



## FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR WENDY SARTORY LINK

The Special Primary Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20 is tomorrow, and your Elections Office is election ready. In this Special Election Edition of our Elections Report, we provide all the information you need to be election ready, too!

If you are not a voter in Congressional District 20, we encourage you to read on to learn more about another Special Election that was recently scheduled in Palm Beach County and your Elections Office.

Have questions? Contact us at (561) 656-6200 or email [info@VotePalmBeach.gov](mailto:info@VotePalmBeach.gov). You can also get the latest information at [www.VotePalmBeach.gov](http://www.VotePalmBeach.gov) and by joining our social networks @VotePalmBeach.



# IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION



## **Governor Sets Dates for Special Election to Fill Vacancy in Florida House of Representatives, District 88**

On October 27, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis scheduled a Special Election to fill a vacancy that now exists in Florida House of Representatives, District 88, after the state legislator currently representing House District 88 resigned to run for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20.

The Special Primary Election for Florida House of Representatives, District 88 will be on January 11, 2022; the Special General Election is set for March 8, 2022. You may read the full Executive Order [here](#).

Our Elections Office will continue to keep you updated with additional developments regarding the Special Election.

## **Special Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20**

Primary Election Day in the Special Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20, is on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

U.S. House of Representatives, District 20 includes portions of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Registered voters affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties in Pahokee, Belle Glade, South Bay, Loxahatchee Groves, Haverhill, Mangonia Park, Glen Ridge, Cloud Lake, Lake Park, Riviera Beach, parts of Royal Palm Beach, and parts of West Palm Beach are eligible to cast their ballot in the Special Primary Election.

Whether you are casting your ballot by mail or at your polling place on Election Day, we want you to have the tools and information to make your vote count!

### **Vote-by-Mail Reminders:**

- The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you was 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2021; however, you may still request and pick-up a mail ballot in person until 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2021.
- You can [track your Vote-by-Mail ballot](#) from the moment you request it until the time we receive it back at our office.
- As of today, we recommend that you do not mail your ballot, but instead bring your completed mail ballot to a secure drop box or one of our four offices during office hours.
- **See the map below for ballot drop off hours and locations!**
- ALL Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on Primary Election Day for your vote to count.
- If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot but have decided to vote in person instead, your Vote-by-Mail ballot will be cancelled and you will be issued a regular ballot.

### **Election Day Reminders:**

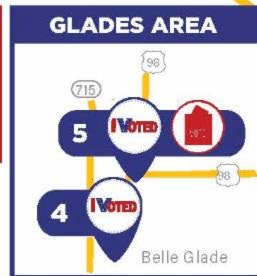
- **Primary Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021.**
- **Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place.
- To find your assigned polling place, please enter your voter information at [www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/Precinct-Finder](http://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/Precinct-Finder).
- Remember to bring a valid photo and signature ID. For a list of acceptable forms of identification, refer to our [website](#).

### **Safe Voting Reminders:**

- Social distancing protocols will be followed and voters are asked to wear a mask inside the polling location.
- Poll workers will be wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and sanitizing voting booths and common areas throughout the day.
- Please practice healthy behaviors to protect yourself and others.

# Palm Beach County Early Voting Sites & Vote-By-Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations

## Special Primary Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20 November 2, 2021



- 1 Wells Recreation Community Center**  
2409 Avenue H West, Riviera Beach
- 2 Summit Main Library**  
3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach
- 3 Palm Beach State College - Loxahatchee Groves**  
15845 Southern Blvd., Loxahatchee Groves
- 4 Belle Glade Branch Library**  
725 NW 4th St., Belle Glade
- 5 SOE West County Branch Office**  
2976 State Road #15, 2nd Floor, Belle Glade
- 6 SOE North County Branch Office**  
NE County Courthouse | 3188 P.G.A. Blvd., Rm. #2401, Palm Beach Gardens
- 7 SOE Main Office**  
240 South Military Trl., West Palm Beach
- 8 SOE South County Branch Office**  
SE PBC Administrative Complex | 345 S. Congress Ave., Rm. #103, Delray Beach

### EARLY VOTING LOCATION HOURS

Saturday, October 23 - Sunday, October 31 : 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### SOE OFFICE DROP BOX HOURS

#### Main Office ONLY

Saturday, October 23 - Sunday, October 24 : Saturday, October 30 - Sunday, October 31 : 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 25 - Friday, October 29 : Monday, November 1 : 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 2 : 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### West, North & South Branch Offices ONLY

Monday, October 25 - Friday, October 29 : Monday, November 1 : 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Saturdays and Sundays  
Tuesday, November 2 : 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Vote-by-Mail drop box hours established pursuant to Senate Bill 90 (2021) and state law.*

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**Special Primary Election Dates and Deadlines**  
**U.S. House of Representatives, District 20**

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**Early Voting with ExpressVote:**  
**Greater efficiency, reliability & security.**

We are proud to utilize the most cutting-edge technology, equipment, and best practices available that increase voter confidence and accessibility for all voters.

That's why ExpressVote equipment was available to every eligible voter during Early Voting at all five Early Voting sites in the Special Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20.

Used for several years in Florida and historically reserved for voters with disabilities or needing assistance, the ExpressVote Voting System has been used by elections officials with incredible success in several states across the country.

The paper-based ExpressVote combines touchscreen ballot marking technology with an integrated thermal printer to produce a paper record for tabulation.

The ExpressVote saves time, reduces marking errors, and lowers costs. Additionally, ExpressVote's innovative design is ADA-friendly and provides audio and visual guides for multiple languages.



Voters who chose to vote in person at an Early Voting location during the Special Election benefited from the ease of use and extra security ExpressVote offers, including greater efficiency and reliability.

A voluntary survey of voters who used the ExpressVote to cast their ballot in the Special Primary Election reported that they enjoyed the experience.

Learn more about the ExpressVote on our [website](#).

## **INTEGRITY / ACCOUNTABILITY / SERVICE**

### **EXPRESSVOTE: SECURITY YOUR CAN COUNT ON**

#### **How ExpressVote Works**

The ExpressVote is a ballot-marking device (BMD). A BMD is a device that helps voters mark a paper ballot more accurately and efficiently. A voter's choices are presented on a screen in a similar manner to a voting machine. However, a BMD does not record the voter's choices into its memory. Instead, it allows the voter to mark the choices on-screen and, when the voter is done, prints the ballot selections. The resulting printed paper ballot is then either hand counted or counted using an optical scanner/tabulator.



To vote on the ExpressVote, you will show your Photo ID, confirm your address, and check in with the poll worker. You will then be given a ballot card with your precinct bar code (for Early Voting) or a blank ballot card (on Election Day) and be directed to an ExpressVote. You insert the ballot into the ExpressVote to begin marking your ballot. After making your selections, you will print your ballot. You will then have the opportunity to review your selections printed on the ballot before inserting it into a ballot scanner. The scanner tabulates the votes on your ballot and feeds the ballot into a locked ballot box. The paper ballots are then used to verify and audit election results.

#### **The benefits of a ballot-marking device**

Ballot marking devices (BMDs) offer many of the benefits of touchscreen voting machines while also providing the assurance and security of a paper ballot.

- ✓ BMDs are fully accessible for people with disabilities allowing every Palm Beach County voter to vote independently using the same equipment.
- ✓ BMDs prevent voters from overvoting (selecting more candidates than allowed). Hand-marked paper ballots can be overvoted. Election officials do not need to determine voter intent in an overvoted office, which assures that a voter's vote will be counted as the voter intended.
- ✓ BMDs prevent stray marks. Unintended marks on a paper ballot can cause overvotes or votes to be cast differently than intended.
- ✓ BMDs prevent improper marks. Voters do not always mark paper ballots by filling in the oval as instructed. It is common for voters to circle a candidate's name, make a check mark, or even cross through a name. Improper marks require election officials to try to interpret these marks to determine voter intent.
- ✓ BMDs remind voters if they have undervoted (missed an office or voted for fewer candidates than allowed).

#### **How barcodes ensure the integrity of your vote**

In addition to the summary of votes printed in text on your ballot, the ballot marking device also prints several barcodes. None of the barcodes include any information about the voter. One barcode includes a number that identifies the ballot style (i.e., which offices are on the ballot). The other barcodes include numbers that identify the selection made by the voter in each contest. When the voter inserts the ballot into the scanner, the votes are tabulated by reading the barcodes. The barcode provides the same information to the scanner as do the oval positions on a hand-marked paper ballot.

#### **Audits ensure accuracy and integrity of votes cast**

Election officials test ballot marking devices and scanners prior to every election to ensure they are tabulating correctly. Election officials also audit paper ballots to ensure that the scanner's count of the barcodes matches up with the count of the written word.

More on barcodes and ES&S ExpressVote ballots can be found at [www.essvote.com](http://www.essvote.com).



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# ELECTIONS OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

## **Vote & Vax program offered free vaccines at Early Voting locations**

In partnership with the Department of Health and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, your Elections Office was proud to launch the “Vote & Vax” program. A mobile unit outside various Early Voting locations during select times provided voters an opportunity to receive a free authorized COVID-19 vaccine or booster and cast their vote!



## **Election system integrity you can count on**

An audit of Florida's 67 counties' elections systems after the 2020 General Elections showed, according to Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee, "an exceedingly high level of election integrity and, again, demonstrated that our results were accurate, reliable."

Officials throughout Florida are confident in the integrity of our system. Governor Ron DeSantis recently affirmed, "what we do in Florida is, there's a pre- and post-election audit that happens automatically. So, that has happened. It passed with flying colors in terms of how that's going."

Your Palm Beach County Elections Office is dedicated to the impartial administration of Florida's election laws and conducting fair, honest, and accurate elections.

As President of the Florida Supervisors of Elections eloquently stated, "it is through elections that government by the people is accomplished. In this spirit, we call on our fellow voters to dedicate themselves to learning about the many safeguards already in place that guarantee the accuracy of Florida's elections."

We encourage you to get the facts. Please contact our Elections Team to learn more about how elections are administered and the security measures in place that protect our votes.

## **ICYMI: Voter Education Summit**

Your Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link joined with local community leaders for a LIVE broadcast on October 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss voting in the upcoming elections and new voting laws relating to Senate Bill 90. If you weren't able to watch or attend, you can view the full broadcast online by clicking on the video below.





## PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER STATISTICS

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### PALM BEACH COUNTY REGISTERED VOTERS

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**402,427** DEMOCRAT

**279,443** REPUBLICAN

**294,211** OTHER

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**976,081** **TOTAL** \* AS OF 10/29/21



## CONNECT WITH US



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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
**P: (561) 624-6555**

#### South County Branch Office

Southeast PBC Admin Complex  
345 S. Congress Ave., Rm. #103  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
**P: (561) 276-1226**

#### West County Branch Office

West County Office Building  
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