

City-by-city 2023 municipal elections: Everything you need to know

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This year, more than a dozen municipal races across Palm Beach County have automatically been decided because of lack of challengers.

But nearly 220,000 voters in 17 towns, cities and villages will still be

making important choices in the March 14 election. Some ballots will contain just one town council race, while others will see as many as seven ballot questions.

Because of a new election law, vote-by-mail requests must be made every two years after the general election. If you voted by mail in 2022 and want to vote with the same method in March,

you must make another vote-by-mail request by 5 p.m. March 4.

Voters can request a vote-by-mail ballot online, by phone at 561-656-6208 by fax at 561-656-6230 or in person at one of the four elections offices. Voters will be asked to provide the last four digits of their Social Security number and the number of either their Florida driver license or ID card.

Early voting is not an option in this election, so voters will need to place their votes by mail or in person on election day.

Voters should be notified if their place differs from that in past statewide elections. To check your place, visit votepalmbeach.com.

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Here's an overview of what will be on the ballot:

Atlantis

Atlantis' 1,850 voters who were registered as of Feb. 1 will have just one race on their ballots.

The Group 4 race will see incumbent Michael LaCoursiere, senior vice president of a civil engineering firm, face a challenge from Paul Mozen, an internist. Both candidates have raised \$200 as of Nov. 30.

Guy Motzer was unopposed for the Group 2 race and was automatically re-elected to the city council.

Belle Glade

Two seats on the Belle Glade City Commission are up for election for the city's 7,105 voters. For Seat A, Zaytek Marin, who was the executive secretary for the city manager, faces Stanley D. Highsmith, a U.S. Army veteran.

For Seat B, Mayor Steve B. Wilson faces Robert C. Mitchell, who founded nonprofit Muck City United. Mitchell has tried since 2018 to win election to the commission, most recently challenging Mary Ross Wilkerson in 2021.

Boca Raton

Three races in Boca Raton have already been decided because no challengers stood up to face Mayor Scott Singer, Francine Nachlas and Marc Wigder.

Instead, just one charter amendment question will be posed to Boca Raton's 68,590 voters. It asks whether the terms



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Hypoluxo

Three town council seats are up for election in Hypoluxo. The 2,111 eligible voters will select three candidates for a three-year term. The candidates include three incumbents — Bob Leupp, Brad Doyle and Linda Allen — and two newcomers, John B. Sochacki and Jim Deery.

Juno Beach

Voters in Juno Beach will vote for a candidate in the town council race and one charter amendment question. Peggy Wheeler was re-elected to Seat 3 after not drawing a challenge.

Because Jason Haselkorn's term expires, three candidates have announced

Town Commission: Mark Ward, and incumbents Tracy Larcher and Janet Korntenhaus.

Both incumbents have been on the commission since 2021. The town has 1,084 voters.

Palm Springs

Patricia "Patti" Waller, valedictorian of the village council, was elected to the village council and won her re-election bid after challengers.

The 11,425 voters in the city of Palm Springs will decide who will fill District 4 council seat: Joni principal at Urban Design Group. Waller was also elected in 1999, or director of operations for the city's Film & Television Commission.

South Bay

The 1,483 voters of South Bay will decide three elections for the city commission.

For Seat 1, incumbent Esmeralda a psychology professor at Florida State College, faces John self-employed contractor. For Seat 2, the city commission for the town of South Bay since 1970s and was re-elected 2000s.

The Seat 3 commission member is McKelvin, a guidance counselor for the school district who was first elected to the commission in 2013, by Barbara King, who runs the city's profit.

And Seat 5 will see a race between either Albert L. "Church"

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