



COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

2024 Presidential Preference Primary

Voter Registration Deadline: February 20

Early Voting: March 9-16

Election Day: March 19

2024 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: July 22

Early Voting: August 10-17

Election Day: August 20

2024 General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 7

Early Voting: October 21-November 2

Election Day: November 5

Early voting dates subject to change.



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March 7. Voted ballots must be physically returned (not just postmarked) to the Supervisor of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day, March 19. The USPS 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. Voted ballots can also be dropped off at a Secure Ballot Intake Station located at our main office, satellite offices, and at any of our early voting locations during early voting hours.

Early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary is March 9 through March 16, and polls are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Early Voting locations and wait times can be found on our website at www.CollierVotes.gov. If you plan to vote on Election Day, March 19, please remember that you must cast your ballot at your assigned polling location. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As always, the Supervisor of Elections office is THE trusted resource for election and voting information in Collier County. Stay up-to-date with our office by following us on our social platforms and subscribing to our monthly newsletter.

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

*We Want to Ensure YOU
are Election Ready!*

Believe it or not, the first election of the year is next month! We have been working hard to ensure that our voters have what they need to be Election Ready.

Earlier this month, we began sending Vote-by-Mail ballots to our voters for the Presidential Preference Primary election. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is 5 p.m. on



Earlier this month, our team conducted the Logic & Accuracy Test for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary. As expected, our equipment tabulated test ballots with 100% accuracy.

OUT & ABOUT

It's election time! That means our Outreach Department is out in the community helping voters get Election Ready!

This month our team members attended several large community events such as the Everglades Seafood Festival, the Collier County Senior Expo, the Collier County Veterans Expo, Start Your Engines at Library Headquarters and Pineapple Day at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Our office also conducted voter registration drives in places throughout the county including local libraries, the NCH Baker Campus, Solaris Senior Living Community, Wynn's Market and Sunshine Ace Hardware.

We also spent some time with our future voters at Pine Ridge Middle School, Gulf View Middle School, and Royal Palm Academy. During our visits, we taught students about voting history and the importance of voting, as well as introduced them to the voting process by conducting mock elections. Students had the opportunity to vote on issues on real ballot paper and use our actual voting equipment to cast their ballot.



ON THE BALLOT

During the Presidential Preference Primary, the Democratic Party will only have one candidate; therefore, the Republican Party will be the only party with presidential candidates on the ballot.

While some party candidates for president have reportedly suspended or ended their presidential campaigns, their names will still be on the ballot for the March election. In accordance with Section, 103.101(3), Fla. Stat., if a candidate did not submit a formal withdrawal before December 12, 2023, the candidate nominee's name must remain on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot for his or her respective party. A vote cast for any candidate nominee appearing on the ballot will count as a vote for that candidate.

Voters who reside within the city limits of the City of Naples and the City of Marco Island will have something to vote on other than Presidential candidates in the upcoming election.

Voters who reside in the City of Naples will see a mayoral race and city council contest, and voters who reside within the City of Marco Island will see two amendments to their city's charter. Party affiliation has no bearing on voters' participation in these contests; however, these items will only appear on ballots for voters who reside within the City of Naples or the City of Marco Island.

Visit www.CollierVotes.gov to view your sample ballot and to learn more about the upcoming election.

VOTER RESOURCES

Do your part to ensure that you are ready for the upcoming elections. Here are some valuable resources we have available for voters.

- **TextMyGov** – This is a new text messaging service that offers voters the opportunity to receive important election-related alerts directly to their mobile device.

Voters who opt-in for the service will receive text alerts about elections including approaching voter registration deadlines, Vote-by-Mail deadlines, early voting dates and times, and information about Election Day.

To opt-in to the text message service, text COLLIERVOTES to 91896. Message and data rates may apply dependent on the user's mobile plan.

- **Online Ballot Tracker** – Did you know that you can track your Vote-by-Mail ballot online? By using our online ballot tracker, voters can track their Vote-by-Mail ballot from the time it is requested to the moment it is tabulated.

Want to know the status of your Vote-by-Mail ballot? Visit www.CollierVotes.gov/TrackMyBallot.

- **BallotTrax** – If you plan to Vote-by-Mail for the upcoming elections, you can have alerts sent directly to you. By signing up for BallotTrax, voters have the opportunity to receive text, email, or phone notifications about the status of their Vote-by-Mail ballot.

To learn more about TextMyGov, our online ballot tracker, and BallotTrax, visit www.CollierVotes.gov.

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MYTH The USPS can forward my Vote-by-Mail ballot.

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Get more Myth Busters - follow us on social media!

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ART FOR DEMOCRACY



Have you seen our new "I Voted" sticker for 2024?

Our annual Art for Democracy contest once again produced amazing art work this year with 12 winning student artists. The top three winners of the contest were Yolanda Juarez-Cruz of Lely High School, Brielle Pr sum  of East Naples Middle School, and Alayna Gruber of East Naples Middle School.

During the contest, students in grades K-8 had the opportunity to enter an original design for an "I Voted" sticker to be considered for use during the 2024 election cycle. Alayna Gruber was our winner for this year and her sticker will be handed out to voters across Collier County during the elections!

To view all 12 winning art pieces and for more information about the contest, visit www.CollierVotes.gov/ART.