

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 19, 2020

#### **MEDIA BULLETIN - LEE COUNTY, FL**

#### OFFICE CLOSURES

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle announced yesterday that in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, regular operations at branch offices in Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, and South Fort Myers are suspended. We will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves and provide periodic updates on reopening branch offices.

Our agency is taking these measures to ensure the safety of its employees, the public, surrounding communities, and do its part in limiting exposure and slowing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

#### WHAT'S OPEN - THE MAIN OFFICE IS OPEN

At this time, the Main Office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, located at 2480 Thompson Street in Fort Myers, (at the corner of Fowler St and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.) will remain open until further notice.

#### CANDIDATES, PARTIES, AND COMMITTEES

Candidates or their agents, prospective candidates, and party or committee representatives should call ahead, whenever possible, and make an appointment.

#### ONLINE SERVICES AT WWW.LEE.VOTE

We are placing a temporary hold on the processing paper-based voter registration applications. Many online voter services are available on our website, <u>www.lee.vote</u>. A person can <u>register to vote</u>, <u>update their voter registration record</u>, <u>request a Vote-by-Mail ballot</u>, or <u>contact us</u>.

#### CONTACT US

Call the office at (239) 533-8683 or email elections@lee.vote.

#### SIGNATURE CURE DOCUMENT - FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Presidential Preference Primary voters needing to cure a <u>Vote-by-Mail</u> or <u>Provisional Ballot</u> signature discrepancy have until 5:00 p.m. March 19 to do so. Visit our <u>website</u> for information and instructions on submitting documents. We highly recommend that documentation be submitted electronically **BEFORE 5:00 p.m.** Staff will be available until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at the **Main Office** to accept documentation provided electronically or in-person.

#### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The following public meetings required to complete the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election are currently scheduled and will be held at the **Main Office**:

- March 20, 1:00 p.m.: Canvass Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballot, and certify unofficial results;
- March 27, NOON: Canvass of Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballots and certify official results;
- April 1, 9:00 a.m.: Conduct Post-Election Manual Audit.



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# 2019-2020 High School Voter Registration Challenge Winners!

Lee County, FL (April 28, 2020) Lee Elections invited county high schools to compete among themselves in the 2019-2020 High School Voter Registration Challenge. The objective of the challenge was to register the highest percentage of eligible students to vote and educate them about the elections process.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, is excited to announce the three winning high schools of the 2019-2020 High School Voter Registration Challenge are:

### First Place - North Fort Myers High School (29% registered) Second Place: Lehigh Senior High School (26 % registered) Third Place: Mariner High School (23% registered)

A highlight of this year's challenge was that our Community Education Services teams were able to provide more classroom presentations than in previous years and believe that is why the number of registrations are higher even though fewer schools competed this year. Eleven high schools participated and a total of 1,537 students, 16 years and above, registered to vote versus 936 in the 2018 -2019 High School Voter Registration Challenge.

Classroom presentations contributed to the success because they allowed for more student participation and offered us the chance to assess students' knowledge about elections, clear up doubts and misconceptions about the voting process, and encourage them to make voting a habit by becoming active voters in the near future. Our goal was to impress upon them that they help choose the leaders of their government through participation in their local, county, state, and federal elections.

The Community Education Services Department relied upon their fantastic team of Patriots to meet the demands of conducting numerous voter registration drives at different locations throughout the county.

Sometimes having multiple drives on a single day at various locations. We are grateful to our Patriots who shared their special talents, enriched our program with their creativity, and enhanced our ability to engage with students.

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# **Vote-by-Mail Process and Security Facts**

Lee County, FL (May 12, 2020)

#### **REQUESTING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT**

A Vote-by-Mail ballot may be requested for a specific election, or for all elections through the next two general election cycles. A <u>Vote-by-Mail ballot request</u> for a voter may only be made by the voter, the voter's legal guardian, or an immediate family member.

"Immediate family" means:

- Child
- Parent
- Sibling
- Grandparent
- Spouse
- Spouse's parent
- Spouse's child

- Spouse's sibling
- Spouse's grandparent

It is illegal for any person to offer or accept any benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election, except as outlined in Florida Statute 104.0616.

#### PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION

Vote-by-Mail ballots are counted first in an election. In Florida, all Vote-by-Mail ballots are counted if properly completed and go through a signature verification process. This means making sure that the return envelope (Voter's Certificate) is signed and that the signature matches the signature in the Florida Voter Registration System.

- The Election Reform Bill CS/SB 7066 signed by Governor DeSantis in 2019 requires formal signature matching training for Supervisors of Elections and County Canvassing Board members.
- If there is an issue related to a missing signature or a signature mismatch on the voter's Vote-by-Mail ballot, the voter has until 5:00 p.m. the 2nd day AFTER the election (or Thursday after the election) to <u>cure the signature</u> deficiency.

Florida law requires election supervisors to notify any voter whose signature is missing or does not match our database.

Verified Vote-by-Mail ballots are stored in our vault until the law states they may be opened and counted. Once ballots are removed from their envelopes, they are counted in our high-speed Optical Scan Tabulator (DS850).

Florida law requires election supervisors to conduct a public Logic and Accuracy test on all tabulating equipment BEFORE processing ballots to ensure the equipment is functioning and processing ballots accurately.

#### CHECKS AND BALANCES: CANVASSING BOARD

In Florida, an elections Canvassing Board (a county judge, county commissioner, and the Supervisor of Elections) is responsible for overseeing all public pretesting of a sample of the tabulation equipment used in an election, examining ballots or groups of ballots, determining voter intent when required by law, compiling election returns, conducting recounts when required by law, determining the official results of an election, certifying an election, and conducting post-election manual audits to check voting system performance. In addition to the Canvassing Board, the Elections Office has procedures in place for accounting and reconciliation of Vote-by-Mail ballots. Our voter registration system keeps track of the number of Vote-by-Mail requests, Vote-by-Mail ballots mailed, and Vote-by-Mail ballots received and counted.

#### PHYSICAL SECURITY

Both our vault and tabulation room are under 24-hour video surveillance and require two-factor authentication for access.

Security cameras capture anyone who enters and exits all areas of our office. Only authorized personnel have access to our vault and tabulation room.

#### TRACKING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Anyone who votes by mail can <u>track their ballot online</u> through our website, <u>www.lee.vote</u>. Tracking a ballot gives the voter the ability to see when their request was received and when their ballot was mailed, received, and counted.

If there is an issue, such as a missing signature or signature mismatch on the Vote-by-Mail ballot, it will be indicated on the voter's website profile record. The website profile record will provide the voter with information on how to obtain the instructions and forms necessary to remedy the situation.



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# Lee County Elections announces the Winners of the 2019-2020 Arts Vote Contest!

Lee County, FL (May 20, 2020) The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office is honored to announce the winners of the third annual Arts Vote Contest.

The contest gives students at participating high schools the opportunity to unleash their creativity and talent to the fullest with the intention of promoting civic engagement, voting, and patriotism. This year's theme highlighted the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed women's constitutional right to vote.

The winners of this year's Arts Vote Contest are:

Winner for Best Artwork: Chloe McCrumb

Winner for Most Original Artwork: Genesis Quiros

Chloe McCrumb, a sophomore from Cypress Lake High School, won this year's "Best Artwork" category. Chloe's use of bright colors created a dynamic art piece, which she expressed, "shows how enthusiastic [she is] about WOMEN VOTING!"

Genesis Quiros, also a sophomore from Cypress Lake High School, won this year's "Most Original Artwork" with an art piece depicting the importance of having different perspectives and backgrounds in elections. Genesis wrote, "It is important for women to vote, as they have conquered many hardships to get where they are today."

Cypress Lake High School and North Fort Myers High School participated in this year's contest. Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle and his panel of judges, had the task of selecting the winning pieces from a total of twelve entries; eleven from Cypress Lake High School and one from North Fort Myers High School.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office will award the winners with a gift card and a certificate of appreciation for participating in the contest. As the winning high school, Cypress Lake will receive a \$500 award in an effort to support local schools and the arts.

Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, is thankful to the participating schools, and teachers, Marguerite Petcher and Ellen Bianchi, for their help in promoting student and civic engagement.

#### Participants: (in alphabetical order):

Cypress Lake High School: Cassie Adkins; Patricia Gonzalez; Kaitlyn Logue; Melainey Logue; Sophia Morris; Eirini Remboulis; Ricky Riley; Trinity Shain; Sarah Wright.

North Fort Myers High School: Julio Gonzalez.

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# The Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center is a New Early Voting Site!

Lee County, FL (June 15, 2020) Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office has secured the Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center as an Early Voting site for the August 18 Primary and November 3 General elections.

The Center, located at 2990 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, is the eleventh of the Early Voting sites conveniently located around the county for voters who want to cast their vote prior to Election Day.

Early Voting for the August 18 Primary Election will be daily Saturday, August 8, 2020, to Saturday, August 15, 2020, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Early Voting locations and directions visit <u>lee.vote</u>



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### Lee Elections Begins Mailing Domestic Vote-by-Mail Ballots for August 18 Primary Election

Lee County, FL (July 14, 2020) The Lee County Supervisor of Elections will mail the first mailing of 155,895 domestic Vote-by-Mail ballots today, Tuesday, July 14, 2020, for the upcoming Primary Election.

Your health and safety are important to us. We encourage you to Vote-by-Mail in the August 18, Primary, and November 3, General elections. To request a ballot, voters may call 239-533-8683 or visit <u>lee.vote</u>. The deadline to request a ballot to be delivered by mail is 5 p.m. Saturday, August 8.

Florida law mandates voted ballots must be physically returned to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. Election Day, August 18. The United States Postal Service recommends that voters mail their voted ballots one week before the due date to account for any unforeseen events such as weather issues and to allow for timely receipt and processing by the elections office. Voters may drop-off their voted ballots at secure drop boxes located at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, and the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Main Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fort Myers, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For our voters' convenience, drop boxes will be available all ten Early Voting sites ONLY during Early Voting, Saturday, August 8 through Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For a complete list of Early Voting sites and directions visit <u>lee.vote</u>.

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### Monday, July 20, is the Voter Registration Deadline for the Primary Election

**Lee County, FL (July 16, 2020)** The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the Primary Election is Monday, July 20, 2020. Florida election law requires Florida residents must be registered to vote or make a party affiliation change 29 days before an election.

Florida is a Closed Primary state. In a Primary Election, voters not registered with a major political party may not have any candidates to vote for, and may only be able to vote on non-partisan candidates or issues that may appear on their ballot.

To register to vote you must use a Florida Voter Registration Application or use the Online Voter Registration to submit an application and update an existing registration. To submit an online application, you will need your Florida driver license (Florida DL) or Florida identification card (Florida ID card) issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles. <u>Click here</u> to access the Florida Online Voter Registration Website. Online Voter Registration has multiple safeguards in place to verify and protect a person's identity and personal information.

If you would prefer not to utilize Online Voter Registration, you may print out a blank Florida Voter Registration Application and mail to :

> Supervisor of Elections P O Box 2545 Fort Myers, FL 33902

Lee County voters can confirm their voter record in the Voter Resources tab on our website <u>lee.vote</u> and click <u>Check my Voter Registration Status</u> or call the Supervisor of Elections Office (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683). Questions regarding the eligibility of those who are not currently registered to vote may also be directed to these sources.

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#### August 18, Primary Election Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing Schedule

Lee County, FL (July 23, 2020) In Florida, an elections Canvassing Board is responsible for overseeing all public pretesting of a sample of the tabulation equipment used in an election, (also known as Logic and Accuracy Testing), examining ballots or groups of ballots, determining voter intent (when required by law), compiling election returns, conducting recounts (when required by law), determining the official results of an election, certifying an election, and conducting post-election manual audits in order to check voting system performance.

The first canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots received to date for the Primary Election is 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 27, 2020, at the Lee County Election Office, in the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers.

The Logic and Accuracy Testing by a random method of selection, a percentage of the voting machines used in the election at Early Voting and at the precincts on Election Day will begin at 9:00

a.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers.

The testing of the vote-by-mail tabulating equipment used in the election will immediately follow at the Lee County Elections Office.

Canvassing Board meetings and the Logic and Accuracy Testing are open to the public. If you would like to become better acquainted with the voting machines used at early voting sites and the precincts on Election Day, ballot tabulating equipment, and canvassing board meeting protocols, your presence is welcome. For a complete schedule of the Canvassing Board meetings, click here.

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# August 18, Primary Election Early Voting Schedule

Lee County, FL (August 4, 2020) Early Voting for the August 18, Primary Election will begin

Saturday, August 8, through Saturday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

A voter may use any available Early Voting site, during Early Voting hours.

- CAPE CORAL LEE COUNTY LIBRARY
  <u>921 SW 39TH TER, CAPE CORAL FL 33914</u>
- DR. CARRIE D. ROBINSON CENTER
  2990 EDISON AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33916
- EAST COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>881 GUNNERY RD N, LEHIGH ACRES FL 33971</u>
- ESTERO RECREATION CENTER
  <u>9200 CORKSCREW PALMS BLVD, ESTERO FL 33928</u>

- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS BONITA SPRINGS BRANCH OFFICE
  <u>25987 S TAMIAMI TRAIL #105, BONITA SPRINGS FL 34134</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CAPE CORAL BRANCH OFFICE
  <u>1039 SE 9TH AVE, CAPE CORAL FL 33990</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER
  <u>13180 S CLEVELAND AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33907</u>
- NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER
  <u>2000 N RECREATION PARK WAY, NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33903</u>
- NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>519 CHIQUITA BLVD N, CAPE CORAL FL 33993</u>
- VETERANS PARK RECREATION CENTER
  <u>55 HOMESTEAD RD S, LEHIGH ACRES FL 33936</u>

Florida law requires voters to provide picture and signature identification at Early Voting sites.

Picture identification may not be expired. Signature identification does not need to be current.

The following forms of picture identification are acceptable:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
- United States Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military Identification
- Student Identification
- Retirement Center Identification
- Neighborhood Association Identification
- Public Assistance Identification
- Veteran Health Identification (issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- Florida Concealed Weapon License (issued pursuant to Florida Statute 790.06)
- Government Employee Identification

Voters are encouraged to mark their sample ballot and bring it with them to use as a guide when voting in-person at Early Voting or on Election Day. They can find their custom sample ballot that contains only the contests that will appear on their specific ballot on Lee Elections website <u>lee.vote</u>.

In the August Primary Election, registered voters can only vote for their registered party's candidate in a partisan contest on the ballot. A registered voter, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on a nonpartisan contest or issue for which they are eligible to vote.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Vote-by-Mail Deadlines for August 18, Primary Election**

Lee County, FL (August 5, 2020) The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2020. Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot online at <u>www.lee.vote</u> or call 239-533-8683.

All ballots must be returned to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections before 7:00 p.m. on Primary Election Day, August 18, 2020.

If you plan to return your ballot in the mail, please do so no later than Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Voters may drop off their ballots at an authorized, secure drop-box located at the following Early Voting locations during Early Voting, Saturday, August 8, through Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- CAPE CORAL LEE COUNTY LIBRARY
  <u>921 SW 39TH TER, CAPE CORAL FL 33914</u>
- DR. CARRIE D. ROBINSON CENTER
  <u>2990 EDISON AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33916</u>
- EAST COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>881 GUNNERY RD N, LEHIGH ACRES FL 33971</u>
- ESTERO RECREATION CENTER
  <u>9200 CORKSCREW PALMS BLVD, ESTERO FL 33928</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS BONITA SPRINGS BRANCH OFFICE
  <u>25987 S TAMIAMI TRAIL #105, BONITA SPRINGS FL 34134</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CAPE CORAL BRANCH OFFICE
  <u>1039 SE 9TH AVE, CAPE CORAL FL 33990</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER
  <u>13180 S CLEVELAND AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33907</u>
- NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER
  <u>2000 N RECREATION PARK WAY, NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33903</u>
- NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>519 CHIQUITA BLVD N, CAPE CORAL FL 33993</u>
- VETERANS PARK RECREATION CENTER <u>55 HOMESTEAD RD S, LEHIGH ACRES FL 33936</u>

For voters who plan to drop off their ballot on Election Day, August 18, the following Lee

County Supervisor of Elections offices will accept vote-by-mail ballots as follows:

**Until 3:00 p.m.** Bonita Springs Branch Office 25987 S Tamiami Trail #105 (located at Bonita Commons)

Cape Coral Branch Office Lee County Government Center 1039 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100

Until 5:00 p.m. Lee County Elections Center

13180 S Cleveland Avenue (across from the Bell Tower Shops)

#### Fort Myers

#### Until 7:00 p.m. Main Office Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex 2480 Thompson Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Fort Myers

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## DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SIGNATURE CURE AFFIDAVITS FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Lee County, FL (August 20, 2020) Primary Election voters needing to cure a <u>Vote-by-Mail</u> or <u>Provisional Ballot</u> signature discrepancy have until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, to complete and return the Signature Cure Affidavit along with a copy of one form of identification.

Visit our <u>website</u>, www.lee.vote, for information and instructions on submitting documents. Documentation must be submitted **BEFORE 5:00 p.m., today, August 20.** Staff will be available until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, at the **Main Office** to accept documentation provided electronically or in-person.

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# CANVASSING BOARD MEETS TO CANVASS PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, REVIEW VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AND CERTIFY AUGUST 18 PRIMARY ELECTION

Lee County, FL (August 20, 2020) The Canvassing Board will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2020, at the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office, 2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers to canvass provisional ballots, review vote-by-mail ballots, and certify the August 18, Primary Election.

Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to become better acquainted with Canvassing Board meeting protocols, your presence is welcome. For a complete schedule of the Canvassing Board meetings, <u>click here</u>.

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### Lee Elections Begins Mailing Domestic Vote-by-Mail Ballots for General Election, September 29

Lee County, FL (September 25, 2020) The Lee County Supervisor of Elections will mail out a record breaking 215,020 in the first drop of domestic Vote-by-Mail ballots, Tuesday, September 29, 2020, for the General Election.

We encourage everyone to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, General election. It is the safest and most convenient way of voting. For voters who decide to vote in-person, consider the vote-by-mail ballot as a back-up plan that provides them with a guaranteed method to cast their vote. In the event, an emergency arises, and they are not able to vote in person during the Early Voting period, or at the polls on Election Day, they still have the option to use their vote-by-mail ballot to cast their vote.

To request a ballot, voters may call 239-533-8683 or visit <u>lee.vote</u>. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is 5 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Florida law mandates voted ballots must be physically returned to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. Election Day, November 3, 2020. The United States Postal Service recommends that voters mail their voted ballots one week before the due date to account for any unforeseen events such as weather issues and to allow for timely receipt and processing by the elections office.

Voters may drop-off their voted ballots at secure drop boxes located at all four Lee Elections office locations Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. November 3, Election Day.

- Bonita Springs Branch Office 25987 S Tamiami Trail #105, Bonita Springs FL 34134
- Cape Coral Branch Office 1039 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Cape Coral FL 33990
- Elections Center 13180 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers FL 33907
- Main Office Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3rd Floor, Fort Myers FL 33901

For our voters' convenience, drop boxes will be available at all eleven Early Voting sites ONLY during Early Voting, Monday, October 19, through Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For a complete list of Early Voting sites and directions visit <u>lee.vote</u>.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Monday, October 5, is the Voter Registration Deadline for the General Election

Lee County, FL (Monday, September 28, 2020) The last day to register to vote and be

eligible to participate in the November General Election is Monday, October 5.

In the General Election, voters will have the chance to help decide who will represent them in government at the local, state, and federal levels including the President. Register to vote by the Monday, October 5 deadline to ensure you are part of the decision making process!

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections has resumed providing in-person services at all office locations, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Bonita Springs Branch Office 25987 S Tamiami Trail #105, Bonita Springs FL 34134
- Cape Coral Branch Office 1039 SE 9th Ave, Cape Coral FL 33990

- Elections Center 13180 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers FL 33907
- Main Office Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3rd Floor, Fort Myers FL 33901

We are committed to providing superior election services while maintaining a sanitized and safe environment for those working in and visiting our offices. A mask is required when visiting our offices to ensure the well-being of our staff and others transacting business in our Main Office and Branch Office service lobbies.

Citizens also have the option of utilizing our online service tools, offered on our website, <u>lee.vote</u>, that do not require them to appear in-person at our office to conduct business. On this site, they can <u>register to vote</u>, <u>update their voter information</u>, <u>request a Vote-by-Mail ballot</u>, or <u>contact us</u>.

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#### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Lee County, FL (October 6, 2020) The deadline to register to vote online or in-person for the November 3, General Election has been extended until 7:00 p.m. today, October 6. Paper Florida Voter Registration (FVRA) postmarked by today, October 6, 2020, are also included in the extension.

The offices of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections will remain open until 7 p.m. today, October 6, 2020 to comply with Secretary of State, Laurel Lee's <u>Directive (2020-02)</u> relating to an extension of the voter registration deadline.

For office locations to drop-off a FVRA in person, call 239-533-8683 or visit our website, <u>lee.vote</u>.

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#### November 3, General Election Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing Schedule

Lee County, FL (October 7, 2020) The Logic and Accuracy Testing by a random method of selection, a percentage of the voting machines used in the election at Early Voting and at the precincts on Election Day will begin at 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 12, 2020, at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers.

The testing of the vote-by-mail tabulating equipment used in the election will immediately follow at the Lee County Elections Office, in the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fort Myers. The Canvassing Board will then canvass the vote-by-mail ballots received to date for the General Election.

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# Early Voting Schedule for November 3 General Election

Lee County, FL (October 9, 2020) Early Voting for the November 3 General Election will begin Monday, October 19, through Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily at eleven locations in Lee County.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle wants you "to vote safe and vote early to avoid large crowds in the November General Election!"

Eligible voters may vote early at any of the eleven locations during early voting hours, prior to Election Day..

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- DR. CARRIE D. ROBINSON CENTER
  <u>2990 EDISON AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33916</u>

- EAST COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>881 GUNNERY RD N, LEHIGH ACRES FL 33971</u>
- ESTERO RECREATION CENTER
  <u>9200 CORKSCREW PALMS BLVD, ESTERO FL 33928</u>
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  <u>25987 S TAMIAMI TRAIL #105, BONITA SPRINGS FL 34134</u>
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  <u>1039 SE 9TH AVE, CAPE CORAL FL 33990</u>
- LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER
  <u>13180 S CLEVELAND AVE, FORT MYERS FL 33907</u>
- NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER
  <u>2000 N RECREATION PARK WAY, NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33903</u>
- NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
  <u>519 CHIQUITA BLVD N, CAPE CORAL FL 33993</u>
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Florida law (s. 101.043 FS) requires voters to provide picture and signature identification when voting in person. Picture identification may not be expired. If your signature identification does not contain your signature, an additional identification with your signature is required. Any form of signature identification is acceptable. Signature identification does not need to be current.

The following forms of picture identification are acceptable:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
- United States Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military Identification
- Student Identification
- Retirement Center Identification

- Neighborhood Association Identification
- Public Assistance Identification
- Veteran Health Identification (issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- Florida Concealed Weapon License (issued pursuant to Florida Statute 790.06)
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For those voters who prefer to hand-deliver their vote-by-mail ballots, there will be a secure drop at all Early Voting locations during early voting dates and times.

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#### November 3, General Election Special County Canvassing Board Meeting On Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:00

Lee County, FL (October 13, 2020) There will be a special county Canvassing Board meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. for an additional Logic and Accuracy Testing event of a percentage of the voting machines that will be used at Early Voting and at the precincts on Election Day. The Canvassing Board will convene at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33906. This meeting is open to the public.

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Vote-by-Mail Deadlines for November 3, General Election**

Lee County, FL (October 19, 2020) The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the General Election is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020. Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot online at <a href="https://www.lee.vote">www.lee.vote</a> or call 239-533-8683.

All ballots must be returned to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections before 7:00 p.m. on General Election Day, November 3, 2020.

If you plan to return your ballot in the mail, please do so no later than Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Voters may drop off their ballots at an authorized, secure drop-box located at the following Early Voting locations during Early Voting, Monday, October 19 through Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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On Election Day, November 3, Vote-by-Mail ballots may be hand-delivered to all Lee

County Supervisor of Elections Office locations before 7:00 p.m.

Bonita Springs Branch Office 25987 S Tamiami Trail #105 (located at Bonita Commons) Cape Coral Branch Office Lee County Government Center 1039 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100

Lee County Elections Center 13180 S Cleveland Avenue (across from the Bell Tower Shops) Fort Myers

Main Office Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex 2480 Thompson Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Fort Myers

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# EARLY VOTING ENDS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!

Lee County, FL (October 28, 2020) Lee County voters have until 6 p. m., Saturday, October 31, to

take advantage of Early Voting for the General Election at eleven locations.

Eligible voters may vote early at any of the eleven locations during early voting hours, prior to

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### **November 3, Election Day Update**

Lee County, FL (November 3, 2020) The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office is aware that the second page of the ballot containing constitutional amendments is not being read by the tabulators at several precincts. We are currently investigating the issue.

Poll workers are instructing voters to place the second page of the ballot in the emergency bin of the tabulator. They will be tabulated at our tabulation center location.

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## DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SIGNATURE CURE AFFIDAVITS FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Lee County, FL (November 4, 2020) Primary Election voters needing to cure a <u>Vote-by-Mail</u> or <u>Provisional Ballot</u> signature discrepancy have until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2020, to complete and return the Signature Cure Affidavit along with a copy of one form of identification.

Visit our <u>website</u>, www.lee.vote, for information and instructions on submitting documents. Documentation must be submitted **BEFORE 5:00 p.m.**, **November 5.** Staff will be available until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5, at the **Main Office** to accept documentation provided electronically or in-person.

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