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LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE FORMS A SPECIAL NEEDS VOTERS' PANEL

FORT MYERS, FL (June 10, 2009) - The Lee County Elections Office is forming a Special Needs Voters' Panel. Representatives from the State of Florida, Lee and Collier Supervisor of Elections Offices, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee and Collier County's VIP Centers, and LARC will meet to address the specific needs of individuals with disabilities in our community. The panel's first meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15th from 10:00am to approximately 12:00pm at the Elections Center Branch Office; 13180 S. Cleveland Ave., in Fort Myers.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Sharon L Harrington, and her staff will present a brief overview of the procedures that are currently in use to assist voters with special needs. It will include poll worker training, absentee voters, early voting and polling places. The Lee County Elections Office is planning to reevaluate all their procedures.

Sharon L Harrington, Supervisor of Elections, said "partnering with these organizations to create this panel will help ensure us to achieve our goal to provide every individual equal opportunity to cast their vote."

The Lee County Elections Office's intent is to provide quality election services to include transparent yet secure elections with timely and accurate results. We strive to maintain accurate voter registration statistics and make sure voters are informed through our voter outreach initiatives and to remain apprised of and ensure compliance to Florida election laws.

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