



# **Palm Beach County**

## *Safe* and **Secure** Elections

### ***A message from Supervisor Susan Bucher...***

When you ask me, your Supervisor of Elections, about voter fraud and elections tampering, my goal is to ensure you that our system is secure and that each vote counts. In light of recent events, many voters have been concerned about the election process in Florida. Voters are concerned about the accuracy of votes, and the security of our database and voting systems. As your Supervisor of Elections, I have worked hard to improve the election process in Palm Beach County and ensure voters that we have safe and secure elections. The following reasons are provided for your reassurance:

#### **REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

- Each application is checked by the Department of State to verify the applicant's identity and citizenship.
- The registration database is maintained on a daily basis to remove deceased voters and felons.
- Our office sends out notices to voters who have been inactive to confirm if they still reside in Florida.
- Voters **MUST** show picture/signature ID in order to vote.
- Voters can **ONLY** receive a ballot if they are registered. Once a voter casts their ballot, either by mail, at an early voting, or polling location; our system is updated and will not allow another ballot to be cast by that voter. Eliminating the chance of duplicate voting.

#### **TABULATION AND TAMPERING**

- Prior to each election, our state-certified equipment is tested during a public logic and accuracy test. During the logic and accuracy test, ballots are pre-marked and placed into a randomly selected machine.
- All ballots and equipment are under 24-hour camera surveillance and stored in areas with restricted access. During an election ballots and scanners are kept in plain sight and secured with seals to prohibit tampering.
- We have a stand-alone server that is not connected to the internet to tabulate and report election results.
- Results from each scanner are confined to a single cartridge that is handled only by elections staff. The ballot scanner is backed up by paper results tapes that are posted on the doors of each polling place and driven to our service center.
- Paper ballots are held in our service center for 22 months and can be rescanned if there are any problems with equipment.
- Our results are verified with a manual audit after each election. Ballots that were cast during early voting, vote by mail, and on election day are counted in randomly selected races and precincts to make sure they match the tabulated results.

These safeguards are in place in all 67 counties in Florida. The Supervisors of Elections of Florida along with elections staff all belong to different political parties and have diverse backgrounds. It would be impossible for a complex system such as this to benefit a certain candidate or party. Unfortunately, there is fear among citizens in regards to our election process. As your Supervisor, I am doing everything I can to give voters confidence in our election process. My commitment to integrity and compliance stays strong. And as a first-hand witness, I can promise you that our elections are safe and secure.