



The Brief

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2023 Election Update and more, Rick Lacey

Brevard Republicans enjoyed huge victories in 2023. I want to congratulate all of the Registered Republicans who won the various Non Partisan elections across Brevard County in November. Congrats to Kay Jackson and Don Willis in Cape Canaveral, Adam Dyer and Hamilton Boone in Indian Harbour Beach and Adam Meyer in Melbourne Beach.

Several Republicans were elected without opposition in Palm Shores and Rockledge. I thank you for your hard work and your commitment to your neighbor communities.

Some people think these local elections are not important. I say they could not be more wrong. Local Government is the government closest to you as a citizen. In many ways it affects your quality of life a lot more that state and National government.

Local Government oversees our parks, our streets and roads, trash collection, and our libraries. Local Government controls permits, zoning, taxes and numerous local issues. Most important, Local Government is in charge of our public safety including our police, our fire fighters and our emergency staff.

So I am asking every good Republican to consider stepping up and volunteering in 2024 so that Brevard Republicans can continue to deliver conservative government to out county.

Remember- Be informed, be involved.

A Special Note:

Recently, I was honored to be invited to a reception at Mar a Lago by President Trump and to my surprise I was escorted into a private meeting with the President.

Rick Lacey
Chairman, Brevard Republican Party



The Youth are Becoming Conservative But We Can't Do It Alone, David Neuman

You, yes YOU, can make a change in turning the next generation from leftism to conservatism. Now is the most consequential time to make a change in how Gen Z and Millennials vote for future elections. Here in Brevard, you have the most awarded and active Young Republicans organization in Florida. Young Republican President David Neuman was awarded by the Young Republican National Federation as the "New Leader of the Year" and the State of Florida received the "Most Improved" award after the

Space Coast Young Republican leadership helped rebuild the Florida Young Republicans. The Young Republicans consistently put up qualified young people to run for office and knock on 10s of thousands of doors every General Election. If you want to work with competent, enthusiastic, and hardworking young people, then you have friends in the Space Coast Young Republicans.

To give you an idea on why NOW is the right time to support the youth movement, let me give you some national data to give you hope in what previously was considered a liberal generation. In a New York Times Sienna Poll, 29% of Gen Z would vote for Donald Trump while 30% would vote for Joe Biden. That is a statistical tie and means that a majority of young people could vote for Former President Trump in 2024. When it comes to our culture, young people are trending towards the church. In 2021, only 25% of young people claimed to believe in God and pursue faith. Now in 2023, 33% or more believe in God and are coming back to the Church. This number is set to grow as young people continue to see other God loving individuals their age share their faith, get elected into government, and go to church. If YOU decide that you want to be a part of this change of helping young people along their political and faith journey, then you have a place to do that by supporting your Space Coast Young Republicans.

The Young Republicans are actively working to educate, recruit, and activate this next generation so that we can have strong conservative voters and leaders for generations to come. It is not easy however, but you can help. What do you think the first words a young person hears when they say they want to run for office or be community leaders? It is rarely one of support. They are usually told they won't be supported or that they aren't good enough. One of the worst is being ignored and then worked against in a public way. This has happened to countless young people in Brevard such as a young person who owns a small business, young people who have advanced degrees, or those who are leaders in their industry. The success of those young people willing to take the risky dive into politics inspires their friends in the community, at work, and at church to say it is ok to be young AND conservative and that they will be welcomed. YOU can be that person who supports a young professional running for office. Having someone offer to guide a young person looking to get involved helps the conservative movement and our youth.

To make that difference here in Brevard I ask that you support the Young Republicans and young leaders. If you know of a Republican Club, nonprofit, city board, etc., please invite a young person to join that board. The Florida Democrats have designated voting memberships for the youth on their board. We need to do the same if we intend to earn the votes of young people. Give advice and support to young people seeking office or community leadership positions. Also, help the Young Republican 2024 recruitment drive where we will be using voter registration data to contact and activate young conservatives in Brevard for the upcoming election. You can support this by donating the postage costs to send each of these voters a letter from the Space Coast Young Republicans. Remember, the next generation of conservative leaders starts with YOU. The Young Republicans want to work with all conservatives to win in future elections and make Gen Z and Millennials more educated, activated, and conservative!

David Neuman, Committeeman Precinct 528, President of the Space Coast Young Republicans, Chief of Staff of the Young Republican National Federation



**Committeeman and Committeewoman of the month,
Deb Herman and Mitch Herman**

Mitch and I are very grateful for the Committeeman and Committeewoman of the month award in October, but want to point out that there are so many Brevard Republicans who deserve this more!

We are inspired by the great number of Brevard Republican Executive Committee members who volunteer in so many ways, and work so hard to help the Republicans win and to take back America.

Congratulations to not only the Republican candidates who won their November races, but also to the many BREC members who dedicated so many hours getting them across the finish line. When we joined BREC, we had no idea we would make so many phone calls, go out canvassing (door knocking) and waving signs for Republican candidates. These activities, at first, were a little out of our comfort zone. Later we acted as Poll Watchers, which led us to becoming Poll Workers.

Mitch & I both immensely enjoy meeting the new members coming into BREC, & getting to know them under the watchful eye & strong leadership of Cindi.

With 2024 coming fast, but not fast enough, we need to ALL be willing to work, pray, set an example, & be diligent to save our country.

Again, we are thankful for the award and God willing, the Country soon be on the right track.

God Bless America.

Mitch and Deb Herman, Precinct 405 Committeeman & Woman



Jason Steele was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis in June 2023 to fill the Brevard County Board of County Commission seat left vacant by former Commissioner Kristine Zonka. He now represents residents in District 5, which includes unincorporated Melbourne, West Melbourne, Palm Bay, Indialantic, and Melbourne Village.

Steele has over 40 years of experience in the public sector, dating back to the early 80's when he served in the House of Representatives as State Representative, District 44. Since that time, Steele, a former Brevard County Republican Party chairman, has served on numerous boards including Enterprise Florida and Space Florida and helped run successful campaigns for candidates such as Marco Rubio.

Steele is a real estate broker for The Steele Group, which he co-founded with his brother, Val Steele, in 2008. As manager of the commercial division, Steele has been involved in some key developments in Brevard County while still preserving our environmentally endangered lands, such as Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, through land sales to state and federal agencies. He has served as a real estate instructor, real estate commissioner and head of the Division of Real Estate under Governor Jeb Bush.

Steele is also the director of government affairs for Smith & Associates Law Offices in Tallahassee and Melbourne since 2012, acting as a political advisor, head of business development and an expert witness for real estate matters.

Steele is the executive producer of the television show "Political Food for Thought." A cross between CNN News and the Cooking Channel, this non-partisan, fast-moving, non-adversarial show is broadcast to 7,000,000 homes statewide on Fox Affiliate, Sun Sports.

Steele has said that he will not run for the District 5 seat in 2024 but plans to do as much good as possible during his short term on the County Commission. In just his first few months, he has already

worked hard to obtain funding for additional lifeguards to make beaches safer for residents and tourists. Other priorities include enhanced code enforcement of illegal short-term rentals and working to secure funding for the Ellis Road widening project.

Jason Steele, Brevard County Commissioner, District 5

**Vote Early
Vote Once**

Correction-Voting Explained

The November Brief “Voting Explained” article miss-represented a component of the signature verification process. The corrected paragraphs are below and a new version of the newsletter has been posted on www.brevardrepublicans.org.

Signature verification - When the SOE receives a mail ballot, the first step is to validate the signature to verify it came from the registered voter (not a fraudster) This is done by signature matching, a process that matches the signature on the Mail ballot envelope to the one(s) on file with their voter registration data.

Brevard County Supervisor of Elections, **Tim Bobanic**, has developed a tool which allows **designated individuals representing a candidate in a contested race, a PAC or a political party** to view ballot envelope signatures and signatures on file in the SOE database side by side. This allows Poll workers and Poll watchers rapidly verify a signature's validity. As other Florida counties adopt this award-winning technology, it is clear that Brevard County is leading the way for the rest of Florida.

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