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Media Alert

FLORIDA DIVISION OF ELECTIONS DIRECTOR OBSERVES INDIAN RIVER COUNTY'S PRE-ELECTION PUBLIC TEST

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office recently conducted the Pre-Election Public Test of the voting equipment and tabulation equipment to be used in the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary Election. All voting and tabulation equipment is required by Florida Statute 101.5612 to be thoroughly tested at the conclusion of maintenance and programming. The purpose of the testing is to determine that the voting system is properly programmed, the election is correctly defined on the voting system, and that all of the voting system input, output, and communication devices are working properly.

The Director of the Florida Division of Elections, Dr. Gisela Salas, was present to observe the public testing of the voting equipment. This is Dr. Salas's first visit to Indian River County. The public test is conducted by processing a pre-audited marked group of ballots, running the ballots through the voting and tabulation machines, and then the results are compared with the number of pre-determined valid votes for each candidate or issue. A random sample of optical scan and touchscreen voting machines were tested.

Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Rossway Swan, stated: "The test went off without a hitch and the voting equipment is ready for delivery to the early voting and Election Day polling sites." Swan said, "Dr. Salas complimented the Elections Office on the efficiency and organization of the testing process in Indian River County."