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### From Brian E. Corley Supervisor of Elections

Happy New Year  
2017



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#### Registration Statistics

As of Dec 30, 2016

Republican	131,989
Democrat	108,375
Other	84,018
Minor Party	15,360
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339,742</b>

2017 Municipal Election  
April 11, 2017  
**(Bookclosing Date 3/13/2017)**

Three Offices  
Countywide

Dade City (352)521-4302  
Land O' Lakes (813)929-2788  
New Port Richey (727)847-8162

Happy New Year everyone! The opening of 2017 brings with it the beginning of my third term as Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County. My service as your Supervisor of Elections began with my appointment by Governor Crist in 2007, and it is with honor that I will continue to serve. My staff and I remain dedicated to providing exemplary public service to the citizens of Pasco County.

With the upcoming Municipal Elections scheduled for April 11, 2017, preparations have already begun with the December 12, 2016 City Clerk's Meeting. With the cycle already underway, candidate qualifying begins February 14th at noon for five of six Pasco County municipalities. The cities of New Port Richey, San Antonio, St. Leo and Zephyrhills have council or commission seats to vote on, and the cities of New Port Richey, Port Richey and Zephyrhills will elect a mayor.

Aside from the standard requirements of voter eligibility, to vote in a municipal election you must reside within the legal city limits. This does not include owning a business within city limits, and eligibility cannot be assumed based solely on the city of your mailing address. For any questions regarding your eligibility to vote in the upcoming municipal elections, or if you have recently moved into the city limits, please call my office at 800-851-8754 to update your voter registration.

Sample ballots will be available on-line at [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com) after candidate qualifying ends on February 21, 2017. There is no early voting for municipal elections, however, mail ballots will be available at city halls beginning March 10th through April 10th, or can be requested to be mailed to you by calling 1-800-851-8754 anytime.

Sincerely,



## Voting Education Programs In Pasco County Schools



### Mock Election

Our office, in partnership with Pasco County Schools Social Studies Department, sponsored a districtwide student mock election for the 2016 November Election. The ballot with both the Presidential candidate race and the US Senate race was available to over 65,000 students countywide. Over 20,000 students, grades K-12, cast their ballots using DoubleClick



Democracy, a web-based voting platform supported by Kids Voting USA. Results of the mock election were posted on [www.pascovotes.com](http://www.pascovotes.com) at 7:00 p.m. election night, November 8, 2016.

### Veterans Day Celebration



As part of the annual Pasco County Schools Veteran's Day Celebration, and in conjunction with our Vote in Honor of a Vet Program, our Voter Outreach Ambassadors were available at high schools countywide to register/preregister students 16 years of age or older. Pre-registered voters are entered into the Florida Voter Registration System and become active on their 18th birthday.



### Great American Teach-In



Mr. Corley participated in the Great American Teach-In in November by speaking

to future voters at Rodney B. Cox Elementary on the importance of voting and being involved in the electoral process.

## Office Updates

In compliance with Florida Statutes, we will begin the address list maintenance process of the voter registration database. One acceptable method of conducting list maintenance is to compare our address database with that of the United States Postal Service (USPS). Voters who report a new address to the USPS are "flagged" in our database when the addresses don't match, and they are notified via postcard. Voters receiving these cards are encouraged to respond with confirmation that the new address is correct, or with a different address that accurately reflects their current residence. Unfortunately, this method is not foolproof because thousands of voters move and never register a new address with the USPS. This impacts the accuracy of our database, and impairs our ability to communicate important information to voters such as changes in their polling location or representative districts. Proactivity in maintaining your voter registration information is your insurance of a trouble-free voting experience.

### *Fun Election Day Facts from the General Election*

- 987 Pollworkers staffed the 108 polling locations
- 68,178 Vote-by-mail ballots were cast, canvassed and tabulated
- 99,899 ballots were cast at the polls
- 76,630 ballots were cast during early voting
- The Election Day Call Center/Phone Bank fielded over 3,500 phone calls.
- Over 2,000 changes/updates were made to voter records through the EViD machines.
- Over 800 voters were "moved in" to the Pasco County voter registration database from other Florida counties
- Staff processed over 2,000 polling place affirmations that were completed at the polling places.
- 127 people registered to vote for future elections

# What's Happening . . .

## Election Cycle Evaluation How can we do it better?

Through the cooperation and hard work of many, my staff and I are proud to have once again reached our ongoing goal of providing stellar elections for the citizens of Pasco County. After a brief respite through the holidays, we will begin the new year reflecting on the election cycle to examine what worked well and what didn't. As in all years following an election, we evaluate our performance in all phases of elections' preparation by meeting in teams to brainstorm ways to streamline and improve procedures for the next election cycle. We identify voting trends to see how we can provide better service in those areas, and by examining those trends we are able to identify areas which will affect the budget. Ultimately, this self-evaluation results in our continued commitment to fulfilling our tradition of service to the citizens of Pasco County.

## Election Information...

### Legislation Update



In a December meeting of the Senate Ethics and Elections committee, Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections discussed its top objectives for the upcoming legislative session which begins in March. The association's top priorities are to seek a legislative mandate requiring the state of Florida to join ERIC, the Electronic Registration Information Center, and to take steps to protect voters' personal information from being disclosed under the public record laws.

ERIC, a non-profit, information-sharing organization uses efficient and effective data matching between states to help improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls. By using resources such as the Social Security death index and data from the US Post Office, ERIC has been instrumental in identifying more than a million voters who are registered in more than one state. ERIC began in 2012, and is currently employed by 20 states and the District of Columbia. Cleaner voter rolls equate to more efficient elections with shorter lines at the polls, and ultimately cost savings with less returned mail and fewer provisional ballots.

The concept of joining ERIC has been rejected by legislation in the past, but the association sees ERIC as the right course of action for improving the overall efficiency of elections nationwide through states' cooperative action.

Protecting voters' personal information, e.g. home addresses and birthdates, has also been overlooked by legislation in the past. A bill introduced in 2016 to change the law gained little traction in the legislative session, and will likely meet again with strong opposition particularly from the First Amendment Foundation, a group that tracks proposed changes to public record laws. However, with the increased concern about the amount of private information that is available to anyone through the internet, it is an issue that will not likely go away. Prior to the election and even into the new year, not a day goes by that we don't receive an angry/concerned phone call from a voter who is appalled by the amount of personal data that is available through the voter registration system.

The association plans to actively work this legislative session toward a solution that will protect voters by exempting their personal information from disclosure to the general public.