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Election Officer Spotlight: Meet some of the longest serving election officers



Team Precinct 811: Rena pictured in the middle along with Robert, Carlette, Irene, and Juanita.

Rena (Precinct 811)

Rena has been an election officer for 18 years and a chief at her precinct for 16 years. She first became an election officer when an Electoral Board member inspired her to sign up. The first election she worked as a chief was for the 2008 presidential election and it was one of the most memorable elections for her.

“People were wrapped around the corner and it was raining. When the precinct opened, people were bombarding the precinct to cast their vote,” Rena said.

Diane (Precinct 504)

Diane worked her first election as an election officer in the 2008 presidential election when she wanted to give back to the community. Once she became a chief, Diane decided the best way to give back to the community is to provide voters with the best voting experience possible. To achieve this goal, she encourages her election officers to serve in different roles within the precinct to strengthen their knowledge of the voting process.

“My contribution to the whole process is what I enjoy about being an election officer,” Diane said.

Kris (Precinct 216)

Kris began his election officer career in Virginia Beach. His service in the Navy inspired him to become an election officer.

“It has been very important to me. As a military officer, I was away from home and I couldn’t vote until I was 21,” Kris said. “I feel very passionate about the fact that we live in a society where our government was centered on individual rights.”

Kris said he’s grateful for the opportunity to work as an election officer and to work his team at precinct 216. He was promoted to chief election officer in 2019.



Precinct 206 at Institute of Contemporary Arts.

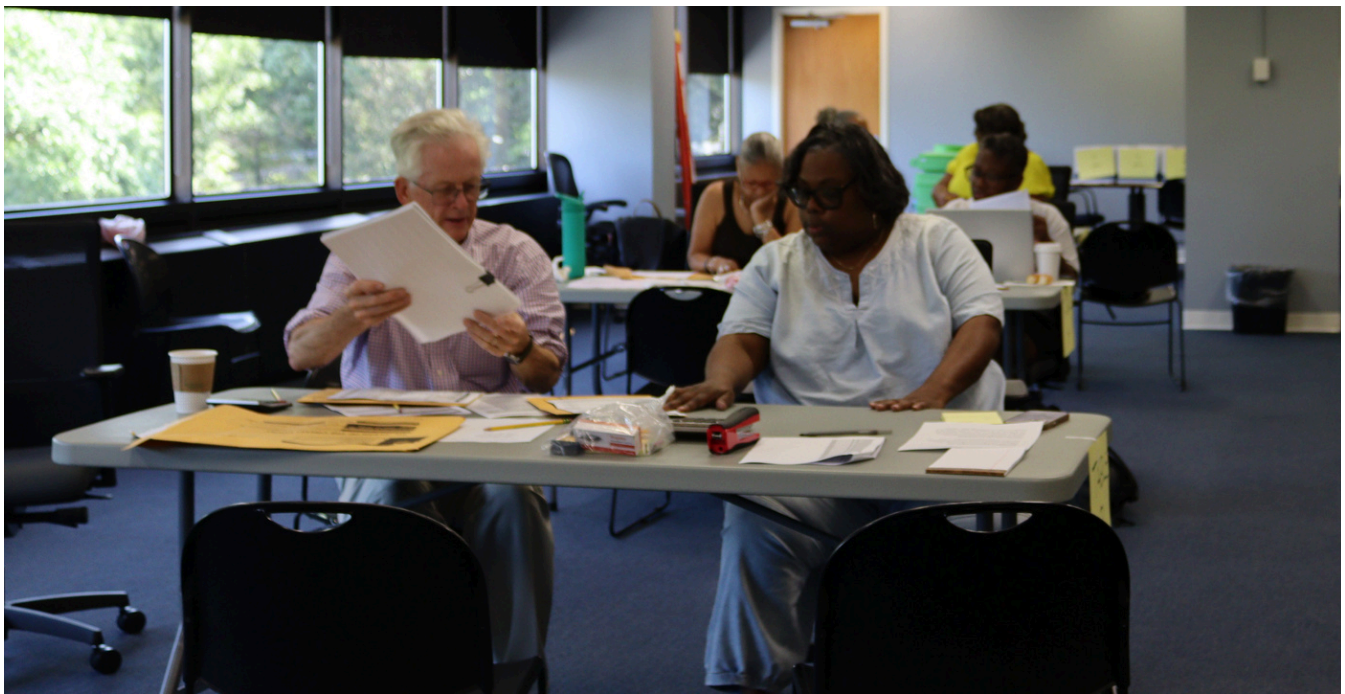
Brooks (Precinct 206)

Prior to becoming an election officer, Brooks worked in policy at the Department of Elections. Due to his wealth of knowledge, and experience, Brooks started out as a chief election officer.

“Since leaving the Department of Elections, I didn’t have anything to do on Election Day, so I signed up to be a poll worker,” Brooks said.

Brooks currently works as an attorney for the Division of Legislative Services. He provides guidance to state senators on election administration.

“I am happy to be at precinct 206. It’s been great here and we get a great crew here,” Brooks said.



Letitia (right) working on Canvassing Day.

Letitia (Precinct 304)

Following in her mother’s footsteps, Letitia signed up to be an election officer 15 years ago. Her and her late mother, Marva, worked alongside each other at precinct 304 before her mother passed away in 2016. Letitia continued her service as an election officer in honor of her mother and was promoted to chief election officer after her mother’s passing.

She said her service is also honoring her ancestors, citing that her family still has receipts of the poll taxes her grandmother paid.

“What I love about being an election officer is seeing the public coming in to vote,” Letitia said. “A voter came in years ago, he was so happy because he has never voted before because of his past. He got his rights back and to see my mother help him and explain to him what was going on, that was my most memorable moment.”

Eva (Precinct 303)

Eva signed up to be an election officer after hearing from her friends how accomplished they felt after Election Day. Since then, Eva has served as an election officer for 26 years and enjoys serving her community.

“My favorite moment was when this voter came in to vote, but this was not his precinct. I guided him to his right precinct and an hour later, he came back here and said he wanted to work as an election officer with my team,” Eva said.

Eva said she hopes to inspire more young people to become election officers.



Eva with the certificates that she earned as an election officer