

# Supervisor of Elections Office Financial Management Transition

### **Division of Inspector General**

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Audit Report

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#### **Board of County Commissioners**

We conducted a review of the financial management transition of the Supervisor of Elections Office as of March 31, 2019.

The transition was in compliance with the Interlocal Agreement between Lake County, Florida and Lake County Supervisor of Elections effective March 12, 2019.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance provided by the entities contacted during the course of this review.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Alan Hays, Supervisor of Elections

#### REPORT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRANSITION

#### **Scope and Methodology**

As scheduled in the Clerk's Annual Inspector General Audit Plan, procedures were conducted to validate that there was an appropriate transfer of funds to complete the transition of financial management responsibilities of the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) from Board Finance as of March 31, 2019. These procedures included observations of the SOE's postage inventory and petty cash fund as of March 29, 2019, a review for compliance with the Interlocal Agreement between Lake County, Florida and Lake County Supervisor of Elections effective March 12, 2019, and a review of calculations for the transition provided by the Board Finance division.

#### **Overall Conclusion**

The transition was in compliance with the Interlocal Agreement and the calculations of the County expenditures for the Supervisor of Elections at the time of transition were correct.

#### **Background**

The Board Finance division of the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller Office has been maintaining the books and accounts for the SOE. In the Interlocal Agreement between Lake County, Florida and Lake County Supervisor of Elections effective March 12, 2019, the SOE exercised his statutory right to have his own bank or depository trust account and to be responsible for paying all accounts payable from his account beginning April 1, 2019.