



Charleston County and Just Bee Extend Partnership for Fall Elections, Expanding Accessibility and Inclusion

The Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections (BVRE) is excited to announce the continuation of a partnership with [Just Bee](#) for the Fall 2024 elections. Building on the success of our work in the primaries, this effort ensures that polling locations are accessible to the neurodivergent community.

Enhanced Voting Experience:

Specialized Training: Early voting managers will undergo specialized training to accommodate neurodivergent voters seeking to cast their ballot.

Sensory Kits: Sensory kits provided by Just Bee will be available for use at all early voting centers.

Bee Hive Sensory Safe Zone:

The Bee Hive mobile sensory safe space will be available at select locations to help voters who experience sensory overload during the voting process.

Bee Hive Availability:

- St. Paul's Hollywood Library: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- Essex Village Church of Christ: Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- BVRE Headquarters: Monday, October 28, 2024 through Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Early Voting Details:

Dates: Monday, October 21, 2024 – Saturday, November 2, 2024 (closed Sunday, October 27, 2024).

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations:

- Downtown - Main Library: 68 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC
- Hollywood - St. Paul's Hollywood Library: 5130 SC-165, Hollywood, SC
- James Island - Baxter-Patrick Library: 1858 S Grimball Rd., Charleston, SC
- Johns Island - St. John's Episcopal Church: 3673 Maybank Hwy., Johns Island, SC
- North Charleston - BVRE Headquarters: 4340 Corporate Rd., N. Charleston, SC
- Mount Pleasant - Seacoast Church: 750 Long Point Rd., Mount Pleasant, SC
- West Ashley - Essex Village Church of Christ: 736 Savage Rd., Charleston, SC

“As we continue to prioritize making the voting process accessible and inclusive, our partnership with Just Bee reflects our commitment to serving every resident of Charleston County,” stated BVRE Executive Director Isaac Cramer. “Voting is a fundamental right, and we are dedicated to ensuring that voters of all abilities feel empowered and supported at the polls. This collaboration represents a vital step toward creating a more welcoming, accommodating environment for our neurodivergent community, and we are proud to be leading this important initiative.”

“Just Bee's mission is to create a world where it's not about the Disabilities, it's about the Possibilities. One of the greatest rights as an American citizen is the ability to speak freely and cast your vote in an election. For the Autistic & Neurodivergent Community, this right has often been overlooked,” explained Just Bee Founder and CEO Layla Luna. “Just Bee is here to celebrate this ‘Special’ Community and have their voices heard, even if they are nonverbal. This is a civil and human right. Together, we can Just Bee the change.”

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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