



# The Brief

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## The Vision of the Anointed, Rick Lacey

Thomas Sowell, the brilliant economist, author and social commenter, has written many books as well as many decades of syndicated newspaper columns. His topics include economics, social theory and race relations. All of his works are worth reading.

I recently came across a book he wrote in 1995 titled 'The Vision of the Anointed'. Although it was written almost 30 years ago, it could've been written today. The subtitle reveals a lot about the content: 'Self-Congratulation as a Basis for Social Policy'.

The main premise is that there is a self-appointed elite class, the anointed, that makes social policy based on nothing more than their own opinion. Because they are the anointed, they need no evidence that what they propose will be effective, not cause more problems than it solves or even if the problem they are addressing even exists. No results are ever examined. No policies are ever reversed.

Sound familiar? Most politicians believe themselves to be the anointed, with the Democrats taking it to new limits. Huge spending, criminal justice "reform", educational policy, immigration policy, healthcare and an endless list of other policies have brought this country to the brink of disaster.

As conservative Republicans, we must work tirelessly to turn this ship around. We have to expose the anointed and all their ruinous policies. It won't be easy, this has been going on for a very long time. But if we're going to save the Republic, we need to start now.

**Rick Lacey**

**Chairman, Brevard Republican Party**

**Vote Early**

**Vote Once**

## Mechanics of Vote by Mail Balloting

Last month, we discussed how mail-in voting is becoming more popular and addressed some concerns about its security.

This month, let's discuss the mechanics of mail-in voting. Included in this, we'll talk about how mail-in voting is safe for the individual and how VBM (vote by mail) could help prevent voting fraud when the process is followed.

Many think VBM should be eliminated. That issue needs to be dealt with by our lawmakers. Right now, VBM is happening. We can't avoid VBM and win elections. Good or bad mail voting is here now.

Mail voting (and early voting) has many advantages over Election Day voting.

First, it "banks" your vote. Avoid the chance of lines, "printer errors", bad weather and a long list of possible excuses people seem to make.

Second, it's perhaps the easiest and less stressful way to vote as you can do it at your leisure and even stop and do research between each filling of a "bubble" — you can take your time to double-check later before you seal the envelope.

Third, it is safe when done correctly. Here's how.

The steps are easy and start with you requesting a ballot at <https://www.votebrevard.gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-A-Mail-Ballot>. You will have to provide the last 4 digits of your SSN; that's a new security feature. Call the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) if you have trouble.

When your ballot arrives, vote, but remember to READ the instructions when sealing your ballot.

The first step is to put your ballot in a "security" envelope, and the last is to sign your name over the envelope's seal. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

You can mail your vote; the ballot is marked "postage prepaid". Alternatively, you can take the ballot to any SOE office or early voting location and place it in a secure drop-box. NOTE: You cannot drop off your mail ballot at your voting location on Election Day. You can still drop it off at a SOE office. It must be in their office before 7pm, but seriously DO NOT WAIT THAT LONG!

An essential feature of voting by mail is getting an update on the status of your ballot. Go to the SOE website <https://www.votebrevard.gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Check-My-Mail-Ballot-Status>. That's important. If there is a problem with your ballot, including your signature, the SOE will try to contact you. But take responsibility and check to see it's received; wait two days, then check to verify the ballot was accepted. Its two different checks.

Once your signature is matched, your ballot is counted. You're done!

Lastly, anytime you are near your SOE office (when you drop off your ballot), go in and check and update your signature. It has probably changed over the decades since you first did it

Try voting by mail. It's a good way to vote and the easiest to accomplish, given the amount of time you have from start to finish. If you think you will be traveling, or may be providing care to a relative, or unable to vote in person, request a mail-in ballot. If circumstances change, you can still vote in person. Just bring your unused mail ballot to you voting location and the election clerk will "spoil" it for you.

**Randy Stackhouse, Precinct 516 Committeeman**



**It's Hard to Fight something that we can't see or completely understand**

This article is to encourage the execution of "overt" behavior to further the conservative cause. Speak out, challenge liars with facts, have courage and be a steadfast example to others.

In synopsis, I'll refer to the GOP as "us/we" and the Democratic Party and the Deep State (two different entities with similar goals) as they/them.

**Here is the challenge that I believe we face:**

While we attempt to use the System to put good Republicans into office on an election-by-election basis using legal, overt, moral, and ethical means, the Democrats and the Deep State have a long-term strategy of using a persistent infrastructure which utilizes covert, immoral, under the radar, often unethical and possibly illegal approaches.

Our current approach requires constant planning, organization, and action whereas their approach requires less effort to maintain due to a persistent infrastructure and a virtually unlimited billionaire-supported budget.

I suggest that we have all our eggs in “The System Works” bucket when the system is corrupt as hell.

I suggest that the odds are NOT in our favor if we continue down this path. I suggest that we need to consider and implement more creative rules of engagement (Such as passing resolutions which address the elephants in the room).

I invite you to consider the following potentially “radical” ideas:

- We are fighting traditionally and symmetrically.
- They are fighting irregularly, non-traditionally, and asymmetrically.
- Fighting “fair” has lost its meaning.
- We are bringing knives to gunfights.
- There is an all-out, no holds barred, war on truth occurring now.
- There are actions which can be taken by us which would have an impact. (Such as reducing term limits)
- They, using their unlimited resources, have, over the past 100 years, weaponized food, water, money, medicine, language, news, weather, RF frequencies (EMF and 5G), and with social manipulation programs such as ESG and DEI.

**We've suffered an unending assault upon our bodies, minds, and souls and against truth.**

**One truth is that this is one war *we must not lose*. Remind yourself of this, right now, you are free.**

**If you support this line of thinking, please be vocal about it, don't go along to get along, stand fast by your rights, correct falsehoods, and hold firm to your beliefs**

**Russ Pate, Precinct 508 Committeeman**



## **Elected Official Spotlight, Lisa Cullen, Brevard County Tax Collector**

The mission of the Brevard County Tax Collector's Office is to serve our citizens through the collection and distribution of funds used by local and state governmental agencies to maintain our society. We will use the principles of customer oriented service, honesty, efficiency, fairness, accountability, and transparency to guide our actions.

This is the mission that each of the 207 men and women who work for the Tax Collector's office abide by each day. Our office consists of seven locations that range from Titusville to Palm Bay.

Since taking office I have implemented many new or improved services at the Tax Collector's Office. A few notable accomplishments are:

- Each Specialist is cross trained in all services
- Driver License and ID card services are available

- Concealed Weapon License services are offered in Titusville (Main Office), Merritt Island, Viera, and Palm Bay
- Birth Certificate issuance
- Kiosks for vehicle registration renewal installed at 2 Publix locations
- Renewals completed online can be picked up in any office the same day
- Increased payment types: E-Checks, Google Pay, Apple Pay, and Pay Pal
- Appointment scheduling system
- Improved online experience with ADA accessibility and increased services

I continue to look for ways to improve your experience with the office.

For more information about the many services offered by the Tax Collector's Office or to make an appointment visit our website at [www.BrevardTC.com](http://www.BrevardTC.com).

**Lisa Cullen, Brevard County Tax Collector**