

Florida Supervisor of Elections Survey Form – 3/23/22

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Date of interview 3/23/22 Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards

Before the Interview - Record the time and date of your call and email, and if the meeting is not set immediately, the time and date of their response

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: March 14, 2022
 b) Time and date of response: Same Day
 c) Did the Supervisor of Elections refuse to meet you: Yes ☐ No ☒
 d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: _____

The Interview - Thank the Supervisor for agreeing to see you. State that the purpose of the observation program is to provide voters with accurate information about the election process. Emphasize how important you think his/her role is in ensuring that everyone in the county sees the elections here are free, fair and legitimate.

First, we have a few general questions.

1. What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

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2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

NO

3. a. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Don't know ☐

No answer/refused ☐

b. If no, what is missing?

Thank you. Now a few questions on the voter roll and voter registration.

4. When was the last time the voter file in your county was scrubbed or cleaned?
 (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: Jan. 2021

5. When was the last time you had access to the National Change of Address List or any other change of address list? (record date and other list(s), if relevant) 2021

6.	<p>a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?</p> <p>Yes <u>X</u></p> <p>No <u> </u></p> <p>Don't know <u> </u></p> <p>No answer/refused <u> </u></p> <p>b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?</p>
7.	<p>a. Have you had private third-party individuals or groups conducting voter registration activities in this county?</p> <p>Yes <u>X</u></p> <p>No <u> </u></p> <p>Don't know <u> </u></p> <p>No answer/refused <u> </u></p> <p>b. If yes, can you tell me which groups conducted these activities?</p> <p>NAACP, League of Women Voters "Anyone can register a voter."</p> <p>c. If yes, are you confident these registration activities take place without bribery, intimidation or coercion, and that only qualified voters are registered through these third-parties?</p> <p>Yes, I'm confident <u>X</u></p> <p>No, not sure <u> </u></p> <p>Don't know <u> </u></p> <p>No answer/refused. <u> </u></p>
Moving on, we have some questions on voting processes and technology.	
8.	<p>Can you explain how your office manages voting in nursing homes?</p> <p>They work w/ Nursing homes who provides a list of their patients + they provide that to the SoE who prints the voters ballot + delivers it to the voter personally.</p>
9.	<p>a. How is the voting system used in your county certified?</p> <p>FL Division of Elections</p> <p>b. Who certified it last and when?</p> <p>Unsure - directed us to website</p>
10.	<p>Who updates and calibrates the voting machines?</p> <p>stated that the State of FL provides updates for software, but vendor from ESTS comes and calibrates.</p>
11.	<p>Can you please explain how they update and calibrate the machines?</p>
12.	<p>Are you present when the machines are updated and calibrated, or is that process supervised by someone else? If someone else, what is their position?</p> <p>I am present <u> </u></p> <p>Another person supervises this process (insert title and position) <u>1 of her staff is present, depends on who is available</u></p>

13.	<p>Do you invite party representatives to witness the update and calibration?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
14.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b. If yes, when and why are they connected?</p> <p>c. If they are not connected to the internet, how, when and by whom are they updated?</p> <p>ESTS sends rep. who does it. State of FL sends updates for her to update the machine.</p>
15.	<p>Concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections, and there are now calls to get rid of the machines, and use a manual process like that used in France.</p> <p>a. Do you think it a good idea to go back to a manual voting process?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b. If no, why?</p> <p>more errors in manual counting than machines</p> <p>Accuracy over speed?</p>
16.	<p>Can you tell us what it costs per voter to implement an election in this county?</p> <p>\$750K</p> <p>\$700K - \$800K for total Election ÷ 250K voters = \$3.00/per voter</p> <p>for county election total</p> <p>Total Dept. Budget \$4M.</p>
Now we have a few questions about the counting process.	
17.	<p>a. How many (%) extra ballots are available in each precinct?</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>b. Can you describe the process used to track and account for these excess ballots?</p> <p>They are reconciled.</p>

18.	<p>We know that in some areas machines had difficulty reading many mail-in ballots, and those had to be sent for manual adjudication.</p> <p>a. Can you describe briefly how ballots are adjudicated here?</p> <p>b. About what percentage of absentee ballots required adjudication in this county/city during the 2020 election? <u>4,198</u></p>
19.	<p>Have the machines you use for counting ever reported fractional results?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <u>X</u></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p>
<p><i>Many changes in election procedures were introduced in response to the COVID pandemic, and some people have argued that these changes weakened the integrity of the election process.</i></p>	
20.	<p>As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Florida in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity?</p> <p>weakened integrity. <u>X</u></p> <p>strengthened integrity _____</p> <p>made no change _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>challenging in 2020 due to poll workers not wanting to work due to Covid.</i></p>
21.	<p>a. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Florida?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <u>X</u></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for? <u>Got \$40K Grant From</u></p> <p>c. Will not receiving such funding in future affect your ability to implement a fully free and fair election?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <u>X</u></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p>d. If yes, in what way?</p>

Observation of election processes enhances transparency and strengthens public confidence in the integrity of elections, and have a few questions about pollwatchers and non-partisan observers.

22. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots?
- Yes ☒
No ☐
Don't know ☐
No answer/refused ☐

23. a. Did you have both Republican and Democrat pollwatchers at every polling location in 2020?
- Yes ☐
No ☒ (go to b.)
Don't know ☐
No answer/refused ☐
- b. If no, please estimate the percentage of polling locations covered by each party:
Democrats Republicans

24. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of pollwatchers?
- Yes ☒
No ☐ (go to b.)
Don't know ☐
No answer/refused ☐
- b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Florida law?
- Yes ☐
No ☐
Don't know ☐
No answer/refused ☐

25. If the Legislature through the Department of State allowed independent non-partisan observers, would you welcome that?
- Yes ☒
No ☐
Don't know ☐
No answer/refused ☐

Thank you. The survey is complete now. We deeply appreciate your time today, and look forward to keeping in touch as we go through the 2021 state elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).

26. Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Supervisor of Elections as (circle all that apply)

☒ Helpful ☒ Polite ☐ Defensive ☐ Unhelpful ☐ Antagonistic

To the survey team: Thank you for all you have done and will do to ensure a free and fair election in Florida! Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.