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Supervisor of Elections  
Indian River County

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Your Vote Is Your Voice...Speak Up!

Attention: All Municipal Candidates  
From: Indian River County Supervisor of Elections  
Date: October 3, 2011  
Re: Absentee Ballots

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections would like to inform all candidates involved in the November 8, 2011 Municipal General Elections that the current number of absentee ballot requests on file with the Supervisor of Elections office is much lower than it was for the 2010 General Election due to a change in Florida Statute. In 2010, Florida Statute 101.62 previously stated that the supervisor of elections shall accept a request for an absentee ballot from an elector and that one request shall be deemed sufficient to receive an absentee ballot for all elections through the **next** regularly scheduled general election. Unfortunately all absentee requests on file prior to May 28, 2010 expired after the General Election in November of 2010.

On May 19, 2011, new legislation was enacted, Senate House Bill number 1355, Section 37, which stipulated that all requests for absentee ballots shall be deemed sufficient to receive an absentee ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the **second** ensuing regularly scheduled general election, which would now make all absentee ballots requested on May 19, 2011 or later, valid through December of 2014.

In effort to reach out to the voters who have dropped off of the absentee ballot request list, our office has notified all voters who reside in the Cities of Fellsmere, Sebastian and Vero Beach whose absentee ballot requests have expired that they must update their absentee ballot request with the Elections office. Voters may request an absentee ballot for specific elections or they may request absentee ballots for all elections through 2014. The Supervisor of Elections office mailed over 2,200 postcards to inform voters that they have dropped off of the absentee ballot request list .