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Marion County May 16, 2023 Special General Election Update

Marion County, FL. May 4 - The Marion County Special General Election to fill the vacancy for the office of State Representative House District 24 will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox shares important voting reminders ahead of the election.

All registered voters who reside in <u>House District 24</u> are eligible to participate in this election. The deadline to register to vote for the Special General Election was April 17. As of registration books close, there are 133,738 voters eligible to vote in this election. Voters can still make registration updates such as name, address, and signature online at <u>RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov</u> or by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application. Voters can verify their eligibility by looking up their registration at <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov</u> or calling 352-620-3290.

Voters can cast their ballot by mail or in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, and lookup their assigned voting location, mail ballot status, and Early Voting locations by visiting <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov</u>.

All vote-by-mail requests expired in 2022. Therefore, voters must renew their request if they would like to receive a mail ballot for this election or any election through 2024. The deadline to request a mail ballot for the Special General Election is Saturday, May 6 by 5 PM. Requests can be made online at <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov/mbrs</u>, by phone at 352-620-3290, or in person at the Marion County Elections Office during normal business hours. Voters will be required to provide their Florida driver's license number, Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

As of May 4, our office has mailed 12,905 vote-by-mail ballots and will continue to issue mail ballots daily as new requests are received through the deadline. Currently, 5,519 mail ballots have been returned, equating to a 4.18% voter turnout. Mail ballots must be signed by the voter and received by the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Voters are urged to return their mail ballot promptly to ensure it is received and counted. Ballots can be mailed or returned to a Secure Ballot Intake Station at the Elections Office, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at any open Early Voting site during Early Voting hours.

Early Voting begins Saturday, May 6 and will continue through Saturday, May 13, at the following Early Voting sites located within House District 24, open from 10 AM to 6 PM:

Marion County Election Center 981 NE 16th ST Ocala, FL 34470

Belleview Public Library 13145 SE HWY 484 Belleview, FL 34420

Deputy Brian Litz Building 9048 SW HWY 200 Ocala, FL 34481

Freedom Public Library 5870 SW 95th St Ocala, FL 34476

The last opportunity to vote is on Election Day, Tuesday, May 16. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 48 polling locations. Voters are encouraged to look up their assigned voting location before heading to the polls by visiting <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov/MyPrecinct</u>. Voters must present a current and valid photo and signature identification to vote.

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