



COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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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 are subject to change.



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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

State of Elections in Collier County

This month marks one year since my appointment by Governor Ron DeSantis as Collier County's Supervisor of Elections, and it has been a profound honor to serve in this role working for the voters of Collier County.

With the help from my incredible team, we were able to expand upon our voter outreach and voter registration activities, continue to increase efforts to ensure integrity and transparency in our elections, and most importantly, continue conducting excellent elections in Collier County.

Our office has made several notable achievements over the past year including a record-breaking High School Voter Registration Challenge where we registered nearly 1,200 students – the highest in the challenge's history. We conducted an outstanding Art for Democracy contest which produced our new 2024 I Voted sticker. We also launched new voter resources including TextMyGov, a text messaging service that sends voters election-related alerts and reminders.

I also had the pleasure to lead my team through the City of Everglades Election, the Presidential Preference Primary, and the recount for the City of Naples city council and mayoral races. All of these elections were conducted to the highest level of excellence that Collier County is accustomed to.

These achievements would not have been possible without my team and the hundreds of dedicated election workers who help us conduct fair, honest and accurate elections. Thank you for your trust, support and confidence over this past year!



Congratulations to Supervisor Blazier, who was sworn in for a second term on the Board of Directors for the Florida Supervisors of Elections Association!

OUT & ABOUT

Community Outreach

With the August Primary quickly approaching, our outreach team has been in the community educating voters and helping them prepare for the upcoming elections.

This month, we visited various locations in the county including senior living facilities such as Tuscan Villa of Naples, and community events such as the First Annual Naples Police Department Safety and Family Fun Day. We also hosted voter registration drives at several candidate forums across the county!

If you would like to see where our team will be through the summer months, visit our Activities and Events Calendar at www.CollierVotes.gov.



PRIMARY ELECTION BREAKDOWN

We are less than 100 days from the Primary Election! Are you Election Ready? Here are some important reminders to help you prepare for the upcoming election:

Closed Primaries: Florida is a Closed Primary state. If a voter wants to vote in partisan primary contests, they must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held. However, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on issues and nonpartisan candidates, such as school board, in primary elections. The only exception to closed primaries is during universal primaries where all candidates running for election are members of one party and will not see opposition in the General Election.

Deadlines: The voter registration and party change deadline for the Primary Election is Monday, July 22. If you plan to Vote-by-Mail, the deadline to request your mail ballot is Thursday, August 8 by 5 p.m. To register to vote, update your party affiliation, or request a Vote-by-Mail ballot, visit www.CollierVotes.gov.

Election Dates: Early voting for the Primary Election is August 10 through August 17, and polls are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Early Voting locations can be found on our website. If you plan to vote on Election Day, August 20, please remember that you must cast your ballot at your assigned polling location. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Learn more about how you can prepare for the August Primary at www.CollierVotes.gov.

MYTH BUSTER

MYTH Absentee ballots and Vote-by-Mail ballots are not the same thing.

BUSTED Legislation was updated in 2016 changing the term "absentee" to "Vote-by-Mail" to emphasize the fact that Florida is a "no-excuse" Vote-by-Mail state. Florida voters do not need a reason to vote by mail. Any voter can request and cast a Vote-by-Mail ballot for all elections.

Get more Myth Busters - follow us on social media!

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WORK AT THE POLLS IN 2024

We would not be able to conduct excellent elections without the help from our dedicated election workers. Our office is proud to have members of our community join our team to help ensure we are conducting secure, transparent, and accurate elections.

If you would like to become an Election Worker for the Primary and General Elections, you must:

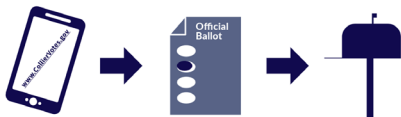
Complete an Application: Collier County residents who are interested in working at the polls must complete an online Election Worker Application. Once completed, a member of our staff will be in touch regarding your application and will invite you to an Election Worker Orientation.

Attend an Orientation: Each election worker must attend an hour-long orientation to become familiar with the election process and worker responsibilities. During the orientation, we will cover available positions and pay, election worker requirements and expectations.

Complete Training: If selected, you will be asked to complete mandatory election worker training as required by law. Depending on the position, election workers will first complete an online training session followed by an in-person training. Trainings will take place 45 days prior to the election and are 2 to 3 hours long.

To learn more about how you can join our Elections Team, visit www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP or call (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

VOTE BY MAIL



Will you be out of town or traveling during the Primary and General Elections? Do not forget to submit your Vote-by-Mail ballot request!

Voters can submit a Vote-by-Mail ballot request online at www.CollierVotes.gov/RequestBallot, by calling our office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683), or by completing a Statewide Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Form.

Our office will begin mailing Vote-by-Mail ballots to military and overseas voters on July 6 for the Primary Election and September 20 for the General Election. For domestic voters, we will begin mailing ballots on July 11 for the Primary Election and September 26 for the General Election.

To ensure delivery of your ballot, please make sure you provide us with the address of where you would like your Vote-by-Mail ballot sent. By law, Vote-By-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded. To track the status of your ballot, visit www.CollierVotes.gov/TrackMyBallot.

SPOTLIGHT



Piero Escapa joined our Elections Team earlier this year as our IT Security Specialist. As we gear up for the upcoming elections, he has been an invaluable member of our IT Department.

Before joining the elections office, Piero worked as the Database Administrator for Collier County Public Schools. In his free time, Piero loves to relax and partake in some of his favorite hobbies such as reading, painting, biking and traveling!