



The Brief

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Happy Thanksgiving Brevard Republicans!, Chairman Rick Lacey

And Boy do we have a lot to be thankful for! After 4 years of Left Wing Woke policies and projects, some that were unbelievably absurd, Americans decided that enough was enough!

Across almost every voting demographic Americans voted Republican. The US Senate, the US House of Representatives, the Electoral College and the popular vote for President all went Trump and the Republicans.

President Trump won Florida (no longer a swing state) by a landslide. Trump defeated Harris in the Sunshine State by over 1.4 million votes. Brevard was one of the best counties with a margin of over 75,000 votes for President Trump. Amazingly Miami Dade County was the number one county for the first time ever.

Brevard County Republicans swept the county winning almost every seat. All the Constitutional offices, All the County Commissioners, all the School Board, and all the Legislative offices. In fact all but 2 Republican legislative candidate won with well over 60% of the vote.

Additionally, we defeated Amendments 3 and 4 and won almost all of the non-partisan contests. PLUS the best news is Republicans flipped the Palm Bay City Council for the first time!!!

We worked hard, we worked smart and we worked together. And we won!

Now let's enjoy our victory at our Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party on Sunday December 8.

God bless everyone during this Special Season and remember all of our Troops around the World who are risking their lives to keep us safe and secure.

Rick Lacey, Chairman Brevard Republican Party



Ensuring Integrity of 2024 Election

A big shout out **thank you** to Brevard Poll Watchers for helping ensure Florida's Election Integrity during the Primary and General Election for our Republican Candidates and President Trump!

I'd like to share a little insight and focus on how Brevard Poll Watchers helped secure our 2024 election cycle by observing the conduct of the elections. I'm Rich Nink, Chair of the Election Integrity Committee (EIC) within the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC). I also served as the Poll Watcher Organizer for Brevard and six other Counties. A big thank you also to the volunteers that helped me with phone calls, emails, and texts in each County!

Our focus today is on Poll Watching, but Election Integrity has many other facets that Election Integrity Patriots are actively working – Resolutions, Election Law State Statutes / Rules, Voter Roll cleanup, Citizenship Verification, Vote By Mail, Drop Boxes, VBM Signature Verification, Overseas Ballots, Canvassing Board meeting attendance, as well as many other election integrity process areas. Brevard Republican Patriots have dedicated themselves to be leaders making a big difference in each of these areas. Our BREC

Chairman, Rick Lacey, has steadfastly backed all our Election Integrity efforts to help ensure that we are successful in our endeavors.

Statewide we had 27,874 Volunteers in 67 Counties sign up to be Poll Watchers, with 9,259 having completed their 1 1/2 hour Poll Watcher training. 1,213 of those volunteers are from Brevard with 447 trained and thus qualified to be Poll Watchers. For Early Voting we filled 92%, and for Election Day we filled 89% Poll Watcher shift assignments. As Poll Watcher Organizer, I'm very proud of Brevard's shift fulfillment success as one of the top performers in the entire state! Our Poll Watchers volunteered to observe the conduct of the elections at all the Polling Locations. Poll Watchers performed the critical function in alerting issues in real-time throughout Florida's 67 Counties to the RNC War Room in Tallahassee.

Florida and Brevard are in pretty good shape, but we never want to let our guard down since that opens the door for potential future problems. We must continue to fight-fight-fight! A couple of interesting items as reported by our Poll Watchers from across the state: 1) a Polling Location within a Fire station had to be temporarily cleared out to respond to a fire, 2) the bomb squad was called to a Polling Location in Duval County at the same time as bomb threats were made in Georgia - the situations were diffused without incident.

Richard Nink, Precinct 511 Committeeman, EIC Committee Chair, RPOF Poll Watcher Organizer



Every election cycle the Brevard Republican Party places tents at voting sites to provide information to voters before they vote or to schmooze with people after they have voted. There was a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to vote for President Trump to change the Administration in Washington and to vote for the outstanding slate of local Republican candidates.

In this general election Brevard Republicans setup tents at 9 of the 10 early voting sites (the 10th has no room for one) for the 13 early voting days and at 15 strategic voting sites on Election Day. At locations in South Brevard we partnered with the Federated Republican Women in Action club to optimize resources. To pull this off there were over 100 volunteers who assisted. There were some who staffed a tent every day, and there were many more who worked "shifts" whenever they could. Some took the responsibility for setting up/tearing down tents each day. At the County locations, volunteers put out and picked up candidate signs daily so the County did not collect them and put them in sign jail.

The most rewarding part of the job was the memorable interactions with the public. They were either enthusiastic Trump/Vance Supporters, 1st time Voters or voters that needed guidance in how to vote their ballot. There were many questions on the State constitution amendments and it was fulfilling to provide a plain language explanation of the County Charter changes. Volunteers at the tables gave out pocket Constitutions, miniature American flags, "I voted Trump/Vance" stickers, Trump/Vance buttons, and many Trump/Vance yard signs. Visitors (Republican, NPA and a few democrats) posed for pictures with the "flat" Trump (cardboard model) or holding a Trump flag or sign in front of the Brevard Republican banner.

Some of these interactions stand out: 1) a legal immigrant, now a citizen, from Russia experienced her first time to vote as an American citizen! She & her husband had tears in their eyes as they told us how Biden/Harris/Walz policies mirrored the Authoritarian, Communist policies and how we had to elect President Trump & VP Vance to SAVE our Constitutional Republic! 2) a mother from Cuba, now a citizen, was bringing her children to see what it was like to vote, told of being required to have a picture of Fidel in their home and was told that Fidel was her father. She was proud to be able to vote for Trump/Vance.

Tent duty wasn't all roses. Volunteers had to deal with rain down pours and on some days a very aggressive breeze. Tents had mechanical issues, tent covers ripped. There were other issues, like being reported to the election clerk by Democrats for parking in a spot the no-solicitation zone, or receiving drive by epitaphs and unkind hand gestures, or the need to repair signs that had been run over. It's all part of the job.

It doesn't matter, it was a pleasure to represent our Party, so please look for us again at the next election. By the way, additional volunteers are always welcome.

Dave Fosdick, Precinct 511 Committeeman, District 5 Chair, "Tent Organizer"



Bringing History to Life for Students, Renee Torpy

Bobby Putnam, a dedicated civics teacher at Stone Middle School and a proud Republican, is making a difference in our community by fostering a love of history and civic engagement among his students. Recently, he organized an unforgettable field trip to the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum in Melbourne, demonstrating the positive impact Republicans can have through education and community involvement.

This patriotic museum, located in a historic water tower, celebrates both national and local history. It is home to a remarkable full-size replica of the Liberty Bell, cast in 1976 by the same foundry that created the original in 1752. The bell was funded by Brevard County schoolchildren, a true testament to the area's commitment to preserving history.

Students on the trip had the rare opportunity to ring the bell with a rubber mallet, joining the museum's "Ding Dong Club." Volunteer docent Sandy Nicotra guided them through exhibits showcasing military uniforms, artifacts from Brevard's frontier days, early technology, and a moving 9-11 display featuring an I-beam from the Twin Towers. A highlight of the day was a scavenger hunt that challenged students to explore the museum, combining fun with learning.

This memorable trip was made possible through the generosity of, BREC member and author of this article. Renee Torpy sponsored the bus transportation, snacks, and patriotic flag pins for the students. "It's vital for young people to understand the history that shaped our nation," Torpy said. "As Republicans, we have a responsibility to support educational experiences that promote patriotism and civic pride."

Bobby's passion for teaching aligns with Republican values of community service and civic responsibility. He believes that trips like this are essential in helping students become the future leaders of our country. By engaging them in history and civics, he is fostering informed, active citizens who will carry these lessons with them into adulthood.

BREC members and Republicans across Brevard County are encouraged to visit the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum and witness this incredible local treasure firsthand. During this holiday season, consider donating to this volunteer-run museum to support its mission of preserving and sharing our nation's history with future generations.

Liberty Bell Memorial Museum
Address: 1601 Oak St, Melbourne, FL 32901
Website: <https://liberty-bell-museum.com/>

Renee Torpy, Precinct 409 Committeewoman