

OFFICIAL ELECTION GUIDE

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION • AUGUST 18, 2026

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Additional info about Election Day is on page 5.

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Bruce J. Host Northeast Branch Library
5513 Thomasville Rd
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Ima Voter
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Tallahassee FL 32301

Remember: Election Day is your last chance to vote!
On Election Day, you must vote at your neighborhood polling place.
The name and address of your Election Day polling place are
printed here:

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Voter Registration

If you were registered to vote in Florida by the July 20 voter registration deadline, you are eligible to vote in the Primary. July 20 was also the deadline to change your party in time for the Primary. All Leon County voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote in the Primary. However, your specific ballot depends on your party.

You can verify your voter information using any of these options:

- Visit [LeonVotes.gov/YourVoterInfo](https://www.LeonVotes.gov/YourVoterInfo) and enter your information. Here you can view your voter info, see your specific sample ballot, locate your Election Day polling place, check Early Voting schedules and locations, and even request a Vote-by-Mail ballot!
- Check your Voter Information Card. Your polling place address and party affiliation are listed on the card, along with other important information.
- Call our office at (850) 606-8683 and we will be happy to confirm your information.

Votaciones en Español

Si necesita ayuda en español, habrán recursos disponibles en su centro de votación y en nuestro sitio web: [LeonVotes.gov](https://www.LeonVotes.gov). En nuestro sitio web encontrarás información sobre el proceso electoral en el condado León, instrucciones sobre como votar-por-correo, la boleta oficial en español y como registrarse para votar o actualizar su información. Si necesita ayuda en español por teléfono, llame a nuestra oficina para hablar con un miembro del personal que puede ayudarle.

Accessible Voting

We are committed to aiding voters with disabilities and ensuring that everyone can exercise their right to vote. If you need assistance when voting, please inform the clerk at the voting site and they will be happy to help. All Early Voting sites and Election Day polling places are accessible and supplied with equipment that helps voters with disabilities cast their ballots. We also have an accessible Vote-by-Mail option for voters with disabilities. Contact us to learn more.



Vote-by-Mail

HOW TO REQUEST A BALLOT

Online:

Visit LeonVotes.gov/RequestVBM.

By phone: Call (850) 606-8683.

In person: Visit our office at 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway to pick up your ballot in person. You can also designate someone to pick up a ballot for you.

DEADLINES

The deadline for us to receive your request for a mailed ballot is 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.

If you miss this deadline, you can still pick up a mail ballot through Election Day. However, beginning on August 8 if you want to pick it up you must complete a form declaring why you cannot vote in person.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

You can track your ballot using any of these methods:

- Visit our online Vote-by-Mail lookup at LeonVotes.gov/CheckVBM
- If you have an email address on file in the voter registration system, we will try and send you email updates regarding your ballot. We will send these emails using our BallotTrax system.
- You can sign up to receive automatic text updates at LeonVotes.gov/BallotTrax

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

Follow the instructions enclosed with your ballot. **We must receive your voted mail ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day, August 18, in order to count it.** You can return your ballot by mail or drop box. Note that you **CANNOT** return Vote-by-Mail ballots to Election Day polling places. You can instead vote in-person or drop your voted ballot off at our office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Mail: The Post Office recommends that you mail your voted ballot at least one week before Election Day.

You do not need to use a stamp, as we have prepaid the return postage.

Drop Box: You may drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at any Early Voting site during voting hours in one of our official Secure Ballot Intake Stations. See the next page of this guide for hours and locations. You can also return it directly to the Elections Office.

Any ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day cannot be counted.

SIGNATURE REVIEW: We check the signature on your Vote-by-Mail ballot envelope to confirm you signed it. If your signature is missing or does not match our records, we will contact you to cure the problem. The deadline to cure any signature is 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 20.

VOTER'S CERTIFICATE: YOU MUST SIGN THIS OATH.

I, JANE D. SAMPLE, do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified and registered voter of Leon County, Florida, and that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in connection with voting, I can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000, and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate will invalidate my ballot.

E-mail: JaneS@SuperVoter.com

Phone: 850-555-0100

VOTER SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

Jane D. Sample

SIGNATURE -- (POWER OF ATTORNEY CANNOT SIGN FOR VOTER)



¿Necesita una boleta oficial en español?
Visite LeonVotes.gov/es o contacte nuestra oficina.



Your Supervisor of Elections must receive your ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day or it will not count.

Do not insert more than one ballot in this envelope. If you try to return more than one ballot, all ballots will be rejected.

You must sign your Vote-By-Mail Ballot Certificate!
No one else can sign for you.



Early Voting

Saturday, August 8 – Sunday, August 16

Early Voting lets you avoid long lines, vote when it is easy for you, and choose between 10 different locations in Leon County. **Make sure to bring valid ID!** Visit LeonVotes.gov or call (850) 606-8683 to confirm dates and times.

Bruce J. Host Northeast Branch Library
5513 Thomasville Rd
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Lake Jackson Community Center
3840 N. Monroe St, Ste 301
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Eastside Branch Library
1583 Pedrick Rd
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

FSU Student Union
75 N Woodward Ave
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Leon County Courthouse
301 S. Monroe St
First Floor Plaza
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Leon County Elections Center
2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library
2817 S. Adams St
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

FAMU Student Union
1628 S. M.L. King, Jr. Blvd
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

We've extended the hours at the Elections Center!

Each Early Voting site has a secure ballot intake station where you can drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot during voting hours.

Woodville Community Center
8000 Old Woodville Rd
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Election Day

Tuesday, August 18 is Election Day – your last chance to vote!

If you vote on Election Day, you must cast your ballot at your assigned polling place. Your polling place is based on your precinct (where you live). **The name and address of your Election Day polling place are printed on the cover of this election guide.** You can also find your polling place on your Voter Information Card, or online at LeonVotes.gov. For assistance, please call us at (850) 606-8683. **You may have a new polling place since the last time you voted, so please check before you head to the polls!**

Your polling place is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on August 18, Election Day. All voters waiting in line at 7 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.



Photo and Signature ID

When you vote in person at an Early Voting site or at your Election Day polling place, you must present a physical current and valid photo ID from this list:

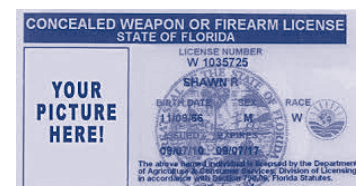
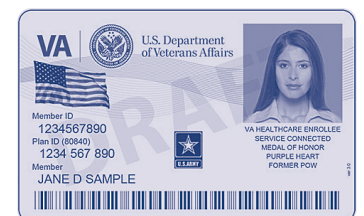
- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card
- US Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- Concealed Weapon / Firearm License issued pursuant to §790.06, F.S.
- Employee ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the Federal Government, the State, a county, or a municipality.

If your photo ID does not include your signature, you must present an additional ID that includes your signature.

Your Voter Information Card does not count as ID. If you did not bring valid ID to the polls, you can still vote using a Provisional Ballot.

A **Provisional Ballot** is a backup for a voter who forgets their ID or whose eligibility cannot be verified at the polling site. It allows us time to research the voter's eligibility and count the ballot if the voter is eligible. Some Provisional Ballot voters may need to submit additional information for their ballot to be counted. The deadline to submit this is 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 20.

Voters may track their Provisional Ballot status at LeonVotes.gov or by contacting our office at (850) 606-8683.



DEMOCRATIC PARTY SAMPLE BALLOT

AUGUST 18, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

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You can mark your choices on this sample ballot and use it as a guide when you vote your actual ballot.

PARTISAN CONTESTS	NONPARTISAN CONTESTS	
United States Senator <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Angie Nixon ☐ Alex Vindman	Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Group 7 <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Stephanie A. Cager ☐ Jason Jones	City Commissioner, Seat 3 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
Representative in Congress, District 2 <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Yen Bailey ☐ Brice Barnes ☐ Amanda Marie Green ☐ Nicholas Zateslo	Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Group 13 <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh	☐ Darryl "Dar Wavemaker" Alfred ☐ Tom Derzypolski ☐ Talethia O. Edwards ☐ Maxwell "Max" Herrle ☐ P.J. Perez ☐ Norm Roche
Governor and Lieutenant Governor <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Evelyn Castillo-Bach ☐ Thomas Eloy Fernandez ☐ Dayna Marie Foster ☐ David Jolly Gwen Graham ☐ Dotie Joseph ☐ Stephann Norman	School Board Member, District 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS ☐ Marcus Nicolas ☐ James Reilly	City Commissioner, Seat 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS ☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox
Chief Financial Officer <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Earle Ford ☐ Annette Taddeo	Mayor <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS ☐ Lorraine Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks	
Commissioner of Agriculture <i>(Vote for One)</i> ☐ Joey Mendoza Atkins ☐ Donald A. "Don" Prichard		

**View your specific sample ballot
at LeonVotes.gov/YourVoterInfo**



BOLETA DE MUESTRA DEL PARTIDO DEMÓCRATA 18 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA

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CONTIENDA PARTIDISTA	CONTIENDA NO PARTIDISTA	
Senador de los Estados Unidos <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Angie Nixon ☐ Alex Vindman	Juez de Circuito 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 7 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Stephanie A. Cager ☐ Jason Jones	Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 3 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS ☐ Darryl "Dar Wavemaker" Alfred ☐ Tom Derzypolski ☐ Talethia O. Edwards ☐ Maxwell "Max" Herrle ☐ P.J. Perez ☐ Norm Roche
Representante ante el Congreso, Distrito 2 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Yen Bailey ☐ Brice Barnes ☐ Amanda Marie Green ☐ Nicholas Zateslo	Juez de Circuito 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 13 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh	Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS ☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox
Gobernador y Vicegobernador <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Evelyn Castillo-Bach ☐ Thomas Eloy Fernandez ☐ Dayna Marie Foster ☐ David Jolly Gwen Graham ☐ Dotie Joseph ☐ Stephann Norman	Miembro de la Junta Escolar Distrito 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS ☐ Marcus Nicolas ☐ James Reilly	
Director Ejecutivo de Finanzas <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Earle Ford ☐ Annette Taddeo	Alcalde <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS ☐ Lorraine Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks	
Comisionado de Agricultura <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ☐ Joey Mendoza Atkins ☐ Donald A. "Don" Prichard		

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REPUBLICAN PARTY SAMPLE BALLOT AUGUST 18, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

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PARTISAN CONTESTS		NONPARTISAN CONTESTS
United States Senator <i>(Vote for One)</i>	Governor and Lieutenant Governor <i>(Vote for One)</i>	Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Group 7 <i>(Vote for One)</i>
☐ Chris Gleason ☐ Ashley Moody ☐ Neelam Taneja Perry ☐ Ernest "Ernie" Rivera	☐ Jay Collins ☐ Byron Donalds ☐ James Fishback ☐ Jim Holcomb ☐ Arthur Joseph McCaffrey ☐ Daniel Nokovich ☐ Paul Renner ☐ Rachel Rodriguez ☐ James W. Shaw ☐ Caneste Succe ☐ Bobby Williams	☐ Stephanie A. Cager ☐ Jason Jones
Representative in Congress, District 2 <i>(Vote for One)</i>	☐ Keith Gross ☐ Lee Jones ☐ Nick Lewis ☐ Luke Murphy ☐ Jim Norton ☐ Evan Power ☐ Austin Rogers ☐ Audie Rowell	Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Group 13 <i>(Vote for One)</i>
	Chief Financial Officer <i>(Vote for One)</i>	☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh
	☐ Frank William Collige ☐ Blaise Ingoglia	School Board Member, District 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
	Commissioner of Agriculture <i>(Vote for One)</i>	☐ Marcus Nicolas ☐ James Reilly
	☐ Wilton Simpson ☐ Matt Taylor	Mayor <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
	State Representative, District 9 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS	☐ Lorraine Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks
	☐ Jibri Knight ☐ Tracy Robinson	City Commissioner, Seat 3 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
		☐ Darryl "Dar Wavemaker" Alfred ☐ Tom Derzypolski ☐ Talethia O. Edwards ☐ Maxwell "Max" Herrle ☐ P.J. Perez ☐ Norm Roche
		City Commissioner, Seat 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i> THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
		☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox

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BOLETA DE MUESTRA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO 18 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA

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CONTIENDA PARTIDISTA		CONTIENDA NO PARTIDISTA
Senador de los Estados Unidos <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	Gobernador y Vicegobernador <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	Juez de Circuito, 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 7 <i>(Vote por uno)</i>
☐ Chris Gleason ☐ Ashley Moody ☐ Neelam Taneja Perry ☐ Ernest "Ernie" Rivera	☐ Jay Collins ☐ Byron Donalds ☐ James Fishback ☐ Jim Holcomb ☐ Arthur Joseph McCaffrey ☐ Daniel Nokovich ☐ Paul Renner ☐ Rachel Rodriguez ☐ James W. Shaw ☐ Caneste Succe ☐ Bobby Williams	☐ Stephanie A. Cager ☐ Jason Jones
Representante ante el Congreso, Distrito 2 <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	☐ Keith Gross ☐ Lee Jones ☐ Nick Lewis ☐ Luke Murphy ☐ Jim Norton ☐ Evan Power ☐ Austin Rogers ☐ Audie Rowell	Juez de Circuito, 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 13 <i>(Vote por uno)</i>
	Director Ejecutivo de Finanzas <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh
	☐ Frank William Collige ☐ Blaise Ingoglia	Miembro de la Junta Escolar Distrito 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
	Comisionado de Agricultura <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	☐ Marcus Nicolas ☐ James Reilly
	☐ Wilton Simpson ☐ Matt Taylor	Alcalde <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
	Representante Estatal, distrito 9 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS	☐ Loranne Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks
	☐ Jibri Knight ☐ Tracy Robinson	Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 3 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
		☐ Darryl "Dar Wavemaker" Alfred ☐ Tom Derzypolski ☐ Talethia O. Edwards ☐ Maxwell "Max" Herrle ☐ P.J. Perez ☐ Norm Roche
		Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
		☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox

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NONPARTISAN SAMPLE BALLOT

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Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Group 7 <i>(Vote for One)</i>	School Board Member, District 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i>	City Commissioner, Seat 3 <i>(Vote for One)</i>
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☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh	Mayor <i>(Vote for One)</i>	City Commissioner, Seat 5 <i>(Vote for One)</i>
	THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS	THIS RACE DOES NOT APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS
	☐ Lorraine Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks	☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox

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CONTIENDA NO PARTIDISTA

Juez de Circuito 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 7 <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	Miembro de la Junta Escolar Distrito 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS	Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 3 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
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Juez de Circuito 2do Circuito Judicial, Grupo 13 <i>(Vote por uno)</i>	Alcalde <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS	Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 5 <i>(Vote por uno)</i> ESTA CONTIENDA NO APARECE EN TODAS LAS BOLETAS
☐ Rashad Green ☐ J. Lee Marsh	☐ Lorraine Ausley ☐ Michael Shawn Foust ☐ Jeremy Matlow ☐ Daryl D. Parks	☐ Tiffany Hill ☐ Dot Inman-Johnson ☐ Dianne Williams-Cox

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Primary Election Day – August 18, 2026



Your Vote is Foundational to Our Democracy

This year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and with it 250 years of our system of government — one that is of the people, by the people, and for the people. We the people make our voice heard through the power of our votes. This year, I encourage you to dedicate your vote to the sacrifices of previous generations of Americans who made 250 years of our nation possible.

In that spirit, I urge you to not take your vote for granted, and instead use it with meaning and purpose. Critically, that means casting your ballot in each and every election. Far too many voters skip the Primary, many in the mistaken belief that only voters registered with a party can vote in it. Let me clear up that falsehood — all Leon County voters, regardless of party affiliation, have a ballot in the Primary Election.

Similarly, some voters skip the primary thinking that it is somehow less important than the General Election. The truth of the matter is that both elections are of equal value, and you should vote at every opportunity. The Primary Election ballot includes races at all levels of government, including federal, state, as well as many local contests. Some races will be decided entirely in the Primary, so if you do not participate, then you will have missed the opportunity to make your voice heard.

You may have seen in the news lots of worrisome commentary about new laws or rules that have changed our elections. Let me reassure you that, as of this writing, there are no major changes that will affect the 2026 elections or your ability to vote. This year's elections will be largely the same as in prior years. The Florida legislature did pass an election bill earlier this year, but it does not go into effect until 2027. And, Leon County was not affected by recent changes to Florida's congressional district map. If and when there are changes that may affect your vote here in Leon County, my office will reach out and inform our community.

To best prepare yourself for the 2026 Primary Election, I encourage you to thoroughly read this election guide and make a plan on how you are going to cast your ballot. This guide includes Early Voting locations and times, information on how you can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot, and where you can vote on Election Day. It also includes sample ballots, so you can research the candidates and make an informed decision. By doing this, you will be Election Ready for the Primary Election.

Your vote is your voice. Please speak up, vote, and be heard!

Mark S. Earley

Supervisor of Elections – Leon County, Florida



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