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Preparing for 2018 Election Cycle, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections to Host Poll Worker Orientations

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (January 2, 2018) — The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, in preparation for the 2018 election cycle, will host two poll worker orientations at the Josiah T. Walls Building, 515 N. Main St., Gainesville.

Orientation sessions, which are open to anyone interested in serving as a poll worker, will be on Jan. 10 and Jan. 18. The Jan. 10 orientation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., while the Jan. 18 orientation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held on the building's first floor.

Attendees will learn what being a poll worker involves, including the responsibilities for each position (clerk, assistant clerk, deputy, etc.) and voting equipment operating procedures.

Beginning with the 2018 City of Gainesville Regular Election, the elections office will use electronic poll books, known as EViDs, in all Alachua County Election Day precincts. EViDs, which have been used at early voting locations since 2006, are more efficient than paper poll registers, allowing for faster, real-time processing of voters.

Both orientation sessions will cover the same information, so it is only necessary to attend one. Prospective poll workers will not be paid for attending orientation.

People interested in attending should RSVP by emailing Yvette Carreras at <u>ycarreras@alachuacounty.us</u> or calling 352-374-5252.

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