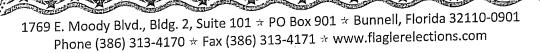
Kimberle B. Weeks

Flagler County Supervisor of Elections



January 5, 2015

To All It Will Concern, especially the Flagler County voters:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Supervisor of Elections for Flagler County since January 6, 2009, first winning office in 2008 and then being reelected in 2012. On each occasion the oath of office was administered to me by the Honorable Raul Zambrano, circuit court judge. The support of the voter's, staff, poll workers, precinct facility owners/managers, school board, property appraiser/tax collector and others who so graciously contributed to making the many elections successful will forever be remembered and appreciated. All have made it possible for professionally conducted elections to take place each of which were smooth, fair, honest and swiftly reported, and for Flagler County to be ranked at the top of the Governor's Supervisor of Elections ranking in April 2012.

Serving as Supervisor of Elections has come with responsibility working for the people who elected me, and I have taken that responsibility very seriously. As a result, I have faced many challenges that made my job more difficult to do. Despite software/equipment failures being identified and reported on the conduct of election report to the Department of State following elections, I have been faced with the following additional issues:

- (a) Not receiving funds to replace our failing voting equipment for nearly five years;
- (b) HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant matching funds not being provided by the county as required;
- (c) proposed budgets being reduced by the amount of expected HAVA funds received;
- (d) special elections funds being approved by the county but never released as required;
- (e) county officials, who have control over the operating budget of the elections office demanding that polling places be reduced;

- (f) a city official being insensitive to the voters by stating "I'm not sympathetic with someone not being comfortable with standing in the rain or a long line...That doesn't' bother me when early voting accommodations were addressed;
- (g) other manipulation, interference and obstruction exhibited by local officials such as the county scheduling road closures impacting voters accessing polling locations just weeks before a scheduled elections;
- (h) failing to notice the elections office, county commissioners serving on the canvassing board and refusing to step down after their participation in a fellow county commissioners re-election campaign made them ineligible;
- (i) the county attorney efforts to influence the canvassing board members and serving as a canvassing board attorney knowing his employers are on the ballot and are responsible for renewing his employment contract;
- (j) the county attorney whispering to a county commissioner about an event he had witnessed involving a former county commissioner who served on the canvassing board who was studying absentee ballots doing a sampling of some sort and then using his cell phone to make a call to report his study;
- (k) voter access to polling locations being limited or restricted due to private events being scheduled that would allow available voter parking to be consumed by those attending the private event rather than the voters resulting in the ballot box being controlled by access and the county making unfounded claims, citing a Florida Statute requesting the State observe the 2014 general election when the county had no authority to do so, as the law is specific as to who can make such a request to list but a few.

I have zero tolerance for such manipulation and obstructions and have honorably served as your supervisor of elections protecting the rights of the voters, not having any complaints or disciplinary actions taken against me by the Governor, the ethics or elections commission regarding the duties despite many false, unproven accusations that have been made against me and misinformation being reported by and to the media.

Unfortunately, after six years of serving as the Flagler County Supervisor of Elections I can no longer continue to move forward and do the job that I was elected to do with the failing voting equipment, and dealing with officials in Flagler County who appear not to support or respect the standards I have set for the most precious right we as Americans enjoy. I have been required, as a result, to constantly be watching my back as well as giving 110% to the citizens of

The stress has taken a toll on my health, and as a result I must consider myself and my family during these difficult times. Therefore, I must resign effective January 6, 2015. My resignation in no way has anything to do with any investigation currently occurring and specifically the allegation of recording the August 25th canvassing board meeting involving the county attorney and a county commissioner.

I hope Senior Chief Deputy Supervisor/Assistant Kaitlyn (Kaiti) Lenhart would be considered and appointed as Supervisor of Elections to fulfill the remaining two years of my term. Katie is a tremendous asset to the Flagler County Supervisor of Elections office and the citizenry of Flagler County can have complete confidence that she too would continue to ensure all voters in Flagler County experience nothing but fair honest elections — something we all deserve, expect, and should be proud of.

As always I am

Most respectfully,

Kimberle B. Weeks,

Supervisor of Elections Flagler County

cc: Governor Rick Scott

Department of State Division of Elections