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Mission Statement

"We convey the voice of the people by providing fair, accurate, and accessible elections with transparency and integrity."

- Jerry Holland



We did it! I want to start by giving all the Poll Workers a special "Thank you" for an election well run. Thank you for the hours you invested in training, for making phone calls to fellow poll workers, for the long hours you spent on Election Day at your precinct and for your perseverance in reconciling and packing up equipment and supplies on election night. GREAT JOB!

In the General Election 414,111 voters cast ballots, a 74% turnout of Duval County's voters, and yet it was the smoothest election of all. Throughout the

community, people thank me for an Election well run. So once again, thank you to every Poll Worker, my incredible Election Office staff and every voter who participated in voting in the 2012 Election year.

With the 2012 Presidential Elections now successfully behind us, my office is moving forward and preparing for the 2014 Gubernatorial Elections. As many of you know Voter Surveys were mailed out to a percentage of voters inside each precinct. The surveys have given us insight on what worked well and what needs improvement for future elections.

Once again I'm honored to serve as your Supervisor of Elections. My goal is to conduct elections with transparency and the integrity that all Duval County Residents have to expect. Please call, email me, or stop by the office when you are in the neighborhood to share any comments or suggestions you might have about the electoral process in Duval County. I am always open to hearing from you.

Thanks Again

Jerry Holland



Register to Vote!

Voter Outreach Director Garrett Dennis, and Elections Office staff, are all over Duval County registering citizens to vote, updating information, and demonstrating the DS200 optical scanner voting machine. Voter registration drives and machine demonstrations will be held at the following locations in Duval County: The Jacksonville Sun's Baseball Grounds, The Jacksonville Landing, Duval County High Schools, Duval County Library Branches, at many local Hospitals and Nursing Homes, and many more! So make sure you stop by and update your information.



As Vice-President of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE), Supervisor Holland met with his colleagues from around the state to propose a non-partisan legislative agenda on elections reform. The legislative package focused on reducing the length of the ballot and giving supervisors more flexibility and local jurisdiction of early voting regulations.

BALLOT LENGTH

Florida saw an unprecedented long ballot this last election cycle. Ballot length affects voting in four ways.

- First, a longer ballot will take a voter more time to complete in the voting booth.
- Second, the handling and simple logistics of the longer ballots cause delays and increases the likelihood of a paper jam and amount of times the tabulator must come offline to be emptied of counted ballots.
- Third, but unique only to multi-language counties, a multi-page ballot doubles or even triples the ballot length with each additional required language.
- Fourth, a longer ballot simply costs more. Local supervisors have higher printing and shipping costs for early voting, Election Day, sample ballots and absentee ballots.

The package recommends a serious reduction in ballot length through word or amendment limits.

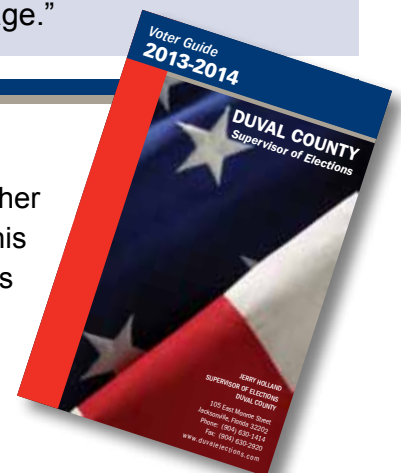
EARLY VOTING FLEXIBILITY

Supervisors of Elections presently are required to provide early voting at a minimum of eight (8) days with a minimum of 6 hours of early voting per day. Current law restricts early voting sites to libraries and city halls. Unfortunately, some municipal owned libraries or city halls are exceptionally small and cannot handle the foot traffic, tabulators, and other overall demands needed of an early voting site. By broadening that definition, supervisors would have more flexibility to include buildings such as civic centers, colleges and other locations like they are able to use for precincts on Election Day would allow supervisors more early voting sites. The recommendations also suggest giving supervisors flexibility in the hours and days of early voting to meet the needs of their local communities. For example, early voting in a small county like Baker might not need the same amount of paid staff or long early voting days that a large county like Duval would require. In the same way, not all elections are equal. Early voting hours for a presidential election might not be as necessary for a municipal primary or special election.

Other items in the legislative package encouraged the use of new elections technology, such as electronic poll books, to create efficiency, reduce fraud, and also recommended fines on vendors who underperform or breach their contracts during elections. To see FSASE's entire legislative agenda, visit myfloridaelections.org and follow links that say "FSASE 2013 Legislative Package."

2013-2014 Voter Guides

The 2013-2014 Voter's Guide is now available at www.DuvalElections.com. Whether you're a first time voter, a new voter to the state of Florida or an experienced voter this guide contains information to help you become educated voter. The guide provides Duval County citizens information on how to register, check your registration status, update your information and order a Vote by Mail ballot. Voter Guides are available at our office, all branch libraries and all municipalities' offices.





Each month our office has the liberty of attending the naturalization ceremonies held at the Federal Courthouse. After taking the Oath, newly naturalized citizens are given the first opportunity to become registered voters (photo left). Our office was pleased all of the 50 newly naturalized citizens eagerly registered to vote for the first time (photo below).



Meet our New Staffers

Raised in Madison Florida, graduate of Madison County High School, and attended Tallahassee Community College and is currently attending Saint Leo University majoring in Psychology; Kaomi Ghent comes to Duval County from Madison County where she worked as Deputy Supervisor of Elections. Kaomi brings her love for public service and the democratic process to our office.

Since joining the team, Kaomi has been actively involved in community outreach, learning the voting equipment, and working as the office receptionist where she's has the opportunity to interact with voters. When not working in the elections office, Kaomi can be found volunteering her time at her church's Music Ministry or spending time with her family. Kaomi's future plans are to take an active role in politics and the elections process.

Meet Carol Harper! Carol grew up and attended school in Maryland, before coming to Jacksonville in the 80s. Carol began working for the Elections Office in February of this year. She assists with the administrative support for our office and is still getting to know everyone. When not working at the Elections Office, Carol can be found volunteering and participating in community functions or spending time with her 3 small grandchildren



- February 28** * Naturalization Ceremony
- March 1- May15** * Spring Countywide Voter Drive
- March 10** * Daylight Saving
- March 13** * Voter Driver at The Atrium Retirement Home
- March 17** * St. Patrick's Day
- March 24** * Palm Sunday
- March 26** * First Day of Passover
- March 28** * Naturalization Ceremony
- March 29** * Good Friday
- March 31** * Easter Sunday
- April 2** * Last Day of Passover
- April 15** * Tax Day
- April 25** * Naturalization Ceremony
- May 5** * Cinco de Mayo
- May 15** * Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 27** * Memorial Day
- May 30** * Naturalization Ceremony

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REGISTRATION STATISTIC

Democrat – 243,727
 Republican – 209,096
 Non-Partisan – 114,559
TOTAL – 567,382



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