

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR WENDY SARTORY LINK

Your Elections Office has a lot of ballots to count throughout the year, but we also have many blessings to count as we reflect on 2021 and prepare for the New Year.

Our Elections Team takes pride in how we work together to ensure transparent, secure democracy. We sincerely appreciate the voters, poll workers, and partners in our community who help make Palm Beach County the best place to vote.

Read this month's Elections Report to be voter ready as we gear up for two Special Elections on January 11, 2022, in parts of Palm Beach County. We hope you will embrace the holiday spirit and spread joy this season.

Have questions? Contact us at (561) 656-6200 or email info@VotePalmBeach.gov. You can also visit www.VotePalmBeach.gov and follow us on social media @VotePalmBeach to get the latest updates and information from your Elections Office.

IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

2021 Holiday Office Closures December 24, 27, & 31

Our offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31, 2021, in observance of the holidays. We will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2022, to serve voters in the Special Elections for U.S. Congressional District 20 and Florida House District 88. We hope this holiday season, and the year ahead, is filled with peace, love, and happiness for you and your families!



Special Elections in Palm Beach County Make Your Vote Count!

There are two Special Elections scheduled for January 11, 2022, in parts of Palm Beach County: A Special General Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20, and a Special Democratic Primary Election for Florida House of Representatives, District 88.

If you are not sure whether you live within Congressional District 20 or Florida House District 88, please visit the "My Status" page of our website. There you can view your voter registration information, find your districts, and check the status of your Vote-by-Mail ballot. You can also look at your voter registration card to see what districts you are in.

In Palm Beach County, there are 3 safe, easy, and secure ways to cast your ballot:

1) VOTE-BY-MAIL

- Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot <u>online</u>, email <u>votebymail@votepalmbeach.gov</u>, or call (561) 656-6208. Please have your Driver License, Florida ID card, or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number available when making your request.
- The deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2022.
 Our Main Elections Office will be open that Saturday to serve you.
- A mail ballot may also be picked up in person at one of our four offices until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.
- You can track your Vote-by-Mail ballot from the moment you request it until the time we receive it back at our office.
- Postage on mail ballots is prepaid, or you can return a ballot in person to our office during business hours, to any early voting location during early voting hours, or a secure drop box during drop box hours.
- See the map below for ballot drop off hours and locations.
- Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received by our office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, for your vote to count.

2) EARLY VOTING Saturday, January 1, 2022, through Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Early Voting locations are open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Registered voters can vote at any of the 7 Early Voting locations.
- See the map below for Early Voting hours and locations.
- Visit <u>VotePalmBeach.gov</u> for Early Voting locations, directions, and wait times.
- You can find a secure Vote-by-Mail ballot drop box at each Early Voting location during Early Voting hours.
- REMINDER: the ExpressVote equipment makes voting easier, faster, and more secure! Historically reserved for voters with disabilities or needing assistance, ExpressVote equipment will now be available to every eligible voter during Early Voting at all seven Early Voting sites!
- Please remember to bring a valid photo and signature ID.
 For a list of acceptable forms of identification, <u>refer to our website</u>.

3) ELECTION DAY Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place. Find your polling place here.
- Remember to bring a valid photo and signature ID. For a list of acceptable forms of identification, <u>refer to our</u> website.

For more information about voting in the Special Elections and important deadlines, please visit VotePalmBeach.gov or call (561) 656-6200.

SPECIAL ELECTION: JANUARY 11, 2022

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

Special General Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20 Special Primary Election for Florida House of Representatives, District 88



Congressional District 20 includes portions of Palm Beach and Broward County. For more information about the Special General Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20, and the Special Democratic Primary Election for Florida House of Representatives, District 88, we encourage Palm Beach County voters to visit <u>VotePalmBeach.gov</u> or Broward County voters to visit <u>BrowardVotes.gov</u>.

It's Back! ExpressVote is a Win-Win for Voters and Your Elections Office

Your Elections Office was proud to make ExpressVote equipment available to every eligible voter during Early Voting in the November 2, 2021, Special Primary Election for U.S. House of Representatives, District 20. Primarily designated for voters utilizing the machine's ADA capabilities, we were Florida's first county to use ExpressVote for all eligible voters to mark their ballots during an election.

The response from voters was overwhelmingly positive, as voters enjoyed the increased security, easy-to-use technology, and greater accessibility that ExpressVote offers. Our Elections Office also benefited from the reduced costs of consumables compared to traditional paper ballots, as well as reduced risk for marking errors which contributed to timely results reporting.

That's why we are so pleased to offer ExpressVote equipment once again to every eligible voter during Early Voting at all seven Early Voting sites in the upcoming Special Elections. Early Voting will be available Saturday, January 1 through Sunday, January 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Learn more about the ExpressVote below or on our website.

INTEGRITY ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICE

EXPRESSVOTE PROGRAM

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Greater Efficiency

Voters utilize a touch screen, keypad, or sip/puff device to mark their vote and review selections on the printed ballot.



Innovative Design

Audio and visual guides for English, Spanish & Creole that are ADA-friendly.



Saves Time

Quicker check-in and voting process makes voting faster and more convenient.



Reduces Voting Errors

Prevents unclear marks and under/overvoting.



Lowers Cost & Waste

Uses less consumables than traditional paper ballots.



More Secure

Utilizes a variety of functions to ensure election data and cast vote records are secure.

Early Voting before the January 11, 2022 Special Elections:

Saturday, January 1 - Sunday, January 9, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting locations and hours of operation will be posted at least 30 days prior to an upcoming election. Visit VotePalmBeach.gov to learn more.

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New Year, New Districts: Redistricting 2022

Every ten years, using information collected from U.S. Census data collection, Florida's political boundaries, known as "districts," are redrawn to account for changes in population. Our Elections Office does not draw district lines. However, we do play a part in the redistricting process. Once the new districts are drawn, we must draw new precinct lines. We also update the precinct boundaries so that they align with the new district maps for federal, state, and local offices. We then assign each voter to the precinct based on their address. This process is known as "reprecincting."

Each precinct has an associated Election Day polling place. Since precincts are changing, some polling places will change as well. Starting with the 2022 Primary Election, some voters will have new Election Day polling places. If there is a change that affects you, we will let you know!

You can learn more about the redistricting process for:

- Palm Beach County at https://discover.pbcgov.org/Pages/redistricting.aspx
- Palm Beach County School Board at https://tinyurl.com/5n7axas4
- State of Florida at www.floridaredistricting.gov

IN THE COMMUNITY

Holiday Toy Drive Elections Office partners with Little Smiles PBC

Our office has partnered with Little Smiles of Palm Beach County to host a toy drive this holiday season to help local families in need. We

hope to spread holiday cheer to the children in our community who are experiencing challenging circumstances this year.

All four Supervisor of Elections Office locations will be collecting new, unwrapped toys during regular business hours through Wednesday, December 22, 2021. For more information about Little Smiles, visit Home - Little Smiles FL.



Spreading Holiday Cheer ...and Important Voter Information

The Election's Team attended the recent holiday parade in the Village of Wellington and will be at the South Florida Fair in January. We take every opportunity we can to make sure you are an informed voter, and we are ready for any occasion!

Follow us on social media @VotePalmBeach. If you are interested in hosting a voter registration or education event, please complete the

online request form, call us at (561) 656-6200, or email info@VotePalmBeach.gov.



Some Food for Thought: Thank You for Your Donations

A big THANK YOU to our community for its generosity this past Thanksgiving! Our Elections Office teamed up with Club 100 Charities' Food Pantry to collect non-perishable food items for local families in need.

We are incredibly grateful for the kind-hearted contributions of those who came to one of our four Elections Offices that served as a donation center. With your support, we were able to help several families in Palm Beach County make this Holiday Season special.



ELECTIONS OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

We Want You on Our Team

Our Elections Office is looking for individuals who value integrity and diversity, who are customer service focused, who believe in teamwork, and are committed to making a difference in our community. We always strive to help our employees find passion and purpose, and hope you will consider joining us.

In addition to full-time positions, we also offer seasonal opportunities for those who are looking for a temporary position.

You can view open positions and download an application online at <u>VotePalmBeach.gov</u>. You may also visit one of our four offices to pick up an application in-person.

Follow us on social media @VotePalmBeach to get the most current updates regarding job openings and your Palm Beach County Elections Office.



PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER STATISTICS

PALM BEACH COUNTY REGISTERED VOTERS

402,599 DEMOCRAT

281,109 REPUBLICAN

297,228 OTHER

980,936 TOTAL

*AS OF 12/20/21



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West County Branch Office

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