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TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
NOTICE OF CANDIDACY
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Candidate's Name John Steven Garate Date 6-14-24

(name as it is to appear on ballot - please print)

Residency Address 5901 SW 162nd Ave. Southwest Ranches

FL 33331

The undersigned is qualified to be a member of the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida and states:

1. I am a qualified elector of the State of Florida and the Town of Southwest Ranches.
2. Have you resided at the above address two (2) years or more? Yes No (Council Member)
3. Have you resided at the above address ^{form} two (4) years or more? Yes No (Mayor)
4. I shall not, as a Mayor/Council Member, hold any other elected public office.
5. I am otherwise qualified to be Mayor/Council Member in the Town of Southwest Ranches.
6. I have paid the \$250/220 filing fee to the Town Clerk (\$100 qualifying fee and \$150/\$120 election assessment) (check from campaign account made payable to the Town of Southwest Ranches)
7. I have read and understand the provisions in the Town's Charter concerning Council qualifications.
8. I have read and will comply with all provisions of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
9. By signing this form I acknowledge that I have received a complete copy of the 2024 Candidate Election Package from the Town of Southwest Ranches. I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained herein is intended as a reference guide only. The Town Clerk's Office will provide assistance to candidates; however, it is not the responsibility of this Office to interpret Florida Statutes as prescribed by Florida Law. All information contained herein is current as of the date of publication, May 23, 2024.

Candidate for: Mayor / District 3 / District 4 Circle One

Signature of Candidate: 

Print Name: John Steven Garate

Address: 5901 SW 162nd Ave.
Southwest Ranches FL

I hereby certify that this Notice of Candidacy form was filed with me on the 14th day of June 2024. 33331


Town Clerk or Qualifying Officer

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QUALIFYING PAPERS AND SIGN IT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TOWN CLERK OR QUALIFYING OFFICER

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[Signature]

Candidate's Name John Steven Garate. Mayor
District 3
District 4

Residency Address: 5901 SW 162nd Ave. Southwest Ranches FL
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Have you resided at the above address for two (2) years or more? Yes No

Mailing Address _____
(If different from residency address)

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell 786-346-1687.

E-Mail Address autostarcreditcorp@gmail.com

Date of Birth 6-12-1974

Occupation General manager

Spouse's Name Laura Patricia Zuniga.

Campaign Treasurer John Steven Garate. Telephone 786-346-1687.

Deputy Treasurer John Steven Garate. Telephone 786-346-1687.

CANDIDATE OATH

NONPARTISAN OFFICE

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)
Check box only if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in candidate

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Candidate Oath

Name to appear on ballot: John Steven Garate

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

Check box if name includes nickname. (For use of a nickname, you must complete the Nickname Affidavit on reverse side.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of Town of Southwest Ranches Council Seat, District # 3, Broward 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.

Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties

I owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties, that cumulatively exceed \$250, for ethics or campaign finance violations (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.).

YES, I Do NO, I Do Not

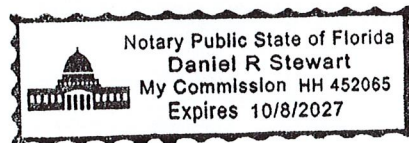
If you do, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on the reverse side.

Signature of Candidate, Telephone Number, Email Address, Address of Legal Residence, City, State, ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

Signature of Notary Public, Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of online notarization OR physical presence this 14th day of JUNE, 2024. Personally Known OR Produced Identification FL Driver License



Phonetic Spelling of Name

Phonetic spelling for the audio ballot (not required for qualifying purposes): Print the name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 3 of this form):

John Steven Garatee ^{JSG} Gar-ra-tee

Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees or Penalties

Pursuant to Section 99.021(1)(d), F.S., each candidate, whether a party candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate, shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing whether he or she owes any 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.

Amount	Entity
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	N/A

Affidavit of Nickname (Only required if using nickname for the ballot.)

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

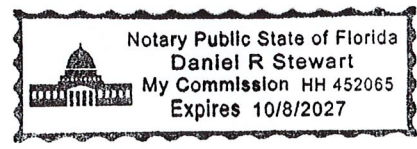
My nickname is N/A. I am generally known by this nickname or have used it as part of my legal name. I have not created the nickname to mislead voters. My nickname does not imply I am some other person, constitute a political slogan or otherwise associate me with a cause or issue, or that is obscene or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

Signature of Candidate: [Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BROWARD

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of online notarization OR physical presence this 14th day of JUNE, 2024.
Personally Known OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced: FL DRIVER LICENSE



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Guide for Designating Phonetic Spelling of Candidate's Name for Audio Ballot

1. Use the tables below.
2. Use upper case for "stressed" syllables. Use lowercase for "unstressed" syllables.
3. Use dashes (-) to separate syllables.
4. Add any notes such as rhyming examples, silent letters, etc.

Vowels			
Stressed Vowel Sounds		Unstressed Vowel Sounds	
EE	(FEET) <i>feet</i>	uh	(SO-fuh) <i>sofa</i> (FING-guhr) <i>finger</i>
I	(FIT) <i>fit</i>		
E	(BED) <i>bed</i>		
A	(KAT) <i>cat</i> (KAD) <i>cad</i>		
AH	(FAH-thur) <i>father</i> (PAHR) <i>par</i>		
AH	(HAHT) <i>hot</i> (TAH-dee) <i>toddy</i>		
UH	(FUHJ) <i>fudge</i> (FLUHD) <i>flood</i>		
UH	(CHUHRCH) <i>church</i>		
AW	(FAWN) <i>fawn</i>	Certain Vowel Sounds with R	
U	(FUL) <i>full</i>	AHR	(PAHR) <i>par</i>
OO	(FOOD) <i>food</i>	ER	(PER) <i>pair</i>
OU	(FOUND) <i>found</i>	IR	(PIR) <i>peer</i>
O	(FO) <i>foe</i>	OR	(POR) <i>pour</i>
EI	(FEIT) <i>fight</i>	OOR	(POOR) <i>poor</i>
AI	(FAIT) <i>fate</i>	UHR	(PUHR) <i>purr</i>
OI	(FOIL) <i>foil</i>		
YOO	(FYOOR-ee-uhs) <i>furious</i>		
Consonants			
B	(BED) <i>bed</i>	R	(RED) <i>red</i>
D	(DET) <i>debt</i>	S	(SET) <i>set</i>
F	(FED) <i>fed</i>	T	(TEN) <i>ten</i>
G	(GET) <i>get</i>	V	(VET) <i>vet</i>
H	(HED) <i>head</i>	Y	(YET) <i>yet</i>
HW	(WHICH) <i>which</i>	W	(WICH) <i>witch</i>
J	(JUHJ) <i>jug</i>	CH	(CHUCRCH) <i>church</i>
K	(KAD) <i>cad</i>	SH	(SHEEP) <i>sheep</i>
L	(LAIM) <i>lame</i>	TS	(ITS) <i>its</i> (PITS-feeld) <i>Pittsfield</i>
M	(MAT) <i>mat</i>	TH	(THEI) <i>thigh</i>
N	(NET) <i>net</i>	TH	(THEI) <i>thy</i>
NG	(SING-uhr) <i>singer</i>	ZH	(A-zuhr) <i>azure</i> (VI-zuhhn) <i>vision</i>
P	(PET) <i>pet</i>	Z	(GOODZ) <i>goods</i> (HUH-buhz-tuhn) <i>Hubbardston</i>
Examples of Phonetically Spelled Names			
NAME ON BALLOT		PRONOUNCED AS	
Mishaud		mee-SHO ('d' is silent)	
Jahn		HAHN (rhyme: fawn)	
Beauprez		boo-PRAI (rhyme: hooray)	
Maniscalco		man-uh-SKAL-ko	
Tangipahoa		TAN-ji-pah-HO-uh	
Monte		Mahn-TAI	
Tanya		TAWN-yuh (not TAN)	

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2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

General Information

Name: JOHN STEVEN GARATE
Address: 5901 S.W 162ND AVENUE, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33331
County: Broward

Table with 3 columns: Organization, Suborganization, Title. Row 1: N/A

CANDIDATE FOR

Table with 3 columns: Position, Agency Name, Position sought or held. Row 1: City, Town or Village (Commission or Council), Governing Board - Form 1 (Effective 6/10/2024), TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FLORIDA, DISTRICT 3 TOWN COUNCIL SEAT

Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 .

Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 3 columns: Name of Source of Income, Source's Address, Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity. Rows include AUTOSTAR CREDIT CORP and JOHN GARATE DOGGY DAYCARE POWERED BY LAURA GARATE.

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Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

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

Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/Description
N/A

Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates
REAL ESTATE	5901 S.W. 162ND AVE LLC

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Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor
GTAR LLC	7150 S.W 142ND AVENUE MIAMI FL 33183
CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT	3100 BRECKENRIDGE BOULEVARD SUITE 725 DULUTH GEORGIA 30096

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1
N/A

Signature of Filer

JOHN STEVEN GARATE

Digitally signed: 06/13/2024

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LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT


I hereby acknowledge that I have received notification of the time and place for the Logic and Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2024 election. This acknowledgement is pursuant to F.S.S. 101.5612.

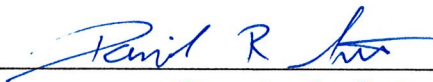
DATE: **October 9, 2024**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Broward County Supervisor of Elections
4650 NW 21 Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
(954) 712-1950

6-14-24
Date


Candidate


WITNESS
DANIEL R STEWART

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At time of qualifying, the following must be filed with the Town Clerk:

Form #	Title of Form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DS-DE9	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Depository (if not already filed)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DS-DE84	Statement of Candidate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DS-DE302NP	Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CE Form 6	Statement of Financial Interests (for incumbents, a copy of the 2023 Form 6 previously filed is acceptable - F.S. 99.061(7)(a)5.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$220 Filing Fee	Check must be written from the campaign account made payable to the Town of Southwest Ranches (the filing fee includes the \$100 qualifying fee and the \$120 election assessment)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$250 Filing Fee	Check must be written from the campaign account made payable to the Town of Southwest Ranches (the filing fee includes the \$100 qualifying fee and the \$150 election assessment)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acknowledgement of Notice of Logic and Accuracy Test
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Candidacy

RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO THE TOWN CLERK WITH YOUR QUALIFYING PAPERS