

## About Voter Protection

**What is Voter Protection?** Voter Protection is a program to ensure that every eligible voter is able to cast a regular ballot during elections; that there is no voter suppression or intimidation; and that Florida election law is followed.

**Why is Voter Protection important?** Florida is a 1% state. That means statewide elections are usually determined by less than 1% of the vote. In recent years, several Hillsborough races were determined by fewer than 100 votes. Every vote matters!

**What do Voter Protection Team members do?** Team members observe the election and assist voters in multiple ways: poll watching (monitoring the election from inside the polling site), poll greeting (talking to voters outside the polling site boundaries), attending meetings of the canvassing board, assisting voters in finding the correct precinct on Election Day, answering questions voters have about the voting process, and much more.

**How will I be protected from COVID-19 if I volunteer for Voter Protection?** The Supervisor of Elections follows CDC guidelines and has ensured that risk at the polls is minimal. Poll workers and voters are masked. In Early Vote sites, poll workers are also behind plexiglass. Privacy booths are sanitized and voters are issued their own individual stylus/pens. Touchpoints are minimal. With the expected increase in Vote By Mail (VBM), Early Voting and Election Day polling sites will not be as crowded as in the past and social distancing is maintained. . You can find out more by watching this video from the Supervisor of Elections: <https://vimeo.com/432981525>

**Will I be trained for the Voter Protection Team?** Yes, training is mandatory. The Florida Democratic Party has built an impressive infrastructure for Voter Protection since the 2018 election. Both online and Zoom trainings will be available beginning October 10<sup>th</sup>. Local team leaders are also here to answer any questions you have.

**How will I be assigned for poll watching duties?** For Early Voting, you will choose your own shifts and locations on the website "Sign Up Genius." For Election Day, assignments will be made by the Biden campaign and Voter Protection Team leaders based on priority precincts. Priority precincts will be divided into regions with a dedicated Election Day boiler room contact.

**How do I report problems?** The Democratic Party uses a web-based reporting system called LBJ (Lawyers Bound for Justice) that is simple to use with a cell phone or tablet. You will receive training for this program.

**How do I sign up for the Voter Protection Team?** Fill out this simple Google form and we will be in touch with more information. Inside poll watchers must be credentialed by the Supervisor of Elections, but we prefer credentialing as many people as possible in case of problems at the polling sites. <https://forms.gle/yafwYwJPmZxZCaw5>

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