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The Honorable Deryl Loar
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Indian River County
1801 27th Street, Building A
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Dear Chairman Loar:

During each election cycle, the County Canvassing Board shall preside over the canvassing of the ballots. F.S. 102.141 states:

> "The canvassing board shall be composed of the supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as a chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners."

An alternate canvassing board member must also be appointed pursuant to F.S. 102.141.

In 2026, there will be two scheduled elections as follows:

Primary Election – August 18, 2026
General Election – November 3, 2026

I respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners appoint one of its members to serve on the 2026 County Canvassing Board and also appoint an alternate member at the board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

As a reminder, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is ineligible to serve on the county canvassing board if any of the following restrictions apply:

- The chair is a candidate who has opposition in the election being canvassed
- The chair is an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate who has opposition in the election being canvassed

If the chair is unable to serve, the replacement shall be one of the board's members who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.

An alternate canvassing board member must also be appointed. The alternate member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and must follow the same guidelines for all other county canvassing board members.

Most sincerely,

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