

The Brief

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Looking Forward to the Future,

Chairman Rick Lacey

Happy New Year Brevard Republicans! While 2024 was the year of the greatest Republican election success in Brevard History, we need to look to the future with the view of using the next two years as an opportunity to grow.

This year let's each of us make a major commitment to work together to expand our scope of activity, create new projects, and schedule more exciting events, continue our record of success.

Last week we elected 3 new BREC officers, namely Dave Fosdick, Vice Chair, Wayne Twiddy, Secretary and Randy Stackhouse, Treasurer. We also elected 3 new District Chairs: Al Voss District 1, Susan Hodgers District 4 and Mary Sutphin, District 5. These new leaders will bring new ideas and energy to our Brevard Republican Party. I am looking forward to working with them.

While there are few elections in 2025, there will be huge challenges in 2026. This year, we will increase our activities in several areas including vetting of future candidates, training of committee members, special outreach projects throughout Brevard, and more diversity in fundraising. Of course we will continue our outstanding efforts in Election Integrity

I want to thank BREC members again for supporting me as Chairman for the next 2 years and I look forward to working with you for future victories.

Rick Lacey, Chairman Brevard Republican Party



Executive Committee Organizational Meeting, Vice Chairman Dave Fosdick

Every four years in the Presidential election year, voters elect Committeemen and Committeewomen to represent them in the County Republican Party. Every precinct is allowed 2 representatives per 1,000 registered voters. If enough candidates fill out the paperwork to create competition in the precinct, their names appear on the precinct ballot and they are voted on in the primary election. Rarely is there enough competition, so you never see their names on the ballot. When elected, they become Committeemen and Committeewomen and members of the County Executive Committee.

Every two years the Brevard County Executive Committee holds elections for its leadership team; Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, and also the leaders for each County District. That organizational meeting was held on December 30th, 2024.

Each leadership position had multiple candidates vying for the seat. Campaign approaches varied, with one group of candidates forming a coalition (slate) to campaign together and other candidates campaigning individually, grassroots style. At times some of the candidate messaging was fractious, but that is the nature of political campaigns.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Committee Leadership

Chair: Rick Lacey – 140 Blaise Trettis - 110
Vice Chair: Dave Fosdick - 127 Greg Loyd - 105
Secretary: Wayne Twiddy - 135 Jade Zalewski - 95
Treasurer: Randy Stackhouse – 113 Alan Ross – 106

District Leadership

District 1: Al Voss defeated incumbent Kim Osburn.

District 2: incumbent John Weiler was unopposed for reelection.

District 3: incumbent Kathy Meehan was unopposed for reelection.

District 4: Susan Hodgers defeated Karen Colby.

District 5: Mary Sutphin was unopposed for reelection

This new team is quite capable and will deliver outstanding leadership team, serving the Committee and the County well. With the election over, it is time to get back to work. Hopefully, the election "battle lines" can be lowered and the Committee can coalesce and focus on our mission of electing Federal, State and local Republican candidates that support "We the People". There is plenty to be done.

Dave Fosdick, Vice Chairman Brevard Republican Party, Precinct 511 Committeeman



It is an honor to address you as the newly elected Secretary of our Committee. I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence that has been placed in me, and I am committed to advancing the mission that unites us all: promoting the principles upon which our nation and state were founded—freedom, liberty, personal responsibility, and accountability.

The Republican Party of Florida is dedicated to advocating fiscally-sound, common-sense solutions that will promote job and economic growth, provide the best education for our children, and create a path to prosperity for Florida and America. In Brevard County, with its strong R+11 partisan vote index, we have the unique opportunity to lead by example. Our work ensures that we elect leaders of integrity who will uphold these principles and enact meaningful solutions.

Grassroots activism has always been the cornerstone of our success. It was the dedication and hard work of individuals like you—those who knocked on doors, made phone calls, and engaged their neighbors—that played a pivotal role in electing President Donald J. Trump. Together, we earned our seat at the table, and now it is time to build on that momentum to achieve even greater victories for our community, our state, and our nation.

Our mission does not end on Election Day. We must remain united and focused on advancing the policies that reflect our shared values. Election integrity, Second Amendment rights, medical freedom, and responsible growth management are critical issues that demand our attention. By promoting these priorities, we safeguard the freedoms and opportunities that define our way of life in Brevard County.

When we act with purpose and resolve, we can be the most effective state party in the nation. Together, we will lay the groundwork for lasting victories and ensure a prosperous future for all Floridians.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Secretary. I look forward to collaborating with each of you to advance our shared mission and to uphold the conservative values that unite us.

Wayne Twiddy, Secretary Brevard Republican Party, Precinct 305 Committeeman



Introducing the new Treasurer, Randy Stackhouse

I would like to thank the BREC members for electing me as Treasurer. I promise to fulfill my duties by maintaining accurate financial records, providing timely reports, and preparing for audits. I will responsibly manage the committee's funds and adhere to all rules and regulations, ensuring transparency and accountability in all financial matters.

For most of my adult years, I have lived in Florida, primarily in Brevard. I was deeply involved in raising my kids, coaching sports, serving on various parent club boards, coaching Odyssey of the Mind, supporting my wife as the beachside district leader in Girl Scouts. Both of us never said no to a parent-involved volunteer position. Mission accomplished: We raised great kids, and our nest is now empty.

I joined BREC after the 2020 elections because of concerns regarding questionable election procedures nationwide. I became a member of the Election Integrity Committee (EIC) to apply my computer skills. Alongside many dedicated individuals, I felt proud to contribute to our collective achievements. We experienced significant success by collaborating with other groups, politicians, and lawmakers, which proved far more impactful than isolated "public" statements. This approach exemplifies BREC's model for success.

As members of BREC, we have a significant opportunity to influence our politicians. It's not about money; we don't have enough. It's not about public policy statements that may alienate or confuse voters; let our politicians speak through us. My main goal as a board member is for BREC to connect with all 200,000 Brevard Republican voters. By providing access to them via BREC, politicians will be more likely to listen to our concerns before and after the elections. I ask for your support to help me achieve this primary BREC goal.

Randy Stackhouse, Treasurer Brevard Republican Party, Precinct 505 Committeeman