Reminder: Hillsborough County Canvassing Board Meets Tonight

November 8, 2018. Hillsborough County, FL – The Hillsborough County Canvassing Board will meet as scheduled at 5 p.m. today at the Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center (2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa) to canvass provisional ballots and update unofficial election results for the 2018 General Election.

The members of the Canvassing Board who will be present tonight are Hillsborough County Judge Margaret Taylor, Hillsborough County Judge Miriam Valkenburg, and Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer.

All Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public. Photography will not be permitted at this meeting.

The Canvassing Board must certify its first unofficial results to the state no later than noon on Saturday. Based on these results, the Secretary of State will order any necessary recounts for federal, state and multicounty races. The Canvassing Board is responsible for ordering recounts in all other races.

Recounts are automatically triggered as per FS102.141, which states that “if the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast for such office...a recount shall be ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering recounts in federal, state, and multicounty races.”

If the Secretary of State issues a recount order before 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Hillsborough County Canvassing Board plans to meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to begin that recount. If the recount is ordered after 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, the recount shall immediately commence thereafter. The recount, if ordered, will occur at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 2514 North Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619. The recount will be open to the public.

Any changes to the Canvassing Board or recount schedule will be posted on the doors of the four Supervisor of Elections Offices and its website, VoteHillsborough.org.

Unofficial results are posted at VoteHillsborough.org.