

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Peter O'Bryan, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Indian River County Administration Building A 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street Vero Beach, FL 32960

RE: Redistricting and Relocation of Polling Sites

Dear Chairman O'Bryan,

Every ten years following the U.S. Census, state and county governing bodies go through a redistricting process. This process involves adjusting established electoral district boundaries in response to population shifts. The Board of County Commissioners/School Board completed the process of redrawing their district boundary lines in December 2021. The Florida Legislature has recently completed the process of redrawing the state's congressional and legislative district boundary lines.

It is the responsibility of the Supervisor of Elections to adjust precinct boundary lines. Indian River County's population has increased by 21,760 since the last decennial census, therefore precinct boundary changes are necessary. When redrawing precinct lines there are several factors to consider, including the number of registered voters, anticipated population growth, congressional and legislative districts, municipal boundary lines, special districts, census blocks, and polling place availability.

Configuring precinct boundary lines is similar to assembling pieces of an intricate puzzle. Our goal is to group voters together in precincts according to their congressional district, state senate district, state house district, special district, or municipality.

Once precinct boundary lines are set, voters are assigned to a precinct and an Election Day polling site. One or more precincts may be housed within a single polling location, depending upon the number of voters the facility can efficiently accommodate.

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The Supervisor of Elections staff has completed revising our county's proposed precinct map. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the proposed precinct map, as well as written descriptions of the precinct boundaries for each newly drawn precinct.

I respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed precinct map. Once approved, all registered voters in Indian River County will be mailed a new voter information card in early June. The new voter card will indicate each voter's political districts, precinct number, and Election Day polling place for future elections.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor of Elections

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Enclosures