitution of appointment, I will be deprived of the opportunity to vote for the judicial office at issue, and my vote is disenfranchised.
9. I make this affidavit in support of any legal proceeding that challenges the constitutionality of the Governor's acceptance of a prospective judicial retirement/resignation in a manner that resulted in cancellation of a scheduled judicial election and substitution of an appointment process.
10. I understand that no adequate remedy at law exists because once the election is cancelled and an appointment is made, the deprivation of the right to vote in that election cannot be meaningfully remedied after the fact, absent legal challenge.

11. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Marcelle A. Adkins 4-22-26

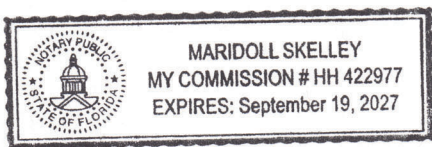
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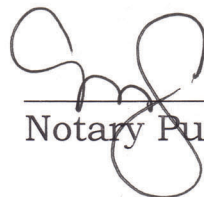
Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 22 day of April 2026, by Marcelle A. Adkins, Ph.D. who is personally known to me or produced identification.

Type of identification produced: FLDL A325-541-59-867-0

Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission Expires: 9/19/2027



  
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Notary Public, State of Florida

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**Fw: Judge Garagozlo's retirement notice**

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From: Michelle Kennedy** <[michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org](mailto:michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org)>

**Date:** Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 4:03 PM

**Subject:** Judge Garagozlo's retirement notice

**To:** Margaret Wagner <[mkwagnerpa@gmail.com](mailto:mkwagnerpa@gmail.com)>

Maggie,

Even though April Copp is out of the office, we were able to locate the email she sent notifying the OSCA and Governor's staff of Judge Garagozlo's upcoming retirement. I have forwarded it under a separate email for your review.

I just wanted to let you know that I personally spoke to Judge Garagozlo, and he was shocked to learn that his letter somehow initiated the judicial appointment process. He assured me that this was never his intention. As you know, Judge Garagozlo was completely transparent about his intention to retire at the end of his term.

Mr. Robert Burns of the Space Coast Rocket forwarded several questions to the Judge regarding his "resignation." Although it would have been inappropriate to comment on several of the questions Mr. Burns posed, on one point I was instructed to be very clear. Judge Garagozlo did not resign from office, he wrote a letter notifying the Chief Judge and Chief Justice of his intent to retire, effective December 31. Many judges have used the last day of the year as their retirement date without initiating the gubernatorial appointment process. Judge Garagozlo sees this as a black mark on his good name, as many people who do not know him or the circumstances will believe he acted intentionally to keep the judicial vacancy from going on the ballot. This was certainly not his intention.

Michelle Kennedy  
Public Information Officer/Administrative Services Manager  
Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center  
[2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way](#)  
[Viera, FL 32940](#)  
321-637-5355



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**Fw: FW: Please find attached, the Honorable Benjamin Garagozlo's Retirement Letter**

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1 attachment (229 KB)

2026 04 15 Retirement Notice Ltr Judge Benjamin B Garagozlo.pdf;

**From:** April Copp <[april.copp@flcourts18.org](mailto:april.copp@flcourts18.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:21 PM

**To:** Yvan Llanes <[yvan.llanes@flcourts18.org](mailto:yvan.llanes@flcourts18.org)>; Michelle Kennedy <[michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org](mailto:michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org)>

**Cc:** April Copp <[april.copp@flcourts18.org](mailto:april.copp@flcourts18.org)>

**Subject:** FW: Please find attached, the Honorable Benjamin Garagozlo's Retirement Letter

*April L. Copp, Chief of Personnel Services 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit*

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**From:** April Copp

**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 9:27 AM

**To:** '[taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com)' <[taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:taylor.gustafson@eog.myflorida.com)>;

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<[jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:jake.whealdon@eog.myflorida.com)>

**Subject:** Please find attached, the Honorable Benjamin Garagozlo's Retirement Letter

Please confirm receipt. Thank you.

*April Lindsay Copp*

*Chief of Personnel Services - Eighteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Brevard and Seminole Counties*

*Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Justice Center*

*2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940*

*Office: (321) 637-5674 / Fax: (321) 637-5484*

*Website: <https://flcourts18.org/>*

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General Information		
Name:	Margaret Wagner	
Organization	Suborganization	Title
N/A		
CANDIDATE FOR		
Position	Agency Name	Position sought or held
County Judge	18th Judicial Circuit, County Judge - Group 8, Brevard County	County Judge - Group 8

Net Worth
My Net Worth as of <u>December 31, 2025</u> was <u>-\$ 28,437.90</u> .

2025 Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests

**Assets**

Household goods and personal effects may be reported in a lump sum if their aggregate value exceeds \$1,000. This category includes any of the following, if not held for investment purposes: jewelry; collections of stamps, guns, and numismatic items; art objects; household equipment and furnishings; clothing; other household items; and vehicles for personal use.

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effect is \$ 32,500.00.

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

Description of Asset	Value of Asset
cash	\$ 7,500.00
bank account - Chase	\$ 4,664.19
bank account - SoFi	\$ 16,633.78
bank account - smiONE	\$ 1,903.66
FRS pension plan	\$ 3,850.00
life insurance cash value	\$ 3,857.78

**Liabilities**

LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000:

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor	Amount of Liability
Sloan Servicing	PO Box 87865, Lincoln, NE 68501	\$ 84,798.57
Perkins Loan	PO Box 836, Moom Township, PA 15108	\$ 4,680.95
Space Coast Credit Union	8025 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32940	\$ 9,867.79

JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor	Amount of Liability
N/A		

2025 Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests

**Income**

Identify each separate source and amount of income which exceeded \$1,000 during the year, including secondary sources of income. Or attach a complete copy of your 2025 federal income tax return, including all W2s, schedules, and attachments. Please redact any social security or account numbers before attaching your returns, as the law requires these documents be posted to the Commission's website.

I elect to file a copy of my 2025 federal income tax return and all W2s, schedules, and attachments.

PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME:

Name of Source of Income Exceeding \$1,000	Address of Source of Income	Amount
State of Florida	200 E Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32955	\$ 99,194.94

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, etc. of businesses owned by reporting person):

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source
N/A			

**Interests in Specified Businesses**

Business Entity # 1
N/A

**Signature of Reporting Official or Candidate**

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Form 6 and that the facts stated in it are true.

***margaret wagner***

Digitally signed: 04/23/2026

For Qualifying Purposes Only



Campaign for Margaret "Maggie" Wagner  
PO Box 410024  
Melbourne, FL 32941-0024

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April 23 2026

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Brevard County Supervisor of Elections \$ 7,590.<sup>20</sup>  
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County Judge-Group B


*[Handwritten Signature]*

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**AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA FARABEE**

State of Florida  
County of Brevard

1. My name is Amanda Farabee. I am over the age of eighteen (18), am competent to testify, and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge.
2. On, April 23, 2026, I went to the Supervisor of Elections Office with Candidate Margaret "Maggie" Wagner for her to finish submitting her qualifying paperwork (copy of Form 6) and payment of the qualifying fee (\$7,590.20) which were required for her to qualify as a candidate to run for Brevard County Judge - Group 8.
3. I witnessed Candidate Wagner meet with Debra Strasser, Candidate Coordinator for the Supervisor of Elections regarding turning in her remaining qualifying paperwork and payment.
4. Ms. Strasser told Maggie Wagner that she would accept the documents but that the documents would not be processed for qualifying for Brevard County Judge - Group 8 because according to an email from Erica Reeve, "the seat was no longer up for election."
5. Ms. Strasser said she had all the paperwork for qualifying if the seat for judge was still open and she would hold it until the qualifying period ends on noon on Friday, April 24, 2026.
6. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
 Amanda Farabee      4-23-26

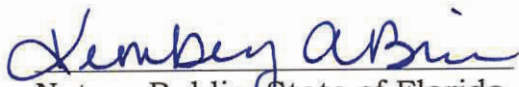
**Notary Acknowledgement**

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2026, by Amanda Farabee, who is personally known to me or produced identification.

Type of identification produced: Florida DL

Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission Expires: 1/13/2029

  
 Notary Public, State of Florida



**KIMBERLY A. BRIMM**  
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