

FALL 2022



# LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

## A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

The 2022 General Election was a historical election unlike any other for Lee County.

Before Hurricane Ian made landfall in Lee County, our office was ready to conduct the November 8 General Election. Early Voting and Election Day voting locations were secured and prepared to be staffed with sufficient coverage. Our dedicated staff and poll workers were available and ready to serve the citizens of Lee County.

The devastation of Hurricane Ian in Lee County generated uncertainty around the availability of Election Day voting sites and sufficient poll workers to staff those sites. It significantly impacted our ability to conduct the election in the manner to which voters are typically accustomed.

My team and I are incredibly thankful for your patience, support, and understanding throughout this election cycle, especially on Election Day as you waited in line.

The aftermath of a near category five hurricane did not deter voters from making their voices heard.



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Lee County had a 53% voter turnout, an astounding number considering the challenges Hurricane Ian presented to our office and many voters in Lee County. This number is also consistent with voter turnout in counties across Florida.

Thank you for voting in this election, whether by mail, in person during Early Voting, or on Election Day.

I am grateful to my staff, election support staff, voting location coordinators, and our dedicated poll workers. Our office conducted this election under emergency conditions, yet we remained committed to ensuring the voters could cast their votes safely and securely. We look forward to the next election and serving the voters of Lee County.

*Tommy Doyle*

# 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The 2022 General Election Canvassing Board Members were Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle, County Judge and Chairman of the Board Erik Leontiev, and County Commissioner Raymond Sandelli.

In Florida, an elections County Canvassing Board (a *county judge, county commissioner, and the supervisor of elections*) is responsible for overseeing the elections process.

The November 8 General Election was certified by the Canvassing Board on November 18. The tabulation and canvassing of ballots have been completed. The official election results show an accurate account of the votes cast in the General Election. As required by law, all reports were submitted to the Florida Division of Elections.



# 2022 ELECTION STATS

## WHICH METHOD OF VOTING DID VOTERS CHOOSE?

ACTIVE ELIGIBLE VOTERS  
**518,035**

VOTER TURNOUT  
**276,225**

PERCENT TURNOUT  
**53.32%**

### VOTE-BY-MAIL

**142,404**

LEE COUNTY VOTERS  
VOTED BY MAIL  
IN THE  
NOVEMBER 8  
GENERAL ELECTION.

### IN PERSON

**133,821**

LEE COUNTY VOTERS  
VOTED IN PERSON  
IN THE  
NOVEMBER 8  
GENERAL ELECTION.

Location	Total
Cape Coral - Lee County Public Library	15,742 (5.70%)
East County Regional Library	10,857 (3.93%)
Estero Recreation Center	14,637 (5.30%)
Fort Myers Regional Library	5,133 (1.86%)
Lee County Elections Bonita Springs Branch Office	14,825 (5.37%)
Lee County Elections Cape Coral Branch Office	12,448 (4.51%)
Lee County Elections Center	23,021 (8.33%)
North Fort Myers Recreation Center	11,656 (4.22%)
Northwest Regional Library	9,582 (3.47%)
Schandler Hall Community Park	3,154 (1.14%)
Veterans Park Recreation Center	5,811 (2.10%)
Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center	6,955 (2.52%)

# 2022 GENERAL ELECTION



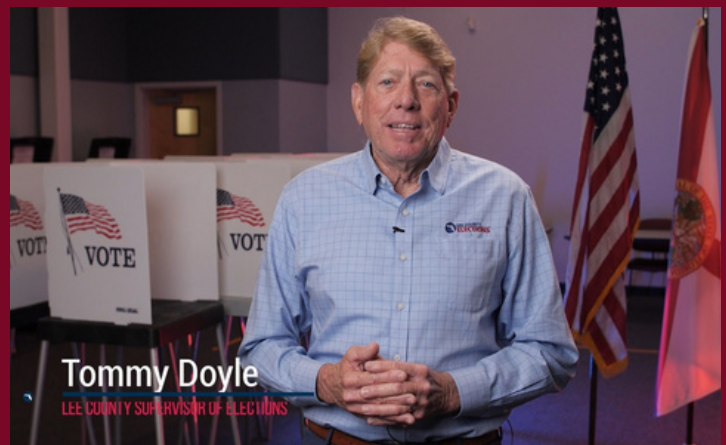
Lee Elections has successfully used the paper-based ExpressVote marking device in every precinct since 2016. The paper-based ExpressVote combines touchscreen ballot marking technology with an integrated thermal printer to produce a paper record for tabulation.

The system was historically reserved for voters with disabilities or those needing assistance in compliance with the Americans with Disability act until 2019, when Florida Statute 101.56075 was amended to authorize its use for all voters.

The primary use of the ExpressVote at all voting sites for the November General Election helped to expedite the voting process and provide a safe, secure, and accurate voting experience for Lee County voters.

Supervisor Doyle met with many voters during the General Election, some of whom traveled from severely affected parts of our community to make sure their voices were heard.

We appreciate all who came out to vote despite the hardships caused by Hurricane Ian.



Every election, our office processes thousands of Vote-by-Mail Ballots. This process takes weeks in order to complete in time for election night results.

[Click here](#) to take a look at the process your Vote-by-Mail Ballot goes through before it reaches tabulation.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Join us in welcoming Administrative Assistant Sunnah Shaikh!

Sunnah officially joined the Qualifying Department earlier this year; however, her experience with our office began in 2019. She provided voter services in the community as a part-time election worker with our Community Education Services Department.

Originally from the DC area, Sunnah moved to SWFL nearly four years ago. Her biggest challenge was moving away from her family, though she is now happy to call Lee County her home!

Sunnah is from a vast South-Asian family and is the oldest of six siblings. She credits her loved ones for her successes and says she “would not be here without their support.”

Her favorite hobby is traveling with family and friends because of the opportunity to explore new places and create special memories along the way.

Sunnah was essential in processing Vote-by-Mail ballots for tabulation in both the Primary and General Elections. We're grateful to have her join our elections team!

We welcomed Jorge Freire on board this year as our Warehouse Coordinator. Before joining the Lee County Supervisor of Elections staff, he worked in appliance maintenance and repair. He only dealt with domestic appliances.

Now he is an integral part of the team that keeps things running smoothly at our Election Center, where we store all our equipment and election day supplies. Jorge assists with organizing and maintaining everything from precinct and poll worker supplies to testing our tabulators.

Jorge was born in Long Island, New York, but considers himself more of a Floridian because he has lived here most of his life. Jorge loves playing the drums! He started playing the drums when he was 12 and fell in love with the instrument. Banging on the drums is a great way to release stress during election time, and he shares that “I’m not the best, but I certainly love playing!”



# NEWSLETTERS SUBSCRIBERS

Our list of newsletter subscribers has grown considerably.

At the beginning of the year, we started with 600 subscribers - today, we have over 1,200!

We want to recognize our new Newsletter subscribers and followers on our social media accounts. Thank you for taking the time to stay connected!



This holiday season marks our eighth year participating in the annual CAN IT! Food Drive to fight against hunger in our communities.

We are delighted to partner with Pushing the Envelope each year to benefit Community Cooperative. Our office collected 80 items for this great cause!



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