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Media Alert

5 DAYS REMAIN TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Indian River County, FL - The November 4th General Election is quickly approaching and the Supervisor of Elections office has received a high number of absentee ballot requests. Voter interest in the upcoming is encouraging.

Requests for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, October 29th. In order to be counted, voted ballots must be received by the Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Requesting an absentee ballot is a very simple process. However, it is crucial that the voter provide the address where they would like the ballot delivered. Florida law does not allow absentee ballots to be forwarded. It is up to the voter to provide the Elections Office with the address where they would like the ballot mailed.

When requesting an absentee ballot, many voters opt to request ballots be mailed for all elections through the following two general elections. It is the voter's responsibility to notify the Elections Office if they have moved or if they are going to be temporarily away when their ballot is mailed.

In early September, the Supervisor of Elections made a concerted effort to send post cards to every absentee voter reminding them that absentee ballots are not forwardable. The post card also encouraged absentee voters to confirm with the Elections Office that the address on file is the address where the voter wants their ballot delivered. The Elections Office received hundreds of phone calls from voters, who summer out of state, and needed to update their absentee mailing address. This proactive post card mailing has reduced the undeliverable rate by 56%.

Florida law requires absentee ballots be mailed within 2 business days after receiving a ballot request. The Elections Office has processed and mailed all absentee ballot requests within one business day.

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