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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ANN MCFALL REPORTS INACCURACIES IN MAILINGS SPONSORED BY THE VOTER PARTICIPATION CENTER (VPC) BASED OUT OF WASHINGTON, DC.

Ann McFall, Supervisor of Elections, reports her office has fielded over 40 calls/questions from confused voters who are receiving voter registration applications from the Voter Participation Center (VPC). Voters mistakenly believe the mailing is coming from the Volusia Supervisor of Elections’ Office. The forms are pre-filled applications.

"The majority of the phone calls we are receiving are from already registered voters who are questioning what has happened to their voter registration, or they are questioning why they have received pre-filled applications in the names of their adult children, underage children, and deceased family members," said Supervisor McFall. "This is very confusing to them, and rightly so. It is creating suspicion, mistrust, and increased anger about how public and readily available their private information is."

Voters who receive this mailing can check their voter registration status at the Department of Elections website using this link: http://volusiaelections.org or call the Department of Elections 386/736-5930.

For those who receive applications for other family members who are underage or don't even reside in this state, Supervisor McFall recommends shredding and discarding the forms. “We have dealt with this organization in the past, and sadly, they continue to cause unnecessary confusion for the voters."

The Voter Participation Center in 2008 and 2012 launched voter registration campaigns using erroneous consumer data lists that were outdated. In 2014 their campaign focused on vote-by-mail ballot requests which created confusion for voters who had already requested and sent in their vote-by-mail ballot. Misleading campaigns such as this further erodes the confidence of voters and unnecessarily place a burden on the elections’ office staff which is actively preparing for the upcoming election cycle.