

SPRING 2020



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) became a real threat to Florida and the citizens of Lee County before the March Presidential Preference Primary (PPP).

The safety of my staff, temporary election support staff, poll workers, and voters is one of my primary concerns as we look to the months ahead and upcoming elections.

My team and I worked to overcome the obstacles created by COVID-19 to ensure a safe and healthy environment for voters who cast their ballots by mail, at early voting or on Election Day in the PPP.

In 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) deemed elections as part of the United States' critical infrastructure - this means that elections are vital to this country's national security, economic stability, public health, and safety. Incapacitation of these assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, would have a debilitating impact on this country.



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Recently, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, which supports the DHS designation of elections and election personnel as a vital part of this country's critical infrastructure.

To help mitigate the impact the virus will have on our elections and efficiently prepare for the upcoming elections, Florida's Supervisors of Elections have asked Governor DeSantis to issue an executive order that implements some necessary changes to election procedures currently prohibited or restricted by law.

We anticipate that the August and November elections will look very different from past elections. We know that Florida's governing authority will need to make changes that protect election personnel and voters while at the same time preserving the integrity of the elections we are required to conduct and complete.

This 2020 will be a historic election year, as evidenced by the current political atmosphere and unprecedented health events. Florida will be on the nation's radar; we must be prepared for the road ahead.

The well-being of our workforce is essential. We will continue on our course to keep staff safe in the workplace by encouraging preventative measures that foster a safe work environment for our staff and those who may visit our offices.

During these uncertain times, we will continue to promote voting by mail as a secure and convenient way to cast your vote. I urge you to request your Vote-by-Mail ballots for the upcoming August 18 Primary and November 3 General Elections now!

As your Supervisor of Elections, I assure you we will take every action to achieve our mission to provide the voters of Lee County with superior election services by conducting secure and accurate elections. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Tommy Doyle

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION RECAP

On Election Day our office overcame many challenges posed by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The safety and security of our voters and poll workers remained our priority. With this in mind, every polling location was equipped with the necessary supplies to ensure a sanitary and safe environment.

Despite losing several polling locations and poll workers on election day, we were able to relocate the affected precincts and were fortunate to have County government employees step up to fill key positions.

We are entirely grateful to our poll workers, election support staff, polling locations, and County government employees, who, with their dedication and professionalism, helped us conduct a successful Presidential Preference Primary Election. Together, we overcame every obstacle to deliver superior election services to the voters of Lee County!

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION STATISTICS

ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS
470,402

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST
115,128

PERCENT TURNOUT
24.47%

Total Ballots by Party

Party	Ballots Cast	Percent of Ballots Cast
Democrat	49,522	43.01%
Republican	63,637	55.27%
No Party Affiliation	1,909	1.66%
Other	60	0.05%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION STATISTICS

Total Ballots by Type

Type	Ballots Cast	Percent of Ballots Cast
Mail	80,100	69.57%
Early Voting	13,845	12.03%
Election Day	21,025	18.26%
Provisional	158	0.14%

Statistics show that Vote-by-Mail continues to be the preferred method of voting among Lee County voters.

VOTE-BY-MAIL



Your health and safety are important to us. We encourage you to Vote-by-Mail in the August 18, Primary Election and November 3, General Election!

*SAVE TIME AND TAKE YOUR TIME. VOTE AT HOME!
VOTING BY MAIL IS SAFE, SECURE, AND CONVENIENT
THE RETURN POSTAGE IS PAID!*

To request your Vote-by-Mail ballot,

➡ **CLICK HERE** ⬅

POLL WORKER SPOTLIGHT!

Vera Craig is 99 years-old and one of our long-term Lee County Poll Workers.

Vera didn't allow the current pandemic to stop her from serving her community. She worked as a poll worker in the March 17 Presidential Preference Primary Election, and hopes to continue working in future elections!

We're grateful to have Vera on our team. Thank you for your radiating positivity and exceptional service!



In March, we highlighted Vera for Women's History Month. She kindly offered to answer a few questions and shared some words of wisdom.

1) What prompted you to become a Lee County Poll Worker?

It's the one thing I can still do to contribute to my community.

2) As a woman, why is it important to vote in 2020?

It's my civic duty! If I want to make a difference I have to vote. I can't complain if I didn't vote.

3) Do you have any words of wisdom that you would like to offer to other generations?

Go out and contribute to the community! Keep busy and keep positive!

NEW HIRE SPOTLIGHT!



Lee Elections welcomed Jeannine Seamans as our Fiscal Officer in the fall of 2019. Prior to joining our staff, she used her professional controller experience for construction and association entities.

Jeannine cast her vote in her first election at the age of 18 when she lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

She has lived in Cape Coral for 36 years and has two beautiful daughters and three grand-cats she adores!

Jeannine enjoys spending time with her big Italian family, many of whom live nearby. They have large get-togethers with an abundance of food. She also enjoys going to the beach, traveling, reading, and keeping financial records up-to-date!

Jeannine had the wonderful experience of traveling to Italy last summer with her family to where her mom was born, for one of her cousin's wedding who was married in the same church as their grandparents!

TAKE THE PLEDGE

We are proud to join Lee County Government's social media campaign to "Take the Pledge" to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Southwest Florida.

Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, and elections team members who work in the office and from home are following the safe practices outlined below!

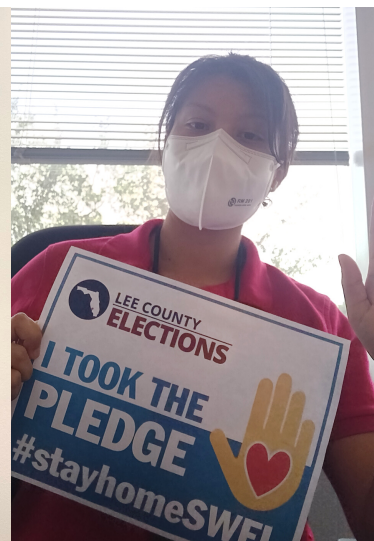
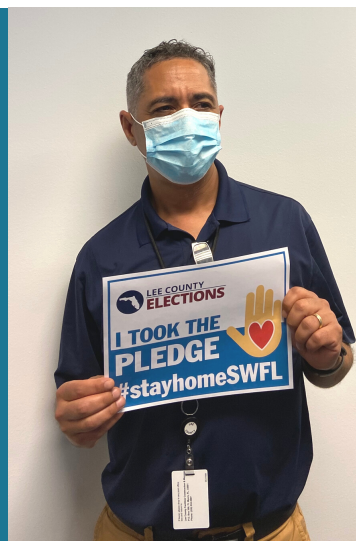
To "Take the Pledge" means:

- To social distance when I need to leave my home for any reason.
- To stay home as much as possible.
- To practice proper handwashing techniques.
- Not to gather in groups of more than 10.
- To stay calm, stay kind, and stay safe.

For all of us.



For more information, please visit:
leegov.com/pledge



OFFICE CLOSURES AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

As part of our precautionary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect staff and visitors, branch offices in Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, and South Fort Myers are closed until further notice.

The Main Office on the 3rd Floor of the Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, located at 2480 Thompson Street in Fort Myers, is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with minimal staff offering limited essential services **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

Please call the office at (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683) to make an appointment to be seen, or if there is a service or information you need that is not available on our website, or if you need help using one of our online services.

We encourage you to use online services offered through our website that do not require you to appear in-person at our office to conduct business. You can [register to vote](#), [update your voter registration record](#), [request a Vote-by-Mail ballot](#), or [contact us at www.lee.vote!](#)

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