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# Conducting Recounts



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# Boy that was close!

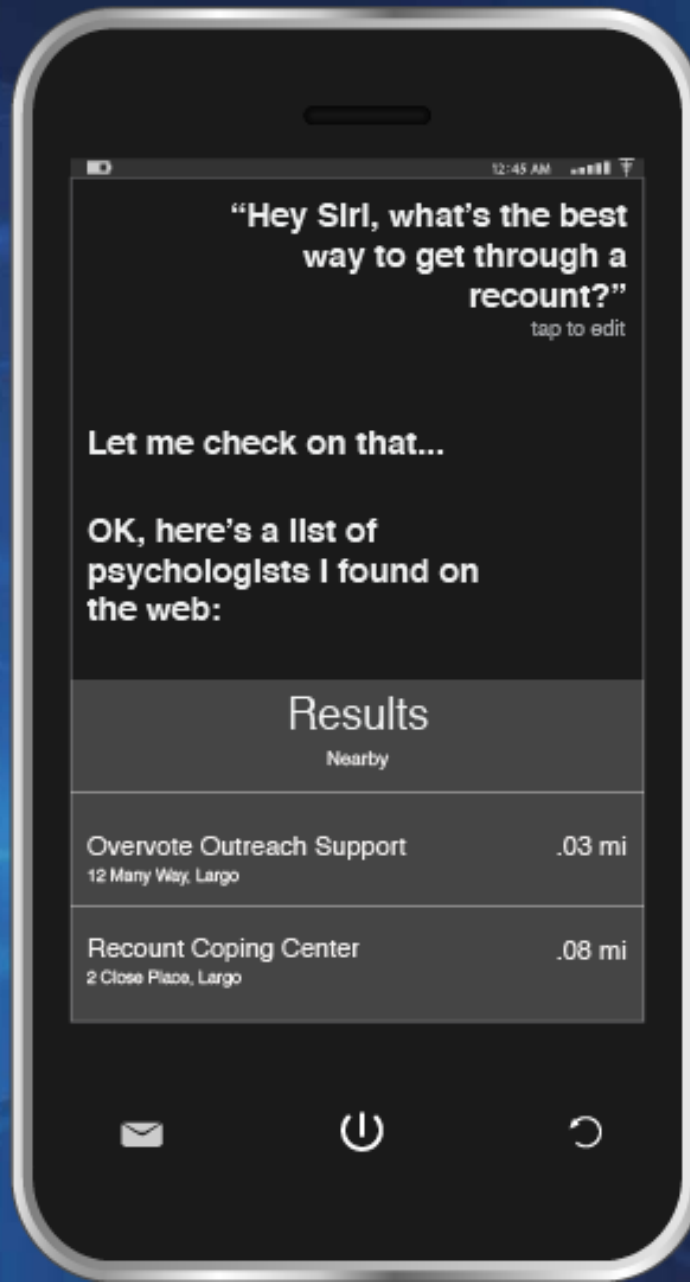
- **November 2015 – Bradenton Beach Mayor – Manatee Co.**
  - Winner pulled the Ace of Clubs
- **November 2014 – Mount Dora City Council – Lake Co.**
  - Winner's name was pulled out of a hat
- **November 2014 – Neptune Beach – Duval Co.**
  - Name pulled from hat, a coin toss and a ping-pong ball decided the winner
- **March 2014 – Treasure Island Referendum – Pinellas Co.**
  - Still a tie and the measure was defeated



“It was a heck of a race, Tom, but unfortunately too close to call.”



# Perception of a Recount





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# Machine and Manual Recounts

- What triggers a machine recount?
  - F.S. 102.141
    - .5% or less of votes cast
- When is a manual recount required?
  - F.S. 102.166
    - After machine recount –
      - .25% or less of votes cast

**3 OUT OF 2  
PEOPLE  
— HAVE —  
TROUBLE  
— WITH —  
FRACTIONS**



# Role and Responsibilities of the Canvassing Board

- F.S. 102.141; 102.166; Admin. Rule 1S-2.031
- Who orders machine and manual recounts?
- Public Notices and Other Notifications
- Number of Canvassing Board Members Required





# Role and Responsibilities of the Canvassing Board

- All Meetings/Procedures Open to Public
- Be Transparent
- Conduct Machine and Manual Recounts
- Certify Recount Results
- Manual Recount = No Manual Audit





Approach every election like an unfiled lawsuit.

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# Preparation and Execution

- Preparation for Every Election Should Include a Recount
- Canvassing, Duplication and Tabulation
- Detailed Procedures and Checklists





# Verify, Verify, Verify

WELCOME TO THE MISSILE LAUNCH WEB INTERFACE!



ENTER THE TARGET'S COORDINATES.



ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OUR RECORDS.



ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AGAIN, TO ENSURE YOU TYPED IT CORRECTLY.





# Reference Materials

## **1S-2.031 - Recount Procedures – Administrative Rule**

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/laws-rules/rules/>

## **Florida Election Code – F.S. 102.141, 102.166**

<http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693802/election-laws.pdf>

## **Recount Procedure Summary – DOE Publication**

[http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/DE\\_Guide\\_0010-Recount\\_Procedure\\_Summary.pdf](http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/DE_Guide_0010-Recount_Procedure_Summary.pdf)

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