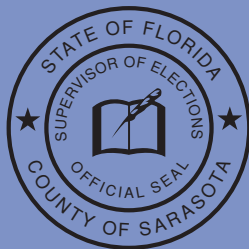


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## A MESSAGE

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Dear Sarasota County Voters -

As your supervisor of elections, I encourage each of you to learn as much as possible about the voting process and the candidates and issues that you vote for on election day.

I also encourage you to communicate with your elected and appointed officials – let them know what you think about the job they're doing and the issues that are important to you. They want to hear from their constituents -- the people who put them in office.

I hope that this guide will help you to be directly in touch with your local, county, state and federal representatives and other elected officials.



Kathy Dent

Supervisor of Elections

## Salute to Poll Workers

We dedicate this issue of Facts for Citizens to the poll workers of Sarasota County, many of whom return year after year to serve our community with superhuman skill and patience and to safeguard our election process.

If you would like to become a Sarasota County poll worker, please visit our Web site at [www.srqelections.com](http://www.srqelections.com) for more information.

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# FEDERAL OFFICIALS

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Next Election

### The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20500  
Switchboard: (202) 456-1414  
Comment line: (202) 456-1111  
Fax: (202) 456-2461  
Web site: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

**President** (4 Year Term) . . . . . 2008

Annual Salary: \$400,000

George W Bush (R)

E-mail: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

**Vice President** (4 Year Term) . . . . . 2008

Annual Salary: \$215,700

Richard B Cheney (R)

E-mail: [vice.president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:vice.president@whitehouse.gov)

### The Cabinet

Annual Salary: \$186,600

Agriculture . . . . .	Mike Johanns
Attorney General . . . . .	Alberto Gonzales
Commerce . . . . .	Carlos Gutierrez
Defense . . . . .	Robert M Gates
Education . . . . .	Margaret Spellings
Energy . . . . .	Samuel W Bodman
Health & Human Services . . . . .	Michael O Leavitt
Homeland Security . . . . .	Michael Chertoff
Housing & Urban Development . . . . .	Alphonso Jackson
Interior . . . . .	Dirk Kempthorne
Labor . . . . .	Elaine Chao
State . . . . .	Condoleezza Rice
Transportation . . . . .	Mary E Peters
Treasury . . . . .	Henry M Paulson, Jr.
Veterans Affairs . . . . .	Jim Nicholson

### Other Key Appointments

Chief of Staff . . . . .	Joshua B Bolten
Economic Adviser . . . . .	Rob Portman
EPA . . . . .	Stephen L Johnson
National Drug Control Policy . . . . .	John Walters
U.S. Trade Representative . . . . .	Susan Schwab

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Next Election

### United States Senate (6 year term)

Annual Salary: \$168,000

United States Senate

Washington DC 20510

Tel: (202) 224-3121

Web site: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

Bill Nelson (D) . . . . . 2012

Landmark Two

225 East Robinson St Suite 410

Orlando FL 32801

Tel: (888) 671-4091

Mel Martinez (R) . . . . . 2010

315 E Robinson St

Landmark Center One, Suite 475

Orlando, FL 32801

Tel: (866) 630-7106

### United States House of Representatives - 13th Congressional District (2 year term)

Annual Salary: \$168,000

U. S. House of Representatives

Washington DC 20515

Tel: (202) 225-3121

Web site: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Vern Buchanan (R) . . . . . 2008

235 N Orange Ave, Suite 201

Sarasota FL 34236

Tel: (941) 951-6643 (800) 453-4184 Fax: (941) 951-2972

E-mail: [vern.buchanan@mail.house.gov](mailto:vern.buchanan@mail.house.gov)

## STATE OFFICIALS

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

#### The Capitol

400 South Monroe St

Tallahassee FL 32399

#### Governor (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$132,932

Charlie Crist (R) . . . . . 2010

Tel: (850) 488-7146

E-mail: [Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com](mailto:Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com)

#### Lieutenant Governor (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$127,399

Jeff Kottkamp (R) . . . . . 2010

Tel: (850) 488-7146 • E-mail: [Jeff.Kottkamp@myflorida.com](mailto:Jeff.Kottkamp@myflorida.com)

**STATE CABINET** (4 year term)

**Next Election**

Annual Salary: \$131,604  
The Capitol - Plaza Level  
Tallahassee FL 32399

**Attorney General**

Bill McCollum (R) . . . . . 2010  
Tel: (850) 414-3300

**Chief Financial Officer**

Alex Sink (D) . . . . . 2010  
Tel: (850) 413-3100

**Commissioner of Agriculture**

Charles H Bronson (R) . . . . . 2010  
Tel: (850) 488-3022

**Other Key Officials**

Secretary of State - Kurt S Browning (850) 245-6500  
Commissioner of Education - Jeanine Blomberg (850) 245-0505

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**State Senators** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$30,996  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee FL 32399  
Tel: (850) 487-5270

**District 21**

Michael S “Mike” Bennett (R) . . . . . 2008  
Wildwood Professional Park  
3653 Cortez Rd W Suite 90  
Bradenton FL 34210  
Tel: (941) 727-6349  
E-mail: bennett.mike.web@flsenate.gov

**District 23**

Lisa Carlton (R) . . . . . 2008  
2127 South Tamiami Trl  
Osprey FL 34229  
Tel: (941) 486-2032  
E-mail: carlton.lisa.web@flsenate.gov

**State Representatives** (2 year term)

Annual Salary: \$30,996  
House Office Building  
Tallahassee FL 32399  
Tel: (850) 488-1157

**55th House District****Next Election**

Frank Peterman Jr (D) . . . . . 2008  
 710 Dr Martin Luther King Blvd W  
 Bradenton FL 34205  
 Tel: (941) 708-8570  
 E-mail: frank.peterman@myfloridahouse.gov

**67th House District**

Ron Reagan (R) . . . . . 2008  
 7011 15th St E Suite B-1  
 Sarasota FL 34243  
 Tel: (941) 727-6447  
 E-mail: ron.reagan@myfloridahouse.gov

**69th House District**

Keith Fitzgerald (D) . . . . . 2008  
 1660 Ringling Blvd Suite 310  
 Sarasota FL 34236  
 Tel: (941) 955-8077  
 E-mail: keith.fitzgerald@myfloridahouse.gov

**70th House District**

Doug Holder (R) . . . . . 2008  
 8486 S Tamiami Trl  
 Sarasota, FL 34238  
 Tel: 941.918.4028  
 E-mail: doug.holder@myfloridahouse.gov

**71st House District**

Michael J Grant (R) . . . . . 2008  
 County Administration Building  
 18500 Murdock Cir  
 Port Charlotte FL 33948  
 Tel: (941) 613-0914  
 E-mail: michael.grant@myfloridahouse.gov

**JUDICIAL OFFICIALS****Supreme Court of the United States**

Annual Salary: Chief Justice \$212,100  
 Associate Justices \$203,000  
 One First St NE  
 Washington DC 20543  
 Tel: (202) 479-3211

**Chief Justice**

John G Roberts Jr.

**Associate Justices**

John Paul Stevens  
 Antonin Scalia  
 Anthony M Kennedy  
 David Hackett Souter

Clarence Thomas  
 Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
 Stephen G Breyer  
 Samuel Anthony Alito Jr.

**Supreme Court of Florida** (By Retention) (6 year term)

Annual Salary: \$161,200

Supreme Court of Florida

500 South Duval St

Tallahassee FL 32399

Tel: (850) 922-5082

**Chief Justice** R Fred Lewis

Harry Lee Anstead

Kenneth B Bell

Raoul G Cantero III

Barbara J Pariente

Peggy A Quince

Charles T Wells

**2nd District Court of Appeal** (By Retention) (6 year term)

Annual Salary: \$153,140

**Chief Judge** Carolyn K Fulmer

Chris W. Altenbernd

Charles T Canady

Darryl C Casanueva

Charles A Davis Jr

Patricia J Kelly

Edward O LaRose

Stevan T Northcutt

E J Salcines

Morris Silberman

Thomas E Stringer Sr

Craig C Villanti

Douglas A Wallace

James W Whatley

Clerk: James Birkhold

1005 East Memorial Blvd

Lakeland FL 33801

Tel: (863) 499-2290

**Circuit Judges - 12th Judicial Circuit** (6 year term)

Annual Salary: \$145,080

Judicial Center

2002 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota FL 34237

Mailing address: PO Box 48927

Sarasota FL 34230

Tel: (941) 861-7800

**Chief Judge** Robert B Bennett Jr

Durand J Adams

Donna Padar Berlin

Scott M Brownell

Rochelle Taylor Curley

Rick DeFuria

Nancy K Donnellan

Peter A Dubensky

Janette Dunnigan

Deno G Economou

Marc B Gilner

Lee E Haworth

Paul E Logan

Robert W McDonald Jr

Diana Moreland

Edward Nicholas

Andrew D Owens Jr

James S Parker

Debra Riva

Charles E Roberts

Mark Singer

Becky A Titus

Charles E Williams

**County Judges** (6 year term)

**Next Election**

Annual Salary: \$137,020

Judicial Center

2002 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota FL 34237

Mailing Address: PO Box 48927, Sarasota FL 34230

Tel: (941) 861-7800

David L Denkin . . . . . 2008

Phyllis R Galen. . . . . 2010

Emanuel LoGalbo Jr. . . . . 2010

Judy M Goldman . . . . . 2012

Kimberly C Bonner. . . . . 2010

**State Attorney - 12th Judicial Circuit** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$153,140

Earl Moreland (R). . . . . 2008

Criminal Justice Center

2071 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota FL 34237

Tel: (941) 861-4400

**Public Defender - 12th Judicial Circuit** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$153,140

Elliott C Metcalfe Jr (R) . . . . . 2008

Criminal Justice Center

2071 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota FL 34237

Tel: (941) 861-5500

**COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**Board of County Commissioners** (4 year term)

Salary: \$77,759

District 1 - Paul Mercier (R) . . . . . 2008

District 2 - Joe Barbetta (R). . . . . 2010

District 3 - Shannon Staub (R) . . . . . 2008

District 4 - Nora Patterson (R). . . . . 2010

District 5 - Jon Thaxton (R) . . . . . 2008

Tel: (941) 861-5344

**County Administrator** (Appointed)

James L Ley

County Administration Center

1660 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota FL 34236

Tel: (941) 861-5111 • E-mail: jley@scgov.net

Note: Each Board member must live in his/her own district but is elected by the County at large

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**Clerk of the Circuit Court** (4 year term) **Next Election**

Annual Salary: \$134,187

Karen E Rushing (R) . . . . . 2008

County Court House

2000 Main St, Sarasota FL 34237

Mailing Address: PO Box 3079, Sarasota FL 34230

Tel: (941) 861-7400

E-mail: [clkinfo@scgov.net](mailto:clkinfo@scgov.net)

Web site: <http://sarasotaclerk.com>

**Sheriff** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$142,773

Bill Balkwill (R) . . . . . 2008

Criminal Justice Center

2071 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota FL 34237

Mailing Address: PO Box 4115, Sarasota FL 34230

Tel: (941) 861-5800

E-mail: [SRQSher@scgov.net](mailto:SRQSher@scgov.net)

Web site: [www.sarasotasheriff.org](http://www.sarasotasheriff.org)

**Property Appraiser** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$134,187

Jim Todora (R) . . . . . 2008

Terrace Building

2001 Adams Ln, Sarasota FL 34237

Tel: (941) 861-8200

E-mail: [appraiser@sarasotaproperty.org](mailto:appraiser@sarasotaproperty.org)

Web site: [www.sarasotaproperty.net](http://www.sarasotaproperty.net)

**Tax Collector** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$134,187

Barbara Ford-Coates (D) . . . . . 2008

Terrace Building

101 South Washington Blvd

Sarasota FL 34236

Tel: (941) 861-8300 • Fax: (941) 861-8338

E-mail: [info@SarasotaTaxCollector.com](mailto:info@SarasotaTaxCollector.com)

Web site: [www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com](http://www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com)

**Supervisor of Elections** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$115,490

Kathy Dent (R) . . . . . 2008

Terrace Building

101 South Washington Blvd

Sarasota FL 34236

Mailing Address: PO Box 4194

Sarasota FL 34230

Tel: (941) 861-8600 • E-mail: [kdent@srqelections.com](mailto:kdent@srqelections.com)

Web site: [www.srqelections.com](http://www.srqelections.com)

**Sarasota County Charter Review Board** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$0

**Next Election**

District 1 - Matthew J Fountain (R) . . . . .	2008
Stefan E Butz (R) . . . . .	2010
District 2 - Cathy L Layton (R) . . . . .	2008
Dan H McLeroy Jr. (R) . . . . .	2010
District 3 - Frank Moore (R) . . . . .	2008
Adam R Miller (R) . . . . .	2010
District 4 - Jud Boedecker (R) . . . . .	2008
Charles Cooper (R) . . . . .	2010
District 5 - Marie Nisco (R) . . . . .	2008
Debbie Trice (D) . . . . .	2010

**Sarasota County Public Hospital Board** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$0

1700 South Tamiami Trail

Sarasota FL 34239

Tel: (941) 917-1711 • E-mail: donna-desisto@smh.com

**Northern District**

Seat 1 - William E Lyons (R) . . . . . 2010

Seat 2 - Robert Strasser (R) . . . . . 2010

**Central District**

Seat 1 - Donna Barcomb (R) . . . . . 2008

Seat 2 - Thomas F Kelly (R) . . . . . 2010

**Southern District**

Seat 1 - Gerald M Phillips (R) . . . . . 2010

Seat 2 - Gregory Carter (R) . . . . . 2010

**At Large**

Seat 1 - Don L Albertson (R) . . . . . 2008

Seat 2 - Phyllis J Cobb (R) . . . . . 2008

Seat 3 - Marguerite Malone (R) . . . . . 2008

**Sarasota County School Board** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$33,973

District 1 - Carol Todd . . . . . 2010

District 2 - Caroline G Zucker . . . . . 2008

District 3 - Frank Kovach . . . . . 2008

District 4 - Shirley Brown . . . . . 2010

District 5 - Kathy Kleinlein . . . . . 2010

**Superintendent of Schools:** (Appointed)

Annual Salary: \$172,662

Gary Norris

1960 Landings Blvd, Sarasota FL 34231

Tel: (941) 927-9000

E-mail: gary\_leatherman@sarasota.k12.fl.us

Web site: www.sarasota.k12.fl.us

## MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

### **City of North Port Commission** (4 year term) **Next Election**

Annual Salary: \$24,000 (Chair \$25,000)

Seat 1 Richard A Lockhart . . . . .	2008
Seat 2 Barbara L Gross . . . . .	2008
Seat 3 Fred E Tower III . . . . .	2008
Seat 4 Jim Blucher . . . . .	2010
Seat 5 Vanessa Carusone . . . . .	2010

Contact: Helen Raimbeau, CMC – City Clerk

4970 City Hall Blvd, North Port FL 34286

Tel: (941) 429-7000 • E-mail: hrambeau@ci.north-port.fl.us

Web site: www.cityofnorthport.com

### **City of Sarasota Commission** (4 year term)

Annual Salary: \$25,422

District 1 Fredd “Glossie” Atkins . . . . .	2011
District 2 Richard T Clapp . . . . .	2011
District 3 Kelly M Kirschner . . . . .	2011
At Large Lou Ann Palmer . . . . .	2009
At Large Ken Shelin . . . . .	2009

Contact: Billy E Robinson, CMC - City Auditor and Clerk

1565 1st St, Sarasota FL 34236

Tel: (941) 954-4160 • E-mail: billy\_robinson@sarasotagov.com

Web site: www.sarasotagov.com

### **City of Venice Council** (3 year term)

Annual Salary: \$10,200; Mayor \$12,000

Seat 1 John K Moore . . . . .	2008
Seat 2 Rick Tacy . . . . .	2008
Seat 3 John Simmonds . . . . .	2009
Seat 4 Vicki Taylor . . . . .	2009
Seat 5 Jim Woods . . . . .	2007
Seat 6 Bill Willson . . . . .	2007
Seat 7 Fred Hammett . . . . .	2007

Contact: Lori Stelzer, MMC – City Clerk

401 West Venice Ave, Venice FL 34285

Tel: (941) 486-2626 • E-mail: lstelze@ci.venice.fl.us

Web site: www.venicegov.com

### **Town of Longboat Key Commission** (2 year term)

Annual Salary: \$0

District 1 Lee Rothenberg . . . . .	2008
District 2 George Spoll . . . . .	2009
District 3 Peter O’Connor . . . . .	2008
District 4 Joan Webster . . . . .	2009
District 5 Jeremy Whatmough . . . . .	2008
At Large Robert Siekmann . . . . .	2008
At Large Randall T Clair . . . . .	2009

Contact: Jane O'Connor, CMC – Town Clerk  
501 Bay Isles Rd  
Longboat Key FL 34228  
Tel: (941) 316-1999  
E-mail: joconnor@longboatkey.org  
Web site: www.longboatkey.org

## VOTER INFORMATION

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Florida Voter Registration Applications are available at many locations in Sarasota County including the supervisor of elections offices located at:

Terrace Building  
101 South Washington Boulevard  
Sarasota

Robert L Anderson Administration Center  
Room 114  
4000 Tamiami Trail South  
Venice

Biscayne Plaza  
13640 Tamiami Trail  
North Port

Applications are also available at some banks, schools, city halls, libraries and post offices. Completed applications may be mailed to the Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 4194, Sarasota, FL 34230 or may be hand delivered to one of the offices listed.

#### **An application must be used to:**

- Change your name
- Change your address (if out of county)
- Change your party affiliation
- Update your signature

#### **To register, you must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 17 years old or upon receipt of a valid Florida driver license, whichever occurs earlier)
- Not claim the right to vote in another county or state
- Be a legal resident of the State of Florida
- Be a legal resident of the county in which you seek to be registered

#### **The following persons are NOT entitled to register to vote:**

- A person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and has not had his/her right to vote restored
- A person who has been convicted of a felony by any court and has not had his/her right to vote restored

## **PARTY AFFILIATION**

At the time of registration, applicants are requested to designate their party affiliation. An applicant may designate one of the two major political parties or a minor political party recognized by the State of Florida or may request to be registered with no party affiliation. If the applicant does not designate a party affiliation, the voter will be registered without party affiliation (NPA). In most instances party affiliation will govern a voter's participation in primary elections.

## **MAINTAINING YOUR REGISTRATION**

Your voter information card will be mailed as soon as possible after your application has been received and processed by the supervisor of elections. If you do not receive your voter information card within a reasonable time, call the supervisor of elections office at (941) 861-8600. When you receive your card, verify that your name, address, date of birth and party affiliation are correct. Your card will list your:

- Precinct number
- Polling place location
- U.S. Congressional District
- State Senate District
- State House District
- Board of County Commissioners District
- City District, if applicable
- Special Districts, if applicable

Requests for replacement voter information cards must be made in writing to a voter registration official and signed by the voter.

Party changes must be made by the 29th day (book closing) before an election.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

All qualified electors are permitted to vote absentee under Florida law. You may request an absentee ballot from the supervisor of elections.

A request for an absentee ballot from a voter may be made in person, in writing, or by telephone. An immediate family member or legal guardian of a voter, when directly instructed by the voter, also may request in writing or by telephone an absentee ballot for a voter.

A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election by the supervisor of elections.

Voted ballots must be received by or delivered in person to the supervisor of elections office no later than 7 p.m. on election day.

## **EARLY VOTING**

As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of elections will conduct early voting beginning on the 15th day before an election and ending on the 2nd day before an election. Early voting sites will be designated no later than 30 days before an election and will be publicized in local media and on the SOE Web site at [www.srqelections.com](http://www.srqelections.com)

## **VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Each registered voter in Florida has the right to:

- Vote and have his/her vote accurately counted.
- Cast a vote if he/she is in line when the polls are closing.
- Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
- Receive up to two replacement ballots if he/she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
- An explanation if his/her registration or identity is in question.
- If his/her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
- Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
- Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
- Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

## **VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each registered voter in Florida has the responsibility to:

- Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
- Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
- Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
- Bring proper identification to the polling station.
- Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
- Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
- Respect the privacy of other voters.
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
- Ask questions, if needed.
- Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

## **ELECTION DATES**

A general election is held in November of every even-numbered year. A primary election, which precedes each November general election, is scheduled 10 weeks prior to the general election. Additionally, a presidential preference primary is scheduled the last Tuesday in January of presidential election years. Special countywide elections may be called at any time during the year.

## **BOOK CLOSING DATES**

To vote in an election, you must be registered by the book closing date, which is normally the 29th day before each election.



## ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan volunteer grassroots organization for women and men that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is committed to providing citizens with accurate, nonpartisan services and information on elections and governmental issues. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Membership and additional information can be obtained from:

THE LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS  
of Sarasota County, Inc.

6120 South Lockwood  
Ridge Road  
Sarasota FL 34231-7218  
Tel: 941 921-9778  
Fax: 941 922-0725  
LWVSC@comcast.net  
[www.lwv-sarasota-fl.org](http://www.lwv-sarasota-fl.org)

## SOE OFFICE LOCATIONS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Terrace Building  
101 South Washington Boulevard  
Sarasota FL 34236-6993  
(941) 861-8600

Robert L Anderson Administration Center  
4000 Tamiami Trail South  
Venice FL 34293-5029  
(941) 861-3760

Biscayne Plaza  
13640 Tamiami Trail  
North Port FL 34287-2055  
(941) 423-9540

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Sarasota County, Inc.

6120 South Lockwood Ridge Road  
Sarasota FL 34231-7218  
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LWVSC@comcast.net  
[www.lwv-sarasota-fl.org](http://www.lwv-sarasota-fl.org)

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