As the 2016 election cycle and year comes to an end, we look back at a very eventful 2016 Presidential Election cycle. As your Citrus County Supervisor of Elections, I am very thankful for all the hard work, cooperation and dedication to the process exhibited by so many. Through cooperation, planning and hard work we were able to provide excellent services to the voters. The process was, for the most part, very smooth. Citrus County was the first to report our results as seen on CNN! Fast is good, but accuracy is more important and we achieved that as well.

The Supervisor of Elections full-time staff is small but extremely knowledgeable and dedicated to excellence and transparency in the election process. When conducting elections, approximately 500 additional personnel participate in positions as poll workers, early vote workers, warehouse and delivery personnel and phone bank. Over 1,000 phone calls were answered by the phone bank on Election Day. We thank Judge Mark Yerman and County Commissioner Ron Kitchen for serving on the Canvassing Board with me as we completed our statutory obligations this election.

The voter registration was at an all-time high with 105,672 registered voters. The turnout was 80,973 which was 76.63% of the total registered voters! When Election Day arrived, 67% of the final turnout had already voted - 29,323 at early vote sites and 25,007 vote by mail. Our voters came prepared to vote, many voting for the first time ever and for some it certainly had been a long time since their last vote.

We breathe a sigh of relief as 2016 comes to an end and the election is over. We wish everyone well during the holiday season and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Here at the elections office we are looking forward to 2017 with renewed energy and vigor that come with the challenges of the New Year.

God Bless America!
From the Poll Worker Department

MaryAnn Boline, Poll Worker Coordinator
Michelle Appie, Early Vote Coordinator

The 2016 election cycle brought new challenges for us, as we introduced electronic poll books, at the precincts on Election Day. Our poll workers stepped up, accepted the challenge to learn something new, attended many training classes and did a marvelous job, as always. Surely, all Supervisors of Elections think their county has the best poll workers, but we can certainly say that ours truly make us shine!

Not only did our poll workers handle a large turnout on Election Day, but many also worked Early Voting, which ran for thirteen days straight, twelve hours per day. Again they eagerly manned the four early vote sites, to accommodate our voters.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will be presenting a Poll Worker Resolution, at the December 20th County Commission Meeting. We hope you will take the time to attend, if you are able to do so. You are all most worthy of this honor.

It takes a person with a heart for service, and dedication to the election process, to be a Citrus County Poll Worker. Michelle and I can only say that we are very proud to be part of an exceptional Team . . . Our Poll Workers . . . “The Gatekeepers of Democracy.”

Mary Afton Day greeted clerks, Pat Sheridan and Rita Helsell from Pct #307, as they returned supplies after a busy and successful Election.

General Election Supervised Voting

Patrick Thomas, Supervised Voting Coordinator

Assisted Living, Healthcare and Rehabilitation Communities take full benefit of Supervised Voting with the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Office during the 2016 General Election. Listed are the names of the facility and the number of their residents who voted using supervised voting.

Arbor Trail - 17
Avante – 6
Brentwood – 17
Cedar Creek – 16
Citrus Health – 6
Citrus Hills Health – 6
Cypress Cove – 15
Life Care – 15
Sunflower Springs – 9

The supervised voting team was pretty busy with 107 voters at 9 different health care centers. Thank you, Sandra Hume, Donna Petrik, Carol Cole, Albert Cairns and Dave Dunham for making up such a successful group and for providing excellent services to our voters. I had some feedback from the facilities and all of them were extremely pleased with this team and stated the services they provided were to the highest standards.

Mary Afton Day, an Auburn University MBA student spent time with Susan Gill and staff to observe the election process.