



TOMMY DOYLE, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

# LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

## MEDIA GUIDELINES

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Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### PROTOCOL

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections strives to maintain positive and productive relationships with its media partners. The following guidelines will help our partners obtain desired information, footage, and interviews:

- Media needs to obtain clearance from Public Information Officer (PIO) prior to arriving at any branch.
- The PIO will assist in facilitating any media requests with Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, and staff.
- To expedite requests for interviews and/or footage, please include details about the information sought, individuals with which you wish to speak, and footage, if any, you hope to obtain.

Send inquiries and requests to [vcollins@lee.vote](mailto:vcollins@lee.vote) or (O) 239-533-6335 or (C) 239-220-1222.

### Early Voting Sites and Election Day Precincts

- Section 102.031(5), Florida Statutes provides that photography is *not allowed* in the polling room or early voting area.
- Media members are not permitted in the polling room or early voting area *except to* vote, observe set-up prior to opening the polls or to observe the closing of the polls.
- Election Workers are instructed to decline interviews and must refer media members to the Elections Office.

### Exit Polling

- Please contact our office if you plan to conduct an exit poll.
- Section 102.031(4)(b), Florida Statutes provides that Exit Polling can occur inside the 100-foot no-solicitation zone provided it is conducted in an area that does not interfere with voter access to the polling place.

### Tracking Voter Turnout & Election Results

Visit [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote) to follow voter turnout. Online charts track ballots cast, not votes counted.

- **Vote-by-Mail Ballots.** Statistics are updated daily after the initial mailing of ballots.
- **Early Voting.** Statistics are live and updated daily during Early Voting.
- **Election Night.** All election results are unofficial until the final canvass during which the Canvassing Board will certify the official results of the election.
  - **Early Voting.** (EV200) results will be released at 7:00 p.m.
  - **Vote-by-Mail.** (AV850) results will be released at 7:00 p.m., *except vote-by-mail ballots that have been returned in the 24 hours prior to Election Day, as some of these, may still require tabulation.*
  - **Election Day.** (ED200) results will be released in the order received *after* Early Voting and Vote-by-Mail results are released.