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Media Alert

VOTERS BEWARE: MISLEADING SAMPLE BALLOT

Indian River County, FL – The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections has fielded numerous phone calls from irate voters regarding a sample ballot that they recently received in the mail. The outside envelope indicates that their “sample ballot is enclosed”. “This ballot is not an official sample ballot,” stated Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan. The “misleading” sample ballot lists several, but not all of the candidates who have qualified to be on the Primary Election ballot. One candidate in each race is listed in bold, large, red print while the other candidate(s) in the race are listed in very small, black print. Along with the mailer are seven rack cards promoting specific candidates listed on the sample ballot mailing. It also includes misinformation regarding Election Day polling locations. Indian River County has 22 polling locations, not 16 as the mailer indicates, and includes a U.S. Representative race that is on the General Election ballot.

Voters in Indian River County need to be aware; this mailing did not come from the Supervisor of Elections office. It appears to be a campaign mailer. Official Sample Ballots from the Supervisor of Elections office to Indian River County voters will be mailed during the week of August 15th and will contain the official seal of the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections. Voters may also view a copy of their sample ballot on the Elections Office website or request to have one emailed at www.voteindianriver.com.

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