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## Poll Workers: The Lifeblood of a Well-Run Election

Poll workers play a crucial role in ensuring the strength and integrity of the voting process. They are the lifeblood of a well-run election system and they help secure our rights as U.S. citizens. Eligible voters should not be turned away from the polls or be prevented from voting because of long, slow-moving lines or confusing rules.

Election workers and volunteers have a tough job, and with the pandemic, this year's election was no different. These critical members of our communities worked hard to ensure that Peachtree Corners' voters were able to cast their ballots safely and successfully, often working 10-plus hour days to make our elections possible. Whether they were a first-time volunteer, or a long-time election worker - our community says thank you to our election heroes.

"Poll workers are the heartbeat of an Election, and I cannot do my job without them," said Peachtree Corners City Clerk Kym Chereck. "This was an exceptionally difficult year for elections and our poll workers not only showed up and worked during a pandemic but were able to keep up with the higher voter turnout. I am grateful for every one of them, and proud to have them as part of the PTC Election family."

The City of Peachtree Corners is proud to have wonderful volunteers who dedicate their time to assist with our local and national elections.

Julie Sukenik has been a poll worker in Peachtree Corners and Gwinnett County since 2001. "It is my civic duty to participate in the election. I enjoy seeing my neighbors and meeting new neighbors in the process," said Sukenik. "The work is rewarding, the surroundings in which we work at PTC are top-notch and city clerk, Kym Chereck, is our leader extraordinaire."

When you volunteer as an election poll worker, you play an important role in engaging your community by ensuring individuals can cast their votes for elected officials of their choice. Volunteers are essential for polling sites to run smoothly on Election Day, and every volunteer is important to the success of local polling sites.

"It is important to me because we can ensure smooth and honest elections that help to determine the future of Peachtree Corners and the direction it takes," said Carole Hayes, a poll worker since 1983. "I would definitely recommend being a poll worker and have recruited several workers over the years"

When we begin to approach the elections of 2023, the City will release information on how you can volunteer to become a poll worker. Keep your eyes open. We are always looking for a new set of heroes.

