

February 17, 2020

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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

What a tremendous honor it has been to serve the citizens of Pinellas County for 42 years, representing them as their Supervisor of Elections for almost 20 years.

Florida has been at the forefront of election administration during this period, and it has been a privilege to be part of such exceptional reform. Now, it is time to move to the next chapter of my life, as I look forward to spending more time with my wonderful husband and family.

As you deliberate appointees to complete my term of office, I respectfully request that you strongly consider my Chief Deputy, Julie Marcus. She has 17 years of elections administration experience, which have afforded her a wealth of institutional knowledge and hands-on experience. Her integrity and professionalism are laudable, and she is highly respected in the community. Julie is unquestionably the most qualified person for this position and is prepared and ready to manage the complexities and responsibilities of being the Supervisor of Elections for Pinellas County. I have the utmost confidence in her ability to continue our tradition of conducting excellent elections.

The effective date of my retirement is March 31, 2020.

Sincerely,

Deborah Clark

Supervisor of Elections

Pinellas County

Cc: The Honorable Laurel M. Lee, Florida Secretary of State

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