



Tips and Tools

for The SCDP Team

March 2022

HI, SCDP Team,

We're in final Election GOTV Mode, heading for the finish line! Push through.

THANKS & Congratulations to the 24 precinct teams, in 5 of our 6 areas, who Lit Dropped in February, hitting at least 4,800 doors—primarily Dems without VBM and NPAs. And remember—11,000 doors in Jan.!

This is a 15-second video by Mica to Get Out the Vote for March 8 election (focused on question 2 since the first question is an easy victory)

<https://youtu.be/9eabctzZRyw>

What Should PCs and Teams Be Doing Right Now for March 8?

Highest Priorities for GOTV:

Phonebank—Get info to voters; get voters to the polls

From Joan Roscoe - jroscoe07@gmail.com

We are now pushing voters to go to Early Voting through Sunday March 6th from 8:30am to 4:30 pm, all 3 SOEs and N Library

Here is the link to the phone bank. All needed info is in the script.

https://www.openvpb.com/vpb_bycode/DB88050-699684

Texting: Contact Brian Goncalo - bgoncolo@thearassist.com

Signs for Planting and Waving—NOW and on Election Day

Contact an Area Leader: Ed, Louise, Daniel, Tom, or Carolann to get signs

One option, if it's convenient: Come to the Sarasota SOE on Sunday the 6th from 2:00 to 4:15. I'll be there. Louise

And keep collecting those [petitions for 3 school board candidates](#)


Instructions for Early Voting and Election Day Greeting

If there are any problems during Early Voting that require a police presence on a non-emergency basis, the phone number is the same one we used before: 941 316 1201.

For other issues please contact Barbra Katz - cell number 917 848 3300\

VOTER OUTREACH AT THE POLLS is informal for this election. It is up to you. Great if you have friendly greeters at your precinct polling place, where feasible. Wave signs, plant signs (and return to HQ after the election) have VBM forms and connect with voters.

You may hand out this 1-pager (pdf. below). Print your own, or ask HQ (Diane or Nancy) to print some for you to pick up.

ELECTION  **March 8th**

Vote YES

For continued funding of Sarasota County Schools
Help keep quality teachers and necessary resources

Vote NO

On Charter Amendment - Keep YOUR power
to elect YOUR commissioner in YOUR district

Questions?
Phone: 941-330-9400
Email: hq@sarasotadems.org
Paid for by the Sarasota County Democratic Party

FOR PROBLEMS at the polls:

If someone is confrontational, just smile and say, “We’ll have to agree to disagree.” Arguing won’t get you anywhere with a rabid Trump supporter. **DO NOT ENGAGE -- THAT’S WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO.**

Voter intimidation is against the law. You should not hesitate to speak up and seek help if something doesn’t feel right.

People cannot block access to a polling place.

Any civilian displaying a firearm near a polling place is in violation of Florida law.

Verbal threats are also illegal.

Here’s how to respond to such occurrences:

- Do not directly confront antagonists.
- If you observe a problem within the 150-foot no-solicitation zone, and it is an emergency, you should call 911. If it is a non-emergency, call the Supervisor Of Elections (SOE) at 941-861-8619 and report the matter. The SOE will determine whether the Sheriff should be contacted.
- If you observe a problem beyond the 150-foot no-solicitation zone, and it is an emergency, you should call 911. If it is a non-emergency but you want to request police presence, call 941-316-1201, the general dispatch number for law enforcement;

For North Port: (941) 429-7300

Stay Outside the 150’ Zone Look for red and white poles announcing the 150 foot mark. The sign will say “No Solicitation Beyond This Point.” **DO NOT PASS THIS POINT TO TALK TO A POTENTIAL VOTER.** You can go inside the polling building and proudly wear your Democratic t-

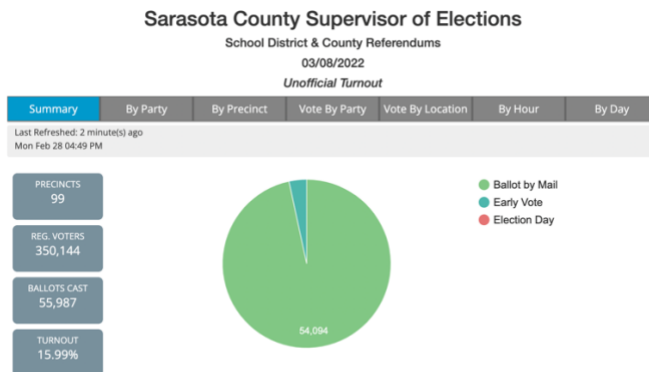
shirts, hats, pins into the building use the facilities, but you can't solicit a voter or even talk/approach a voter within that 150 ft marker.

Be proactive and Talk to Voters Outside of the 150' marker:

As people drive up, wave a Democratic Sample Ballot sign; some voters will stop and happily receive the Ballot recommendations thru the car window.

Check the Turnout Stats on Fabulous New SOE Website Tool:

<https://www.livevoteturnout.com/sar/index.html> Link changes from day to day. Go to sarasotavotes.gov or sarasotavotes.com if this link doesn't work.



Have fun clicking on the tabs at the top—keep up with what's happening, day by day, in your precinct and in the county. See the trends—and use them strategically. Like—“How are the NPAs voting?” (Clue: more like D's than R's)

Standout Precinct Turnout as of March 3:

Total countywide turnout is 17%

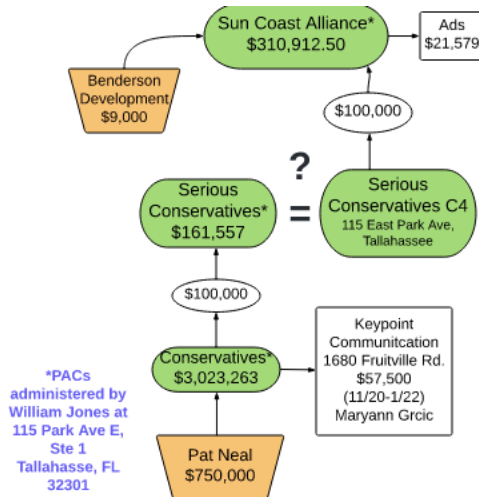
KUDOS! These Proud Precincts are at or above 25%:

109, 121, 201, 203, 205, 213, 321, 417, 511, 519, 521, 525, 539, 543

We can't control certain factors re. our voters' turnout patterns, but if you did something to inform, engage and motivate your precinct voters, be proud! We thank you for everything you do.

Dirty Tricks (But who's surprised?) Thank you to Cathy Antunes for exposing more of the corruption

The commissioners and developers (Pat Neal--\$750K!) ramrodded a politically corrupt election to keep power and then they bought it.



Link to a 1-minute video that Mica made about Cathy Antunes’s findings on the dark money poured into the March 8 election Please spread it when encouraging people to Vote NO on question 2.

<https://youtu.be/llcQjrD8zsl>

Daring Sign Rescue after Brush with City Compliance Code: AND THEN 20 ACTUALLY WERE STOLEN ON TUESDAY

We learned the hard way that Sarasota City is serious about the Compliance Code—now that we know what it is. *No signs in the "right of way."* That means not close to the roads. 12 signs were confiscated on EV Day 1, outside the SOE Office, heading right to the dumpster, no warning given. The pic shows where they are permitted. **And they must be collected every night.** Word of warning. Check the Compliance Codes in your part of the county

SAD ENDING; ALL 20 SIGNS THAT WE PLANTED ON TUESDAY A.M. WERE STOLEN BEFORE 5 P.M. Diligent detection efforts are ongoing with various agencies, but it seems to be a real theft.



From the Code--Signs: The following signs are prohibited in all zone districts: Obscenities; signs

in rights-of-way; signs on public property; revolving signs; wind signs; signs on utility poles or trees, shrubs or plants; signs in setback areas; roof signs; buildings which constitute signs; and off-site signs. ([Section VII-109](#))

(16)

Political campaign signs. Political campaign signs announcing candidates seeking public political office and other data pertinent thereto shall be permitted up to a total area of 16 square feet for each premises in a residential zone and 32 square feet in a commercial or industrial zone. These signs shall be confined within private property. These signs may be displayed 90 days prior to and 21 days after the election for which intended. In cases where a final election follows within 75 days of a primary election, those candidates who won in the primary election may continue to display their signs during the interim period and up to 21 days after the final election.

TRAINING COMMITTEE NEWS

No regular training sessions are planned for the upcoming months. Check out the many **videos of previous trainings** on Insider.Sarasotadems.org/Training.

Topics include: Writing Letters to the Editor, How to Talk with Republicans, Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers, MailChimp, Google Drive, Gmail, Organizing Files, Excel, and

Zoom Meetings.

Need help with **MailChimp for newsletters**? Contact Gillian Beck (bb.dems513@gmail.com) and Pam Nolan (pnolan483@comcast.net) for individual or group training.

BONUS EGO BOOSTER: Notes from the National Democratic Training Committee (NDTC)
"How to Campaign in a Red County": *The most dedicated people of all are Hot Dems who live in Red counties. And that would be US! Onward....*

Zoom DEC: See you at 7, Weds., March 9. Watch for JoAnne's e-mail invitation to register.

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