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For the first time, the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board will not publish online a questionnaire submitted by a candidate. It was submitted by Jeff Buongiorno, an elections conspiracy theorist and the Republican candidate for supervisor of elections in Palm Beach County.

Buongiorno's questionnaire is replete with myths and falsehoods. He doubts the reliability of Florida election results because, he said, they cannot be "manually verified." Voting tabulation machines are tested frequently and results are audited, then certified by a canvassing board usually chaired by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Buongiorno claims without evidence that "public trust in our elections has eroded to new lows," when any mistrust is largely due to Donald Trump's continued lie that he won the 2020 election. Election results in Florida are extremely reliable.

Buongiorno actively works to undermine public faith in voting by mail. Citing a group called Defend Florida, he claimed in his questionnaire that 20% of Florida's mail ballots in 2020 were cast by "phantom" voters who were dead or who voted from phony addresses.

Really? More than 11 million Floridians voted in 2020, so 20% of that would be more than 2.2 million people. Such claims are recklessly irresponsible and seek only to undermine faith in honest elections. We wish to publish all candidate questionnaires, but as a trusted media source, we cannot knowingly publish these falsehoods. We are endorsing Wendy Sartory Link for Palm Beach County supervisor of elections.

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