

Script for Registering DEMs & DEM-leaning NPAs & enrolling to Vote from Home (VFH aka "Vote by Mail")

BODY LANGUAGE: smile, arms open, an extra step back,
speak slightly louder than normal
Note you must register anyone who requests it.

Before saying good-bye at a DD or D household:

"Is there anyone else at this address to register or sign-up to vote from home?"

"Thank you! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to sign up for a mail ballot online or by calling the Supervisor of Elections 941-741-3823 (or offer a blank slip)."

SCRIPT:

"Good afternoon! I'm ____ and I'm _____. We are volunteers with the Manatee Democrats helping neighbors get the vaccine, the 3rd stimulus check & get ready for the 2022 election. May we speak to Mr./Ms _____?"

First: "Getting the vaccine is easy [hand door hanger with vax side up]. Just walk-in to your neighborhood pharmacy—no appointment needed or phone for an appointment. [small talk about the vaccine.]

[if person does not speak English, make a note for next time, thank, give lit & move on.]

Second (whether the person voted or not): "Thank you for voting Democrat in 2020. Pres. Biden has already signed the American Rescue Plan (point to back side of

door hanger). Have you received your 3rd stimulus check yet (\$1,400/person up to \$5,600 per family)?” There’s a website to check when your payment will be mailed/deposited: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>
Point to ARP list: “See all the benefits Pres Biden, Kamala Harris & Democrats in Congress have delivered in the first 100 days. Unfortunately no Florida Republican voted for the Rescue Plan.

Do you think that’s fair [to oppose your 3rd check]?

Assess lean: DD (strong Democrat) D U R RR (strong R) X (refused to engage)

If not DD or D, politely thank and move on.

Voter Registration: Canvasser controls clipboard – asks questions, writes responses clearly:

>[Listen. If DEM lean, or DEM lean] Sounds like you are a Democrat. To win in 2022, we need your vote. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

>If yes, mark the box & ask: “Are you a citizen of the USA? If yes, mark & ask questions 2 (felon) & 3 (mental),

>then ask for FL ID so that VR name is same as on FL ID. Address may differ, but not name. Only request last 4 SSN if FL ID not handy.

- Mailing address same? (note if different)
- Mark gender.

- "State/County of Birth?
Phone? (record) Do you do email? (record)
Democrat, right?" (check box), Race?
- While handing the voter the clipboard to sign & date, explain: *the new voter suppression law states that, if you wish, you may register in person at the SOE office, on line at registertovote.org, or mail the form in. In 2-3 weeks, watch a letter from the SOE with your new voter id card. Open that letter to be sure all details are correct. If not, contact the SOE: 941-741-3823.*
- *Please sign here and date here.* While signing, slide VBM slip on clipboard to sign also.
- As slip is signed, explain
- *"Voting at home is safe and convenient. You will receive your ballot in the mail approximately one month before the election and have plenty of time to mark your ballot at home & deposit at the SOE or any early voting center drop box."*
- *"Remember to sign the outside of the envelope using the signature that is on your driver's license, then deposit it at the SOE or any early voting center. Of course, you can mail it if you wish, but allow plenty of time. You can also still vote in person but don't try to vote twice! "*
- ***"DON'T FORGET!!** If you move, ballots WILL NOT be forwarded to you. You MUST PHONE OR GO ONLINE to change your address. You can still vote in person."*

Ex-felons:

- “When in doubt, fill it out.” Amendment 4 restored rights, **except** for homicide or felony sex offense.
- Tampa Bay Times: “State prosecutors say **as long as you think you’re eligible to vote, registering is not a crime.**”
- If an attempt to register resulted in denial: give the person the FRRC (Florida Rights Restoration Coalition) #: 877-698-6830 www.floridarrc.org
 - Residence?: anyone with a permanent FL mailing address.
 - Party affiliation!: must register DEM to vote in DEM primary.
 - DEM issues: “Are you for a \$15/hr min. wage?”
Social security? Medicare? Medicaid? Sounds like you’re a Democrat.”

VERBAL RESPONSES TO objections to registering:

1. “My vote doesn't count”: *Yes, your vote does count. Elections are being decided by just a few votes. Tricky Ricky was elected by just 10,000 votes out to 10 million cast. Every vote count. .*

2. Jury duty. *If a prospect says that he/she doesn't want to vote because of jury duty, explain that jury pools are drawn from the DMV database, not voter rolls.*

3. For the “I’m good”: *Be really good—vote! Our fathers, mothers, and forefathers fought for our rights. Don’t let the Russians/Republicans steal your vote.*

4. They’re all a bunch of crooks: *Not true. No one is a bigger crook than Trump. Don’t let them talk you out of your vote. When good people don’t vote, bad people get elected.*

5. **Add your own...**

Vote from Home (VFH aka "Vote by Mail")

If the person is DD or D & is already registered:

"We are signing up voters to vote from home. This is the safest and most convenient way of voting. the ballot is mailed to you. Mark your ballot at home & deposit it at the SOE or any early voting center or mail it back."

"To vote from home, just sign this slip. I can fill out it out. "

Complete the VFH Form:

- Canvasser completes VFH slip: Name, birthdate, phone #, address, mark "X" in 2 general elections box, confirm mailing address, then hand clipboard to voter for signature.
- As the voter signs, explain.....

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- 2nd canvasser checks slip to be sure name, birthdate, phone #, residence, mailing address (if different—see grey box on right of slip), & signature are proper

Before you leave:

"Is there anyone else at this address to register or sign-up to vote from home?"

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VERBAL RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS to Mail Ballot:

1. "I prefer to vote the old-fashioned way – in person" – *You can still vote in person. Getting the VFH ballot allows you time to go over it at home and provides you with **insurance** in the event something prevents you from voting in person. If you can't get to the poll, you can ask a family member to deposit your signed & sealed ballot at the SOE office or you can deposit it by yourself in the special slot without waiting in line.*
2. "I don't trust the mail ballot" or "I don't trust the mail" – *You can track your ballot online or by calling: see details on attached Benefits sheet. If you don't trust the mail, you can drop off in person at any early voting site or at the SOE, without waiting in line. A record turnout is expected for the next election.*
3. "What if I make a mistake, I'll never know." *As long as you allow enough time, the SOE will contact you if your signature does not match. A very tiny percentage of the VFHs cast had any problems – much less than the percentage of people who were turned away at the polls because of no ID; wrong polling location; unable to find them registered and those who never made it to the polls but intended to.*
4. "They don't count VFH ballots unless the election is very close." *Not true. The ballots are processed as they come in (i.e., signatures validated; ballots*

opened and sorted). They are then tabulated in the SOE tabulation machine along with the results from each precinct.

5. I've never voted before. *Vote by mail means you vote in the privacy & comfort of your home with all info at hand to be an informed voter. This gives you time to discuss with family/friends.*

6. *Add your own...*

EXCELLENT REASONS TO VOTE FROM HOME (VFH)

Safe:

- Eliminates last minute situations which would prevent you from voting (e.g. illness, travel, emergency, etc.)
- Most hack-proof way of voting and ensuring your vote is counted.
- If preferred, you can hand deposit the VFH ballot at the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office instead of mailing it in.

Sure:

- You know you are on the voter roll if you get your VFH ballot.
- The SOE office calls you if there is a question/mistake on your ballot.
- Provides you enough time to fix any problems which arise.
- You can track your ballot's progress:
 - Online www.votemanatee.com
 - By phone at SOE 941-861-8618 (Manatee)
 - SOE will notify you when your ballot is received if you provide your email address.

Quick & Convenient:

- No need to take off from work or school.
- Eliminates waiting in line

Most Informed:

- Provides more time to carefully research candidates and amendments.

Most Flexible:

- Still allows you the option to early vote or vote at the polls on Election Day. If you choose to do so, it is best to bring your VFH ballot with you.

Less Intrusive:

STOPS THE PHONE CALLS that remind you to vote.