



Jennifer J. Edwards Supervisor of Elections

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

It has been the great honor of my career to serve the citizens of Collier County for 38 years, representing them as their Supervisor of Elections for the past 23 years. I have served the voters of Collier County with professionalism, dedication, and most importantly, with integrity.

Elections in Florida have been in the spotlight since the beginning of my tenure as Supervisor of Elections and remain in the spotlight today. It has been a privilege to be a part of the change that has led Florida to excellence in election administration. The time has come for me to move to the next chapter of my life, spending more time with my husband and family.

As you consider the best applicant to appoint to the remainder of my term of office, I respectfully ask for your thoughtful consideration of my Chief Deputy, Melissa Blazier. Melissa's 17+ years of experience in the Supervisor of Elections office, vast knowledge of Florida's election laws and rules, and her comprehension of the complexities of conducting elections would allow for a seamless transition as we head into the 2024 Presidential Election Cycle. Melissa is unquestionably the most qualified person for this position and is prepared and ready to continue Collier County's tradition of conducting excellent elections.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Mrs. Blazier.

The effective date of my retirement is April 28, 2023.

Respectfully,

Jennifer J. Edwards

cc: Secretary Cord Byrd

