

**Florida Supervisor of Elections Survey**  
**Floridians for Election Transparency**

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 Date of interview 5/18/22 Supervisor of Elections Karen Healy

*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: 3<sup>00</sup> PM 5/18/22  
 b) Time and date of response: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c) Did the Supervisor of Elections refuse to meet you: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
 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.)  
Skilled based process Time limited growth issues training new equipment Failure is not an option Integrity of the election Supervisors abide by the law critical infrastructure All supervisors meeting in formative Logic and accuracy test done every election required by law

2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)  
None waiting for final precincts districts

3. a. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?  
 Yes X Election cycle starts years in advance  
 No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
 No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. If no, what is missing? \_\_\_\_\_

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. 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?

4. weakened integrity. \_\_\_\_\_  
strengthened integrity  \_\_\_\_\_ *Strengthened vote by mail*  
made no change \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. 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: 5/9/22

6. 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) 12/22/21

7. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?  
Yes  \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ *As a moving target*  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?

8. a. Have you had private third-party individuals or groups conducting voter registration activities in this county?  
Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ *Legal file with the state*  
No \_\_\_\_\_ *29 days before election must be produced*  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If yes, can you tell me which groups conducted these activities?

*Democratic Republican NAACP*

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?

- Yes, I'm confident  \_\_\_\_\_ *Age requirement*  
No, not sure \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused. \_\_\_\_\_

*Moving on, we have some questions on voting processes and technology.*

9. Can you explain how your office manages voting in nursing homes?  
*Supervised voting Nursing home provides list of names*

10.	<p>There are two types of voting machines used in Florida: Dominion and ES&amp;S. Can you tell me which machines you use?</p> <p>Dominion _____  ES&amp;S. <u>  X  </u></p>
11.	<p>We understand the State of Florida is responsible for updating the voting machines before an election. Is that done by a state employee, or by a contractor or consultant from a private company?</p> <p><i>yes by local staff</i></p> <p>State employee _____  Private _____ If private, which company: _____</p>
12.	<p>Are you present when the machines are updated, or is that process supervised by someone else? If someone else, what is their position?</p> <p>I am present <u>  X  </u> <i>with software</i>  <i>Dan all other</i></p> <p>Another person supervises this process (insert title and position) _____</p>
13.	<p>Do you invite party representatives to witness the update?</p> <p>Yes _____  No <u>  X  </u>  Don't know _____  No answer/refused _____</p>
14.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____  No <u>  X  </u> <i>Equipment is wireless</i>  Don't know _____ <i>Crash check</i>  No answer/refused _____ <i>System 2016</i></p> <p>b. If yes, when and why are they connected?</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 _____  No <u>  X  </u>  Don't know _____  No answer/refused _____</p> <p>b. If no, why?</p>
16.	<p>Can you tell us what it costs per voter to implement an election in this county?</p> <p><i>varies Moving target depending on election</i></p>

Now we have a few questions about the counting process.

17. a. How many (%) extra ballots are available in each precinct?  
*varies depending on size & turnout*
- b. Can you describe the process used to track and account for these excess ballots?  
*Identifying # chain of custody*

We know that in some areas machines had difficulty reading many mail-in ballots, and the votes on these had to be copied on to clean ballots and rescanned.

18. a. Can you describe briefly how this process is done? *Asking for 2nd ballot if error or correct original ballot*
- b. About what percentage of absentee ballots required copying in this county/city during the 2020 election? *1/2%*
- c. Were pollwatchers from each party present during the copying process?
- Yes  *DEC only*
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

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.

19. 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

20. 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  *Not know actual data*

21. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of pollwatchers?  
 Yes  *List of do's & don'ts*  
 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

22. 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 2022 elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).*

23. 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.*