

2020



LEE COUNTY

ELECTIONS

November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot Guide and Order of Contests

Tommy Doyle
Supervisor of Elections
10/10/2020

Call: (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683) • Website: WWW.LEE.VOTE

Email: elections@lee.vote

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Ballot Guide

General Election • November 3, 2020

Why do Republican candidates appear first on the ballot in partisan contests in the General Election?

In partisan contests, Republican candidates appear before Democratic candidates. Florida law provides that the names of candidates of the party that received the highest number of votes for Governor in the last gubernatorial election (2018), are placed first on the ballot.

The names of the candidates of the party that received the second highest number of votes for Governor in the last gubernatorial election (2018), are placed second on the ballot or in this election, Democratic candidates.

What about Minor Party and No Party Affiliation Candidates?

Democratic candidates are followed by Minor Party candidates and then No Party Affiliation (NPA) candidates. Florida law provides that Minor Party and NPA candidates will be listed on the ballot, in their contest, in the order they qualified for office instead of alphabetical order. *(Although sometimes, Minor Party or NPA candidates coincidentally qualify in alphabetical order – but that does not happen very often.)*

Are there Write-in candidates on the ballot?

Yes. There are (4) partisan contests with the potential for write-in candidates. Florida law provides that the names of write-in candidates who have officially qualified for office may NOT appear on the ballot. In order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must fill in the oval and write the name of the qualified write-in candidate in the space provided for that purpose.

Are there nonpartisan contests on the ballot?

Yes. Candidates for nonpartisan contests are prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for election or retention in office based on party affiliation. In nonpartisan contests, the names of candidates for contests such as judicial retention, school board member, city council, multi-county special district, and local special districts are listed in their specific contest in alphabetical order.

Can I vote for more than one candidate in a contest?

All candidate contests except for Lee Memorial Health System are "Vote for 1". Lee Memorial Health System contests are "Vote for up to 2". In contests where the voter may vote for more than (1) candidate, and the voter chooses to vote for only (1) candidate in the contest, the vote will count.

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Ballot Guide

General Election • November 3, 2020

Where will the Constitutional Amendments appear on the ballot?

Constitutional Amendments appear on the ballot after the candidate contests and are listed in the numerical order assigned by the State.

Are there any local referendums on the ballot?

Yes. There is (1) referendum for the Alva Fire District. Countywide referendums appear on the ballot after constitutional amendments. District specific or municipal referendums appear after countywide referendums. If there is a district specific or municipal referendum on the ballot, only voters residing in the specific municipality or district will be able to vote on the referendum.

What kind of vote do you cast for a Constitutional Amendment or local referendum?

When casting a vote for a constitutional amendment or local referendum, a voter will cast a "Yes or No" vote.

Does a voter have to vote on every contest that appears on their ballot?

No. The voter may vote all, some, or none of the contests on their specific ballot.

How many pages is the General Election ballot?

The November 3, 2020, General Election ballot is (2) pages. The voters will not have any contests on the back of Page 2 of their ballot.

What is the proper way to mark my ballot?



Fill in the oval completely next to the candidate's name or next to your answer to a question. Use a blue or black pen. Do not cross out or your vote may not count. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the qualified write-in candidate's name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot; if voting by mail, call us at, (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683) for a replacement ballot. If voting in person at an Early Voting site, during the early voting period, or your polling location on Election Day, please ask a poll worker for assistance.

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Ballot Guide

General Election • November 3, 2020

I requested and received a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Do I have to return my voted ballot in the mail?

No. If you decide that you want to drop-off your ballot in person, you can do so at any office of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit our website or call us for office locations.

Is there anywhere else I can drop-off my Vote-by-Mail Ballot in person?

Yes. From Monday, October 19, 2020, through Saturday, October 31, 2020, you can drop-off your ballot at any Early Voting site in Lee County from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Can I drop-off my Vote-by-Mail ballot at my polling place on Election Day?

No. You cannot drop-off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at your polling place on Election Day instead of voting in person.

What happens if I decide I do not want to use my Vote-by-Mail ballot, and want to vote in person during Early Voting or at my polling place on Election Day?

We recommend that you bring your Vote-by-Mail ballot with you to surrender at the Early Voting site or at your polling place on Election Day. If you are unable to surrender your Vote-by-Mail ballot at the Early Voting site, when Early Voting is available, or at your polling place on Election Day, poll workers will verify, with the Supervisor of Elections Office, that you have not voted. Once it is confirmed that you have not voted, in the election, you will be permitted to vote at the Early Voting site or your polling location.

Where can I drop-off my Vote-by-Mail ballot on Election Day if do not want to vote in person?

At any office of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. You must do so before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Visit our website or call us for office locations.

What happens if I forget to sign my Vote-by-Mail ballot Voter's Certificate envelope, or the signature on my Voter's Certificate envelope does not match my signature of record?

We will notify you and provide you with detailed instructions on how to cure the signature issue with your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

What happens if I have more questions that are not addressed in this guide?

Please contact us at (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683) or send us an email at elections@lee.vote.

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Order of Contests

General Election • November 3, 2020

In statewide or countywide contests, all voters in the county can vote in those contests. Contests designated as “district or ward specific,” means that only voters residing in those districts or wards may vote in those contests.

Federal Offices

President and Vice President (contains Write-in candidate option) – Statewide
Representative in Congress District 17 – District Specific
Representative in Congress District 19 (contains a Write-in candidate option) – District Specific

State Offices

State Senator District 27 – District Specific
State Representative District 76 – District Specific
State Representative District 77 – District Specific
State Representative District 78 – District Specific
State Representative District 79 – District Specific

County Offices

Property Appraiser (contains a Write-in candidate option) - Countywide
County Commissioner District 1 (contains a Write-in candidate option) – Countywide
County Commissioner District 3 – Countywide
County Commissioner District 5 – Countywide

Nonpartisan Judicial Offices

Justice of the Supreme Court - Statewide
Second District Court of Appeal – 2nd District (includes Lee County) - Countywide

Nonpartisan County Offices

School Board Member District 2 - District Specific
School Board Member District 3 - District Specific

Nonpartisan Municipal Office

City of Bonita Springs Mayor - Citywide
City of Bonita Springs, City Council District 2 – District Specific
City of Bonita Springs, City Council District 4 – District Specific
City of Bonita Springs, City Council District 6 – District Specific

City of Cape Coral, City Council District 2 – Citywide
City of Cape Coral, City Council District 3 – Citywide
City of Cape Coral, City Council District 5 – Citywide
City of Cape Coral, City Council District 7 – Citywide

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Order of Contests

General Election • November 3, 2020

Nonpartisan Municipal Office

City of Fort Myers Mayor – Citywide
 City of Fort Myers, City Council Ward 2 – Ward Specific
 City of Fort Myers, City Council Ward 4 – Ward Specific
 City of Fort Myers, City Council Ward 6 – Ward Specific

Special District Multi-County Offices

Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District Seat 1 – District Specific**
 Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District Seat 3 – District Specific**

****Note: A small portion of this district lies in Hendry County.**

Candidate's names, in these contests, will appear on the ballot in the district in Hendry and Lee County.

Special District Countywide Office

Lee Memorial Health System District 1 (Vote for up to 2) – Countywide
 Lee Memorial Health System District 3 (Vote for up to 2) – Countywide
 Lee Memorial Health System District 5 (Vote for up to 2) – Countywide

Special District Covering More Than Municipal Office

Lee County Mosquito Control District Area 1 - District Specific**
 Lee County Mosquito Control District Area 3 - District Specific**
 Lee County Mosquito Control District Area 5 - District Specific**

****Note: This special district covers most of Lee County.**

The portion of Lee County, not covered by the district, is covered by Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District. Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control will NOT appear on the 2020 General Election ballot.

Special District Offices - All are District Specific within Lee County

Special District offices are listed on the ballot in alphabetical order. Candidates within each contest are listed in alphabetical order.

- Bayside Improvement Community Development District – Seats 1 and 5
- Bella Vida Community Development District – Seat 3
- Brooks of Bonita Springs Community Development District – Seat 1
- Fort Myers Beach Fire District – Seat 1

Lee County, Florida

2020 General Election Order of Contests

General Election • November 3, 2020

Special District Offices - All are District Specific within Lee County

- Gateway Services Community Development District – Seat 2
- Habitat Community Development District – Seat 2
- Iona-McGregor Fire District – Seat 4
- Laguna Lakes Community Development District – Seats 3 and 5
- Lehigh Acres Fire District – Seats 1 and 3
- Matlacha/Pine Island Fire District – Seats 1 and 2
- Parklands Lee Community Development District – Seat 3
- Paseo Community Development District – Seats 3 and 4
- Upper Captiva Fire District – Seats 3 and 4

Constitutional Amendments - Statewide

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article VI, Section 2
Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 24
Raising Florida's Minimum Wage

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article VI, Section 5
All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article XI, Sections 5 and 7
Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments

No. 5 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 4 and Article XII
Limitations on Homestead Property Tax Assessments; increased portability period to transfer accrued benefit

No. 6 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII
Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities

Local Referendums

Alva Fire District Referendum – District Specific

- Referendum to Increase the Maximum Millage Rate of the Alva Fire District