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Community Leader, Orlando Gudes, Only Candidate to Qualify By Petition For District 5 Race

Tampa, Florida:

Retired public servant, Orlando Gudes, received his Certificate of Petition Qualifying. Out of the five candidates in the District 5 race, Gudes was the only candidate to fulfill the requirements necessary to make it to the Municipal Ballot in March by the voters of East Tampa.

The petition collection period was from August 27, 2018 to January 4, 2019. Candidates for City Council had to collect signatures of at least .25% of the City of Tampa population, which is equivalent to 898 petitions. Petitions for City Council must come from within the district the candidate wishes to serve.

When asked about accomplishing this feat, Orlando Gudes replied that he is grateful to the many citizens and friends in District 5 who took the time to sign his petition for candidacy.

Gudes is a retired public servant for over 26 years and an active member of the City of Tampa. As a fellow citizen, Gudes has served on the Charter Review Board, East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership CAC, Hillsborough County Human Relations Board, Neighborhood Accountability Board, and the NFL YET Center Board and many others. He also has active memberships in a host of organizations, including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Florida Democratic Black Caucus State Sgt. at Arms, Pride of West Tampa Masonic Lodge #1, and the Hillsborough County Branch NAACP.

For more information regarding Orlando Gudes' Tampa City Council District 5 Campaign, visit the website at <u>www.OrlandoGudes.com</u>.