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County Supervisor of Elections Office wins U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Clearinghouse Award

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MELBOURNE (May 23, 2023) — The Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office was one of 24 Election Offices in the nation to be recognized by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission for excellence in election administration

The Clearinghouse Award, also known as the "Clearies," are given in seven categories and Brevard won in the "Outstanding Innovations in Elections" for the "SigView" program used during the 2022 election cycle.

"The spotlight on U.S. elections has never been brighter, and the EAC is pleased to honor the work of these offices to make elections more secure, technologically advanced, and accessible to voters," said EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick, Vice Chair Ben Hovland, Commissioner Donald Palmer, and Commissioner Thomas Hicks in a joint statement. "Especially as election administrators prepare for the 2024 presidential election, we encourage them to review the great work of these Clearie Award—winning jurisdictions for ideas they may want to replicate in their communities."

The SigView program was judged along with other submissions from around the country that had programs using creative tools to improve election administration, while advancing new and innovative concepts. The submissions were judged by election officials from around the nation, based on six criteria: innovation, sustainability, outreach efforts, cost—effectiveness, replicability, and generating positive results.

"After the Florida Legislature passed legislation requiring Supervisors of Elections to allow authorized observers to view mail ballot envelopes and corresponding voter signatures, my team researched the best ways to implement the law to provide reasonable access to authorized observers of the materials," said Supervisor Tim Bobanic. "This is the seventh year the Clearie Awards have taken place, and the second time Brevard County has been recognized."

The SigView program, developed by the Supervisor of Elections IT team, is an in–house application showing the mail ballot certificate envelope and signature on file, side by side.

The application also indicates if the ballot was accepted or referred to the Canvassing Board. In order for the observers to utilize the program, they were able to sign up for 45—minute time slots at any of the four election administrative offices on a daily basis. Each office had a dedicated workstation with a computer in the office lobby that was locked down to only allow them access to the SigView program.

"It is an incredible honor to be recognized for our hard work to not only implement the new law, but to provide such transparency to the voters of Brevard County," said Robanic

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Brevard Achievement Center named one of 'Top 5' businesses in Brevard County

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ROCKLEDGE (May 23, 2023) — Brevard Achievement Canter has been named one of the "Top 5" businesses in this year's Best of Brevard Community Choice Awards by "Florida Today."

Nominated in two distinct categories, "Best Places to Work" and "Best Non–Profit/Charity Organization," BAC is proud to be selected among more than 420 local businesses/organizations in over 140 categories.

"We're honored to be recognized for our commitment to providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities," said Amar Patel, president and CEO of BAC. "Our inclusion in the top five is a testament to the incredible support we have received from our community. Recognitions such as these are a great source of appreciation for our dedicated staff and helps affirm that their work has a significant impact."

The 2023 Best of Brevard Community Choice Awards is a one–of–a–kind annual contest where residents celebrate and recognize local businesses and organizations that make their community an ideal place to live.

Now that the nomination round has concluded, the public will vote to determine the winner in each category. Users may vote up to once a day starting June 9, 2023, through June 24, 2023. To vote for BAC, visit https://yourchoiceawards.com/brevard.

BAC is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities that support members of unique abilities in growing their own personal success. BAC's empowerment programs provide life enrichment opportunities to those with significant disabilities and help more than 1,200 people find meaningful purpose in their lives.

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