



Charlotte County
Chamber of Commerce

Supervisor of Elections

Candidate Questions – 2024

Name: _____David Kalin_____ Date: __7/04/2024_____

What specific measures do you propose to enhance voter accessibility and participation in Charlotte County Elections? Our voters use a variety of media to learn about elections and we need to be cognitive of the many different ways voters use. I will educate via online adds such as nextdoor, facebook, linkedin and so on. We need to also be active in our news print as many still prefer the tangible paper to get their news. I will also use the county broadcast channel that our BOCC use to get voters educated. I will also utilize electronic billboards at our county offices as well as use marketing tools like text messaging and email reminders to our voters along with creating a SOE website that easy to navigate as well as providing critical information to our voters. We will also be utilizing our staff for outreach to our many associations and organizations throughout the county. Lets face it most of our voters do not realize that our local offices are decided in August primaries and we need to educate our voters that their vote is needed locally in our primaries.

How do you plan to ensure the integrity and security of the electoral process, particularly in the light of evolving technological threats? As a life long computer engineer and security specialist I will bring the necessary individuals with the

proper skill set to not just setup security but constantly monitor and stay on the cutting edge of technology in order to keep would be criminals out of our election systems and software. We need strong firewalls as well as proven policies and procedures that include cyber security training for all staff as well as general security training to keep not only your ballots safe but staff as well. We must work with our state legislature to be on the lookout for better practices and technologies in our elections system where when a threat or weakness is identified our lawmakers can act quickly to address it and secure it.

Can you outline your strategy for fostering transparency and accountability within the Supervisor of Elections office to build trust among Charlotte County residents?

After 2020 there have been numerous allegations of wrong doing many times with little to no evidence, however it is still a hot topic with voters today and we need to not just tell them our systems are secure but show them. Our current systems will capture all ballot images, we need to post these images so every citizen can view and count them for themselves. I will work to educate and show our voters the systems we have put into place to ensure a truly accurate, secure and transparent election system we have. I will also seek public input as to issues, problems our voters are experiencing. We need stronger penalties on election fraud and election crimes. We need a elections investigation unit that is easy to file reports and receive a immediate confirmation of receipt when filling a report creating a chain of custody for accountability ad accuracy.

Please answer each question in 300 words or less and email back to bwhite@charlottecountychamber.org on or before July 12, 2024.



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