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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Post-Ian Update

Election Day for the 2022 General Election is right around the corner and we are working around the clock to ensure voters are able to easily cast their ballot during this important mid-term election.

No election is easy, and adding a hurricane in the midst of our election prep has added to the stress that election officials are already under. We know that several of our voters are going through a major recovery effort during this time and our office

is here to ensure that voters have the knowledge and assistance when it comes to casting their ballot.

Fortunately, in Collier, all of our early voting locations are intact post-Hurricane Ian and Vote-by-Mail ballots continue to be delivered to and from our office. We did relocate two Election Day polling locations; one in Isles of Capri and one located within the City of Naples. Approximately 5,400 voters will be notified about this and advised how and where they can cast their ballot during this election.

I am so proud of my staff for coming together to manage the aftermath of this storm. The resilience of our voters and the dedication from our election workers has not gone unnoticed.

Don't forget, there is still time to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot, especially if you have been displaced by the storm. Call our office to make that request by October 29. We can send a ballot anywhere and we are happy to walk you through that process.



We were honored to host Secretary of State, Cord Byrd, in September as he continues his visits to all 67 counties in Florida.

OUT & ABOUT



2022 High School Voter Registration Challenge

Congratulations to Palmetto Ridge High School, winners of the 2022 High School Voter Registration Challenge!

Of the 640 students who registered and pre-registered to vote, our office received 208 voter registration applications from Palmetto Ridge High School students. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's challenge!

Students who pre-registered to vote and turn 18 by Election Day, November 8, will be eligible to vote in this election.

Participating Schools: Gulf Coast High School, Lely High School, Marco Island Academy, Naples High School, First Baptist Academy and Palmetto Ridge High School.

VOTER OUTREACH

Fall Programs



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OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The Outreach Department had a productive fall season. We have seen an increase in registered voters in Collier County since last fall. Thanks to our local government partners, who continue to help us with registration efforts, including the Collier County Public Schools system and Collier County Public Libraries.

Kicking off the Academic year, we had our annual High School Voter Registration Challenge. Gulf Coast High School had held the winning title for the last three years; however, this year we crowned Palmetto Ridge High School as the champion with 208 voter registration applications received.

Other outreach activities include voter registration drives on September 22 for National Voter Registration Day and outreach to our local assisted living facilities to help the residents register or update their information and request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the General Election.

It is important for us to keep all of our residents informed about voting and elections in Collier County.



We hosted a student election at Gulf Coast Charter Academy where students were able to vote using real voting equipment.

#TRUSTEDINFO2022



With decades of experience, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections is THE trusted resource for elections and voting information in Collier County. It is our priority to exhaust every resource available to ensure that our voting system and networks are secure. Since elections were designated as a critical infrastructure in 2017, we have built partnerships with multiple agencies including the Department of Homeland Security who keep election officials abreast of cybersecurity threats and concerns. Our office also continues to invest in new technology for our voting equipment; tools to help harden our networks and training for our employees who help keep our systems safe from bad actors.

We understand that confidence in elections and faithful maintenance of the voter roll are key factors in voter turnout. Collier County has repeatedly led the state in voter participation including in 2020 when over 90% of our voters cast a ballot during the General Election. Our goal is to continue this trajectory by ensuring that every voter has a positive voting experience.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.CollierVotes.gov for information pertaining to the upcoming elections and follow us on our verified social media channels for important announcements made about voting in Collier County.

The winners in 2022 will be our decision makers in our community and our voice in Tallahassee and in Washington D.C. When we do not take full advantage of the right to vote, we not only give away our voice, we also give away the ability to shape our community's future.

Be an informed voter and use your vote to voice what is important to you.



KEVIN TURNER
TRAINING & OUTREACH
DIRECTOR

TRAINING NEWS

Thank You Election Workers!

As we approach the finale of the 2022 Election Cycle, we want to thank the hundreds of election workers who worked with us this year.

Working at the polls is no easy task. Election workers go through an extensive training process and are working at the polls for 12-14 hours. Beyond what is

required from these volunteers, in the wake of Hurricane Ian, these individuals have stayed committed to serving the public during this General Election.

Whether you are planning to vote in person at an early voting site or at your assigned polling location on Election Day, be sure to thank the volunteers who are helping you exercise your right to vote. We cannot conduct successful elections without them.

Early Voting – October 27-November 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
Find an early voting location near you: www.CollierVotes.gov/EARLY

Election Day – November 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Find your Election Day polling location: www.CollierVotes.gov/

ELECTION SERVICES

Election Day Relocations

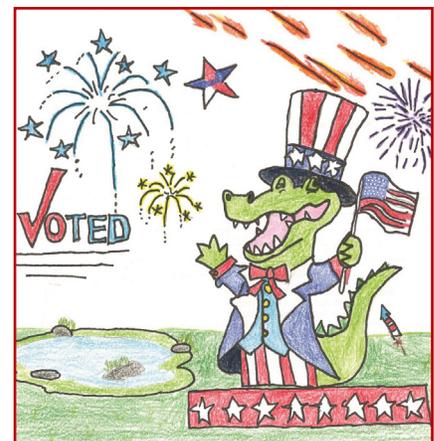


WILLIAM KOCSES
ELECTION SERVICES DIRECTOR

Beginning the Monday after Hurricane Ian, our department was back at work to check on all of our polling locations planned for use during the General Election.

We were so fortunate to have preserved all 11 early voting locations and we only lost two of our Election Day polling sites. Precinct 142 located at the Isles of Capri Community Center has been relocated to a neighboring polling location at Marco Presbyterian Church, and Precinct 462 at St. John's Episcopal Church has been relocated to Moorings Presbyterian Church.

These two changes affect approximately 5,400 voters and the relocations are only in place for voters casting their ballot on Election Day, November 8. The voters at both locations will get notifications from our office and our team will add additional signage to help direct voters to the correct polling place.



This year's I Voted sticker was designed by Oscar Andablo of East Naples Middle School during our 2021 Art for Democracy contest.

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

Campaign Funds After An Election

When a local or state candidate is elected, loses or withdraws from an election, candidates have 90 days to dispose of surplus funds and close their campaign account. Florida law also limits what can be done

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with any money remaining in their campaign checking account.

The first thing a candidate may do is pay themselves back for any loans made to his/her campaign. They can also pro-rate any remaining funds and repay each contributor a share of the funds that are left. The candidate may also purchase advertising to thank his supporters. Candidates may donate surplus funds to their political party and winning candidates may create an office account.

Candidates may not contribute surplus funds to another candidate's campaign. Nor can candidates "roll over" any funds for their next campaign. Candidates who are elected for state office may carry over \$20,000 for their future campaign for the same office.

In Collier County the most common method of disposing of surplus funds is for the candidate to pay themselves back for any loans and then donate the remainder to charity.

SPOTLIGHT: TRAINING & OUTREACH DEPARTMENT



Do you vote in person during early voting or on Election Day? This is the team that trains ALL those volunteers who help you vote.

During the General Election, over 1,600 positions will be filled during early voting and on Election Day.

Most election workers who work on Election Day will first go through an online training which is then followed by an in-person hands-on class. Depending on their position, workers will go through 2-6 hours of training prior to each election. We truly cannot conduct elections without these volunteers and the training team who gets them prepared to help our voters!

IMPORTANT 2022 ELECTION DATES

General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 11

Early Voting: October 27-November 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Election Day: November 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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