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Mail Ballots Sent for the May 16, 2023 Special General Election

Marion County, FL. April 6 - Today, the Marion County Supervisor of Elections mailed nearly 13,000 vote-by-mail ballots to voters with a mail ballot request for the May 16, 2023 Special General Election. Last Friday, UOCAVA ballots were delivered to military and overseas voters.

Voters are required to have a request on file to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed for the Special General Election is **May 6 by 5 p.m.** Requests can be made by visiting www.VoteMarion.Gov, calling 352-620-3290, or in person at the Supervisor of Elections office. Requests must be made by the voter or an immediate family member, and must include the voter's date of birth and Florida Driver's License number or Florida ID card number or last four digits of Social Security number.

Voters are reminded to verify their mailing address is current. The United States Postal Service cannot forward vote-by-mail ballots. A request for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file must be in writing and include the voter's Florida Driver's License number or Florida ID card number or the last four digits of their Social Security number, as well as contain the voter's signature.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be signed and received by the Election Center by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. Overseas voters have an additional 10 days to return their ballot in a Special Election. The USPS encourages voters to mail their ballot at least a week prior to Election Day to ensure timely receipt.

Voters may return their ballot to the Secure Ballot Intake Station located inside the Election Center during business hours, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or to a monitored Secure Ballot Intake Station at any Early Voting site during hours of operation. Early Voting begins May 6 and continues through May 13 at the Belleview Library, Freedom Library, Deputy Brian Litz Building, and the Election Center, where sites are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voters can check their mail ballot status by visiting www.VoteMarion.Gov and are encouraged to sign up for mail ballot status alerts via email, SMS (text), or voice call by visiting www.MarionBallotTrax.com.

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