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Your Vote Is Your Voice...Speak Up!

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS CONDUCTS VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Each Supervisor of Elections in the state of Florida must conduct a registration list maintenance program in odd-numbered years to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the voter registration records are accurate and current.

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections utilizes change-of-address information supplied by the United States Postal Service to identify registered voters whose addresses might have changed. Any undeliverable first class mail returned to the Elections office, including voter information cards, initiates the process of changing the voter's registration status. As a result of the recent list maintenance procedures, the Elections office recently placed 1,451 voters in inactive status.

Any returned mail from registered voters triggers three separate mailings requesting confirmation of the voter's current residential address. If the Elections office receives no response, the voter will be placed in inactive status. A voter on the inactive list may be restored to the active list when the voter updates his or her registration, requests an absentee ballot, or appears to vote.

If no activity occurs by the second general election after being placed on the inactive list, the voter's name is removed from the voter registration rolls and the voter shall be required to reregister to have his or her name restored to the voter rolls. Not only does undeliverable mail compromise the voter's registration, it detracts from the ability for the Elections office to keep the voter informed of any changes in polling location or important election information.

Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, said "It is important that voters are aware of their responsibility in keeping their voter registration current. Now is the time to check with our office to make sure all of your voter information is up to date." Anyone wanting to check their voter status can go to the Elections office website at www.voteindianriver.com or call the office at 772-226-3440.