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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 10:38 AM

To: Laura Weidgans
Cc: Vivian Mendez

Subject: RE: Election March 2024

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Good morning Laura,

The contracts were sent out via a Smart Sheet link on November 30, 2023, and it was sent to vmendez@lakeparkflorida.gov.

Below is the email that Wendy sent on August 16, 2023:

We heard from a municipal elected official, expressing concern over the new Form 6 requirements for municipal office holders, and indicating that many may be resigning by December 31st as a result of Form 6 requirements. For municipalities who have the unfortunate position of having had office holders resign after their qualifying period ended, we have come up with a potential solution for those unique situations only. This may require some municipalities to make changes to their charter now in preparation for the possibility that this becomes a reality for them. This will be very tight for us (leaving us only one day to insert all of the ballots we are sending out for the UOCAVA drop), so we won't be able to accept anything later than the dates below. It will likely be a shorter qualifying time than they are used to, so changes need to be made now to accommodate that.

NOTE – we will <u>not</u> be able to hold any special elections in 2024 because of a combination of the Presidential election and the fact that we will likely be moving our warehouse after the municipal election in March 2024, so we will have no tabulation or vbm equipment available.

- The municipality will need to inform us no later than January 2nd if they are going to have to add a race (or races), and which seats/races will be affected. This will allow us to create a place holder in the ballot.
- Qualifying would need to end by 12 noon on Friday, January 12th, with names/races to us no later than 3pm on Friday, January 12th.
- We will prepare and proof the revised ballot by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 19th. We will then send it to the municipalities, who will have to have it back to us by 5 pm on Monday, January 22nd.
- If there are any revisions required, we will revise and have it back to the municipality by 4:00pm on Tuesday,
 January 23rd, with the municipality reviewing the revision and sending it back to us by 5pm on that same day.
- We will send it to the printer that night, and have ballots back by the end of the day on January 31.
- Insert ballots on February 1st, and mail out on February 2nd.

Please note – the deadline of December 15th is still in place for all races and questions/referenda for the municipalities. We will be creating the ballot and proofing that by the end of December. We are ONLY accepting races that had to be added because of late resignations (due to Form 6).

This puts a big burden on our office, but we recognize that some of the municipalities may be in a difficult position if office holders resign late, so we are trying to be helpful.

As stated earlier, the March ballot is the only opportunity for municipalities to put anything on the ballot – we will not be able to add any municipal races or questions on the August or the November ballots.

I hope this is helpful to the municipalities. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Wendy

Amber Sacks

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From: Laura Weidgans < lweidgans@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 10:27 AM **To:** Amber Sacks <amber@votepalmbeach.gov>

Subject: Election March 2024



Good morning Amber,

We were recently informed by one of our elected officials that they are still on the fence about resigning their position before the end of this year. We wanted to try to get some information so we can try to be prepared. Can you tell me what the deadline would be for us to submit our list of candidates to you? Also, how quickly would we be able to get contracts from the SOE office?

Please let me know if there is someone else I need to reach out to and if we do receive a resignation letter from this individual, who in your office would be the best person to reach out to?

Laura J. Weidgans

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