Flagler County Elections Office ★ Efficient Service and Safety are Top Priority

Early Voting in Flagler County

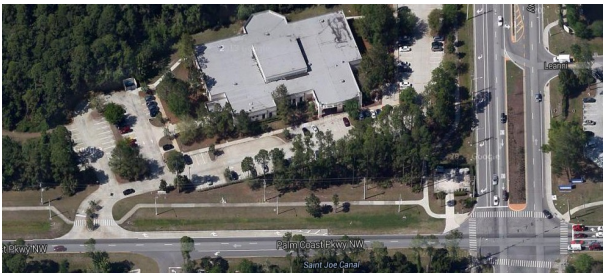
Each voter deserves:

- ★ **To vote at polling locations funded by tax dollars at no additional cost**
- ★ **The best use of maximum space available which reduces waiting times**
- ★ **Enough room to safely access and exit the polling location**

Newly Proposed Early Voting Location:

Palm Coast Community Center

Flagler County Public Library



Elections Office in the Government Services Building

Any registered and eligible voter in Flagler County may vote early at any one of the early voting sites prior to Election Day.

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Quick Statistics

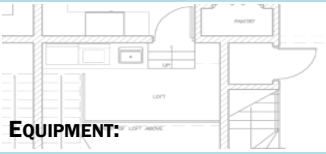
County-wide Voter Registration	
County-wide registered voters as of August 28, 2013	67,553
Voters who reside within the City of Palm Coast	76.7% 51,786

Early Voting Turnout for 2012 General Election	
Countywide early voting total	19,918
Early votes at the Flagler County Library	11,624

Palm Coast Community Center	
Current registered voters within this precinct Registered voters prior to 2012 redistricting: 1,909	4,758
2012 General Election Day Turnout	29.7% (1,142 cards cast)

Flagler County Public Library	
Current registered voters within this precinct Registered voters prior to 2012 redistricting: 1,697	3,864
2012 General Election Day Turnout	19.1% (929 cards cast)

Potential Usage of Space at the Palm Coast Community Center

 **EQUIPMENT:**	LARGE ROOM 42’ x 49’ **2,062.80 sq. ft.**	SMALL ROOM 45’ 5” x 25’ 6” **1,164.80 sq. ft.**
Fast voter check-in (EViD machines)	4	3
Voting booths	60	20

Space at our current early voting site, the Flagler County Library, allows for the use of only 3 fast voter check-ins (EViD machines) and 14 voting booths.

From The Supervisor of Elections ...

Early voting is popular in our county. Nearly 20,000 people voted early during the 2012 General Election this past year. An additional site in Palm Coast could provide a more efficient and safer voting experience. Due to the recent Legislative changes in 2013, we would like to offer the Palm Coast Community Center as an early voting site to better serve Flagler County voters! The Palm Coast Community Center offers a convenient location to a large number of voters who live nearby while also being central to businesses, workplaces and recreation along Palm Coast Parkway. It is our hope that opening this location will alleviate the congestion at the library, providing a quicker and easier opportunity to vote at both locations, and thereby increasing voter turnout.

We realize the Flagler County Public Library is not adequate for the needs of voters who wish to vote early in our county. The limited space inside the building creates a cramped environment for voters and poll workers. The small parking lot can become congested and dangerous for those who are entering and leaving the busy polling location which is packed with other voters, campaign workers and library patrons. There were 11,624 early voters at the Flagler County Public Library during the 8 days of early voting during the 2012 General Election. Anyone who voted early at the library can attest to the long line and congested parking lot, although the wait times in Flagler County were still much less than wait times experienced by early voters in other counties throughout the state of Florida.

You deserve the opportunity to vote early without waiting in excessively long lines and being crowded into small areas. This additional voting site at the Palm Coast Community Center will hopefully relieve the stress and congestion at the Flagler County Public Library. We are seeking to reserve the large meeting room for Election Day and early voting in order to safely and promptly serve the voters. The number of registered voters at the Palm Coast Community Center has more than doubled (from 1,909 to 4,758) since redistricting in 2012. In addition to the precinct turnout, we expect a high turnout for early voting in the years to come, as early voting is becoming more popular throughout the state. The larger room is preferred over the smaller room at the Community Center for logistical and safety reasons. With more space, we can use more equipment for faster check-ins and use more voting booths to accommodate more voters at one time. The small room is adjacent to the exterior of the building, so in addition to the longer wait time because of limited space, voter safety and health is at risk being exposed to the elements when the line is out the door and down the sidewalk. There are voters with health conditions who cannot stand for an extended time and no one wants to stand in the hot sun or pouring rain. Elections are held in August and November, during hurricane season in Florida. We do not need another small room like the library, we need the **best space available** for the voters in our county!

As your Supervisor of Elections, it is my responsibility to provide you with the best service possible and provide you the ability to vote safely and conveniently. Voting is the most precious right we have as Americans, and there should be no restrictions as to where and how you should be entitled to vote.

Sincerely,

Kimberle B. Weeks ★ Flagler County Supervisor of Elections

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Palm Coast Community Center: Available for Government Services

The purpose of the Palm Coast Community Center, in it's acquisition by the City of Palm Coast, is to provide government services for the citizens. Resolution number 2000-96 states this fact clearly, below:

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Inst No:00028334 Date:11/22/2000
SYD CROSBY, FLAGLER County
By: _____ D.C. Time:12:46:23

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-96

A RESOLUTION OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INCIDENTAL THERETO (KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY CENTER), TO THE CITY OF PALM COAST AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING TITLE THERETO; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Coast was incorporated on December 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Charter for the City of Palm Coast provided for the dissolution of the Palm Coast Service District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to wind up and liquidate [the corporation's] business and affairs of the Palm Coast Service District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Flagler County are the commissioners of the Palm Coast Service District, constituting its governing board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Coast has requested that Flagler County transfer certain real property (known as the Community Center) to the City of Palm Coast in order to provide government services to the citizens of Palm Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to convey certain properties to the City of Palm Coast, Florida, as a donation to the City and at no expense to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: That the County sitting as the governing board of the Palm Coast Service District, a dissolved municipal service taxing district, shall convey the properties

Full document available upon request.