



Charleston County Elections, Just Bee Partnership to Enhance Polling Accessibility

The Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections (BVRE) is proud to partner with [Just Bee](#), a Lowcountry nonprofit renowned for connecting families to sensory-friendly businesses and offering Autism sensitivity training, for the statewide primaries' early voting period in June. This collaboration is set to revolutionize accessibility at polling stations for the neurodivergent community.

Innovative Training & Sensory Support:

Specialized Training: Early voting managers will be equipped with specialized training for the statewide primaries, ensuring they're prepared to offer necessary accommodations to neurodivergent visitors to BVRE's early voting centers.

Identification Badges: These trained managers will be identifiable by badges and lanyards, signaling their readiness to assist.

Sensory Kits: Just Bee will provide sensory kits at BVRE's early voting centers to support those with sensory processing needs.

Bee Hive Sensory Safe Zone:

Traveling Safe Space: For select days and hours during the early voting period, Just Bee's Bee Hive Sensory Safe Zone will be available at two of BVRE's early voting centers.

A Refuge for Sensory Overload: The Bee Hive offers a tranquil space for individuals experiencing sensory overload and a comfortable waiting area for voters' companions.

Early Voting Details:

Dates: Tuesday, May 28, 2024, through Friday, June 7, 2024.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and state holidays.

Early Voting Locations:

- Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections headquarters:
4340 Corporate Road, North Charleston, S.C. 29405
- Essex Village Church of Christ:
736 Savage Road, Charleston, S.C. 29414
- Wando Mount Pleasant Library:
1400 Carolina Park Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, S.C. 29466

Bee Hive Availability:

- Tuesday, May 28 at Wando Mount Pleasant Library from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4 at BVRE headquarters from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5 at BVRE headquarters from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 6 at BVRE headquarters from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 7 at BVRE headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

“As we strive to make voting an inclusive and accessible experience for all, our partnership with Just Bee marks a significant step forward. It embodies our commitment to ensuring that every member of our community feels welcomed and supported at the polls,” BVRE Executive Director Isaac Cramer stated. “We believe that democracy thrives when it embraces diversity, and this initiative is a testament to that belief. Together with Just Bee, we are not just opening doors to the neurodivergent community; we are inviting them to join us in the heart of civic engagement.”

“Just Bee is determined to create a world where anyone with Autism and Neurodiversity is treated equally, fairly, and compassionately, with recognition of their civil rights. By partnering with the Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, we aim to empower individuals on the spectrum to have their voices heard by creating sensory-friendly and welcoming environments. We strive to make the election process inclusive for any individual,” Just Bee Founder and CEO Layla Luna added. “As we enter a new election year, Just Bee is committed to forming meaningful partnerships that emphasize ‘It’s not about the disabilities, it’s about the possibilities!’”

The Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections is responsible for conducting all municipal, state, and federal elections that are held in Charleston County. BVRE also conducts outreach events with community members that encourage election education and participation.

For more information about Charleston County elections and voter services, or to check your voter registration, visit [CHSVotes.gov](https://www.chsvotes.gov).

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