



# COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS MELISSA R. BLAZIER

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

### 2024 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: July 22  
Early Voting: August 10-17  
Election Day: August 20

### 2024 General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 7  
Early Voting: October 21-November 2  
Election Day: November 5

Early voting dates subject to change.



We are so thankful to have a team of truly amazing election workers! Would you like to join our Elections Team? Visit [www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP) to learn more.



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## SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

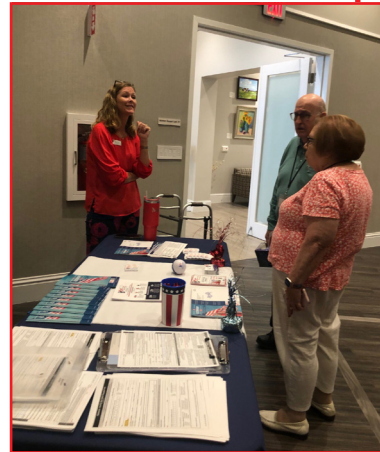
*The Collier County Supervisor of Elections is THE Trusted Source!*

The candidate qualifying period ended at noon on June 14 and we now know what will be on the ballot during the August Primary Election. There are 360 ballot styles for the election and what you will see on your ballot depends on your residential address and political party affiliation.

I encourage you to review your voter information to ensure that our office has the most up-to-date information. If you need to register to vote or make a change to your party affiliation ahead of the Primary Election, the deadline to do so is July 22. You can take care of that in person at our office or online at [www.CollierVotes.gov/OVR](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/OVR). If you are curious about what your ballot will look like for the upcoming election, you can view your Sample Ballot by visiting our website.

As you take care of your election to-do's, don't forget that the Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is THE trusted source for election information. I encourage you to stay up-to-date with our office by subscribing to our monthly newsletter, following us on our social media, and signing up to receive election-related text messages through TextMyGov. You can sign up for this service by texting **COLLIERVOTES** to **91896**.

The Primary Election is right around the corner, and my team and I are here to help you be Election Ready!



It was a pleasure to speak to the residents at Siena Lakes Senior Living Community about the upcoming elections!

## OUT & ABOUT

June has been a busy month for our outreach team!

This month, we had the pleasure of engaging with future voters during Youth Leadership Collier, a summer leadership program hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber. This unique program offers rising high school seniors a chance to explore local government and gain valuable leadership experiences. During the event, Supervisor Blazier had the opportunity to speak with students about election administration in Collier County and the upcoming elections this year. We also helped them register to vote and administered a mock election using our voting equipment.

Members of our team also conducted the Politics in the Park straw poll hosted by the Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA). Attendees were able to vote in the straw poll and meet the candidates running for local offices. Want to know where we will be the rest of the summer?

Visit our Activities and Events calendar on our website [www.CollierVotes.gov](http://www.CollierVotes.gov).



# PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT BREAKDOWN

There are 360 ballot styles in this Primary Election and contests that will appear on a voter's ballot will mostly depend on their residential address and their political party affiliation. Since Florida is a closed primary state, voters must be registered with that party by July 22 in order to cast vote in that contest.

However, **all** Collier voters, regardless of their address and political party, will see four countywide nonpartisan contests which are: Circuit Judge, 20th Judicial Circuit, Groups 6 and 28, and School Board, Districts 2 and 4. The winner of these races will be decided in the August Primary as each race only has two candidates.

**Registered Republicans** countywide will be able to participate in the contests for the U.S. Senate, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Republican State Committeeman, and Republican State Committeewoman.

Depending on a voter's address, registered Republicans will also choose a Republican candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress District 26, Florida House of Representatives District 81, and Collier County Commission District 3. The winners of these primary contests will see other party opposition in the November General Election.

**Registered Democrats** countywide will be able to participate in the contest for the U.S. Senate.

Voters registered with the Democratic Party will also see a contest for U.S. Representative in Congress District 18 on their ballot if they live within that congressional district. The winners of these primary contests will see other party opposition in the November General Election.

**Commission Districts 1, 3 and 5** are up for election. The two County Commission District races that will be on the Primary ballot will be District 3 and 5. Collier County Commission District 1 will not be on the Primary ballot, but will be on the November General Election ballot as the current incumbent will face write-in opposition.

The race for County Commission District 3 is closed, and only registered Republicans who live in County Commission District 3 can vote in that race. The winning candidate will then face a Non Party Affiliated (NPA) opponent in the November General Election.

In County Commission District 5, the two candidates running for this position are Republicans and the winning candidate will face no opposition in the November General Election. Under Florida law, when all candidates for a partisan office are from the same party and will not see opposition in the November General Election, an otherwise closed primary becomes open to all voters, making it a **Universal Primary**. Therefore, all voters who reside in County Commission District 5, regardless of party affiliation, will see this race on their ballot in the Primary Election.

Voters who live in the **Greater Naples Fire Rescue District** will have an opportunity to decide on increasing the District's millage rate. All voters residing in this district will be able to vote on this referendum despite their political party affiliation.

Voters who would like to change their party affiliation to vote in a closed partisan contest must do so by the July 22 deadline. Voter information updates can be made in person at our office or online at [www.CollierVotes.gov/OVR](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/OVR).

## MYTH BUSTER

**MYTH** In Florida, anyone can vote in a primary regardless of political party affiliation.

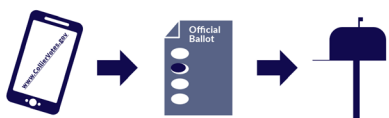
**BUSTED** Florida is a closed primary state. This means that voters who wish to vote in a partisan election must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary contest is being held.

Get more Myth Busters - follow us on social media!

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## VOTE-BY-MAIL REMINDERS



Do you plan to vote by mail this year? Don't wait until the last minute to request your ballot.

**Request your Vote-by-Mail ballot:** The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the Primary Election is 5 p.m. on August 8. If you have not yet submitted a Vote-by-Mail ballot request for the 2024 election cycle, you can do so online at [www.CollierVotes.gov/RequestBallot](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/RequestBallot) or by calling our office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

**Update Your Signature:** A voter's signature is critical to the Vote-by-Mail process. When voters cast a Vote-by-Mail ballot, Florida election law requires each voter to sign a Voter's Certificate on the back of the return envelope. Updating your signature will prevent a Vote-by-Mail ballot from being rejected by the Canvassing Board due to a non-matching signature.

**Verify Your Mailing Address:** Vote-by-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded, so it is important that voters verify where they requested to receive their ballots, understanding that our office will be sending their ballot beginning July 11. Verify your address by contacting our office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683) or track your ballot online at [www.CollierVotes.gov/TrackMyBallot](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/TrackMyBallot).

## SPOTLIGHT



This month, we are proud to highlight three team members that celebrated incredible milestones with our office! Our Elections Team is so fortunate to have Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections Kevin Turner, Qualifying Officer Dave Carpenter, and Training Officer Michael Russell! This month, Kevin celebrated 18 years of service with our office, Dave celebrated 29 years, and Michael celebrated 5 years!

Thank you so much for all that you do and for your dedication to our office and voters in Collier County!