



## MARTIN COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

# *Let's talk about* SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS

Generally, people are concerned about two things. Is our voter registration system designed to allow only eligible voters to vote and to ensure people don't vote more than once? And, are the voting equipment and tabulation procedures designed to ensure we get an accurate vote count? The answers are yes and yes. Here are the top 10 reasons your vote is safe and secure:

### Registration & Voting

1. The Florida Division of Elections checks each voter registration form, and the information for those who register on-line, to verify an applicant's identity.
2. The Florida Division of Elections transfers case files daily to research and remove deceased voters and felons.
3. Voters must provide photo and signature identification to vote.
4. Voter records are updated when a voter has requested a mail ballot. If someone comes to vote in person, their mail ballot request is canceled.
5. When voting by mail a voter's signature on the ballot certificate is verified against the voter's signature of record.

### Tabulation & Tampering

6. The equipment is tested prior to each election with a public logic and accuracy test to verify the equipment is counting votes accurately.
7. The ballots and equipment are stored in secure areas in the Elections Center with swipe card access only.
8. A stand-alone server, **not connected to the internet**, is used to tabulate and report election results.
9. Paper ballots are retained for 22 months and can be rescanned if there is ever a question about results.
10. Results are verified by a manual audit conducted after each election. A randomly selected race and precinct are hand-counted to verify the total matches the tabulated results.

Election safeguards are established in law and in place in all 67 counties in Florida. Election office staff and pollworkers belong to different political parties and have diverse backgrounds. It would be impossible to engineer this complex system to benefit a specific candidate or party. Sadly, there is an unwarranted sense of fear among some of our citizens, and that is as dangerous to our democracy as a compromised election. Everything is in place to give our community confidence in our election process. And I promise you—because I experience it first-hand—our elections are safe and secure.



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