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## **Poll Workers needed for November Election**

Organizations can also adopt a polling location

The Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (BEVR) is looking for poll workers for the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Poll workers are compensated \$200, and the clerk of precinct receives \$260 for each election worked. "Working an election is an opportunity for people serve this community, meet neighbors, and be involved in the electoral process," said Executive Director Isaac Cramer.

Qualifications:

- Must be a registered voter in South Carolina, or age 16 or 17.
- Be willing to pass an online training course and attend in-person training before each election.
- Be prepared to work from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.
- Remain non-partisan while working.

BEVR is excited to announce its Adopt a Polling Location initiative. Organizations can partner with the BEVR to "adopt" a location on Election Day. The organization provides staff members and, rather than paying each person individually as a poll worker, the organization uses the funds to invest in community projects and programs that furthers its mission. Organizations must be non-partisan, and workers must have the same qualifications as poll workers. The South Carolina Stingrays adopted a location for the June Primary and donated their poll worker payments to the <u>Charleston County</u> <u>Public Library's Free and Fresh Program</u>.

"As a minor league hockey team, we pride ourselves on engaging with the community and community partners. Our staff enjoyed learning about the election process and meeting voters on Election Day. Through partnerships and volunteer efforts like Adopt a Polling Location, we have been able to give back over \$100,000 to local non-profits," said Stingrays Vice President of Corporate partnerships Kevin Schildt.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for staff at local organizations to learn about the election process, volunteer, and give back to our community. Similar programs in other states have been very successful; we are excited to be the first county in South Carolina to offer it.," said Cramer. On Saturday, November 5, the Board of Elections is partnering with the Stingrays for a get out the vote and poll worker appreciation night. Players will wear custom jerseys and they will be auctioned off, with proceeds going to Library's Free and Fresh Program.

For more information about this program or becoming a poll worker, people can contact BEVR by email at <u>bevr@charlestoncounty.org</u>, or by phone 843.744.8683.

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