

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE  
SUMMARY**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Brevard is 10<sup>th</sup> largest voting population in the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state in the nation. Florida is also the largest swing-state. To say that the eyes of the nation are upon us in this presidential cycle is not an understatement. It is anticipated that our narrowly divided partisan voter registration will continue to prompt increases recounts, as seen in 2018.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INITIATIVES, TRENDS AND ISSUES AND SERVICE LEVEL IMPACTS:**

***Supervisor of Elections***

**Trends and Issues:**

- Ever-increasing unfunded mandates from the legislature and federal judiciary continue to negatively impact the Supervisor of Elections' budget. Recent lawsuits mandating bilingual elections and increased mail ballot/provisional ballot procedures are included in this budget.

**COVID-19 Litigation:**

- Several COVID-19 election related lawsuits are currently pending in federal court. The outcome of these cases, and others that are likely to follow, is unknown at this time. If successful, this pending litigation would mandate counties to fund: curbside voting, expansion of early voting, mail ballots sent to all registered voters, paid postage on all returned mail ballots, and expanding ADA voting assistance to include mail ballot voters. These potential mandates would significantly impact the funding and staffing needs of this office and are not currently included in the F Y 2020/2021 budget.
- Despite these ever-increasing mandates and the growth of Brevard's voter rolls by 37.6% in the last 12 years, I am proud to say the full-time head-county and salary budget of my staff remain below the 2008/2009 full-time salary budget/headcount when I took office.

**COVID-19 Election Related Fiscal Impacts:**

- COVID-19 presents unique election challenges for counties with large voting populations. Brevard's 429,319 registered voters must be given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote, safely and securely, in a limited timeframe, by whichever method of Florida's three legislatively mandated methods (Early, Mail Ballot, or Election Day) they choose.
- The Centers for Disease Control (C D C) continues to encourage voters to access voting methods that limit direct contact with others, such as voting-by-mail. The number of voters on Brevard's vote-by-mail request list continues to rise daily. As many other counties, Brevard was not adequately equipped to handle this increase without additional equipment. At this time, my office has not received any COVID-19 related funding and there was unable to do a one-time

purchase of this much needed equipment. This budget contains \$112,064 in lease-purchase costs for an automated mail ballot processing system.

- To protect both poll workers and voter choosing to early vote or vote on Election Day, this budget contains funding for dedicated safety and sanitization poll workers at each location and Personal Protective Equipment (P P E) for Brevard's 1,200 poll workers.

#### Cybersecurity:

- Costs associated with cybersecurity protections have continued to increase dramatically since 2016. My office continually works with the Department of Homeland Security (D H S), Federal Bureau of Investigation (F B I), Florida Department of Law Enforcement (F D L E), United States Election Assistance Commission (E A C), Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E I I S A C) to implement needed protocols to protect the physical and cybersecurity of Brevard's electoral process. Ongoing and dedicated funding is required to combat this ever-changing threat landscape to our nation's election infrastructure.

#### Election Equipment Required Upgrades:

- Brevard's election equipment vendor, Election Systems & Software (E S & S), has notified my office that their new software (currently in certification for the 2020/2021 fiscal year) will no longer support Brevard's ADA voting equipment. This equipment is required by law to be in every polling location and early voting site. Election Systems & Software has also informed my office the modems currently in the voting tabulation equipment used at all of our polling locations and early voting sites must be upgraded. This budget therefore contains \$635,675 in unanticipated election equipment costs in associated with this required certification upgrade.

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<b>Supervisor of Elections Office Revenue &amp; Expense Category</b>	<b>Actual F Y 2018-2019</b>	<b>Current Budget F Y 2019-2020</b>	<b>Requested Budget F Y 2020-2021</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Taxes Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Permits, Fees & Special Assessments Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Charges for Services Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fines and Forfeits Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Statutory Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Balance Forward Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Transfers - General Revenue	\$5,665,090	\$6,619,089	\$5,676,094	-\$942,995	-14.25%
Transfers - Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Finance Source Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,665,090</b>	<b>\$6,619,089</b>	<b>\$5,676,094</b>	<b>-\$942,995</b>	<b>-14.25%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$5,665,090</b>	<b>\$6,619,089</b>	<b>\$5,676,094</b>	<b>-\$942,995</b>	<b>-14.25%</b>
Compensation and Benefits Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Operating Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Capital Outlay Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
C I P Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Debt Service Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves-Operating Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves - Capital Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves - Restricted Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Grants and Aid Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
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