

## 2023 DAUFUSKIE ISLAND COUNCIL ELECTION

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

The 2023 Daufuskie Island Council election is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023. Three Council seats will be determined. In person ballots will be collected at the Melrose Warehouse, 103 Buckthorn Lane, Daufuskie Island, SC. As in prior elections, early voting will be permitted.

#### ELECTION COMMITTEE

The 2023 DIC Election Committee is comprised of the following: Sara Deitch, Chris James and Leticia Velasquez. Cathie Moore is serving as DI Council liaison to the Committee. Committee duties and responsibilities are outlined in the DI Council By-Laws. The Committee will serve as the final arbitrator on any questions of process or qualification.

#### ELECTION APPLICATIONS

- Any interested Daufuskie Island full-time resident, age 18 or older, is eligible to run for the Council. Applications may be found on the DI Council website: [www.daufuskiecouncil.com](http://www.daufuskiecouncil.com), or picked up at Mary Field School (School Grounds Coffee/ Daufuskie Blues) or the Haig Point Mansion.
- Deadline for completed applications is Monday, January 9, 2023. Applications may be submitted to any Election Committee member, emailed to the Election Committee ([sutclifc@gmail.com](mailto:sutclifc@gmail.com)), or dropped off at the Mary Field School (School Grounds Coffee/Daufuskie Blues). Only fully completed applications received on or before January 9, 2023, will be placed on the ballot.

#### BALLOTS & VOTING

- Election ballots will be available on Saturday, January 14, 2023.
- Prior to election day, three types of early voting will be available:  
Email ballots may be emailed to [jharmon@griffindavislaw.com](mailto:jharmon@griffindavislaw.com). Emailed ballots must be received by noon on Friday, February 10, 2023. Please indicate "2023 DI Council Election Ballot" in the subject line.

Mail-In ballots may be mailed to Sara Deitch, 94 Fuskie Lane, Daufuskie Island, SC 29915. Mail-in ballots must be received on or before Saturday, February 11, 2023. Ballots received prior to election day will remain sealed and stored.

Drop-Box: Secure collections boxes will be placed at the following locations: Mary Field School (School Grounds Coffee/Daufuskie Blues), Freeport General Store, D'Fuskies, Melrose Mail Room, Bloody Point Mail Room & Haig Point Mansion. Completed ballots, with documentation, can be inserted in the drop-boxes. Final collection by a member of the Election Committee will be noon, February 11, 2023.

In person voting will be conducted from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Melrose Warehouse, 103 Buckthorn Lane, Daufuskie Island, SC.

- To establish eligibility voters must supply one of the following: DI voter registration card and photo ID, SC driver's license with DI address, current DI tax bill & photo ID, or Palmetto Breeze Daufuskie Island ID card. Voters submitting ballots by email, mail or drop-box are required to submit a photocopy of any of the above-named documents to qualify their vote. Early ballots will be vetted against votes submitted in person.

#### CANDIDATE FORUM

- A candidate question and answer forum will be held at the regular DI Council meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:30 pm.
- Candidates should attend the forum. The format will include introductions, followed by a short candidate statement. Candidates will have an opportunity to respond to questions received prior to the forum. Each candidate will have three minutes to answer the presented questions.
- Any person with specific queries they'd like presented to the candidates at the forum may submit their questions in writing to any current DI Council member prior to the meeting or by email to the Election Committee at (sutclifc@gmail.com).

#### ELECTION REGULATIONS

- Complete election instructions, applications and ballots can be found on the web at [www.daufuskiemunicipal.com](http://www.daufuskiemunicipal.com).

- Each qualified voter will indicate up to three choices on his/her ballot.
- The elected Council members will be selected by most votes received. The top vote getters will fill the available vacancies for three-year terms.
- Any remaining candidates who receive votes but were not elected to the DI Council will, at their choice, remain on an alternate list in order of highest to lowest number of votes in the event a vacancy occurs on the DI Council.
- All ballots shall be counted by the Election Committee at the end of the voting period on Saturday, February 11, 2023.
- Results of the election will be published as soon as counts are concluded and confirmed to the election managers' satisfaction as to accuracy, both on the premises at Youth Ministry building and by other means.