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CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

We, the undersigned, MARGARET TAYLOR, County Judge, CRAIG LATIMER, Supervisor of Elections, HERBERT BERKOWITZ, County Judge, constituting the Board of County Canvassers in and for said County, do hereby certify that we met on the Eighteenth day of November, 2018 A.D., and proceeded publicly to canvass the votes given for the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida and Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida Referendums on the Sixth day of November, 2018 A.D. as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

NO. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6; ARTICLE XII, SECTION 37
INCREASED HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.

Yes for Approval	267,797	votes
No for Rejection	230,687	votes

NO. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27
LIMITATIONS ON PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.

Yes for Approval	290,152	votes
No for Rejection	201,691	votes

NO. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ADD NEW SECTION 29 TO ARTICLE X
VOTER CONTROL OF GAMBLING IN FLORIDA

This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.

Yes for Approval	337,161	votes
No for Rejection	165,877	votes

NO. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4
VOTING RESTORATION AMENDMENT

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This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

Yes for Approval	338,048	votes
No for Rejection	168,226	votes

NO. 5
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19
SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE,
AUTHORIZE, OR RAISE STATE TAXES OR FEES

Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

Yes for Approval	299,946	votes
No for Rejection	197,655	votes

NO. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 16;
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 8 AND 21;
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION
RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS; JUDGES

Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

Yes for Approval	292,041	votes
No for Rejection	207,613	votes

NO. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 7 AND 8;
ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION
FIRST RESPONDER AND MILITARY MEMBER SURVIVOR
BENEFITS; PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

Yes for Approval	321,650	votes
No for Rejection	182,675	votes

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NO. 9
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 7;
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20
PROHIBITS OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING; PROHIBITS
VAPING IN ENCLOSED INDOOR WORKPLACES

Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.

Yes for Approval	337,476	votes
No for Rejection	167,644	votes

NO. 10
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 3;
ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 11;
ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1 AND 6
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND
OPERATION

Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

Yes for Approval	297,366	votes
No for Rejection	192,976	votes

NO. 11
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 2;
ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9 AND 19
PROPERTY RIGHTS; REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION;
CRIMINAL STATUTES

Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

Yes for Approval	273,012	votes
No for Rejection	211,144	votes

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NO. 12
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 8;
ARTICLE V, SECTION 13;
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION
LOBBYING AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY PUBLIC OFFICERS

Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.

Yes for Approval	360,619	votes
No for Rejection	137,300	votes

NO. 13
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION;
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION
ENDS DOG RACING

Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.

Yes for Approval	334,200	votes
No for Rejection	172,389	votes

FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION AND
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BY COUNTY CHARTER
AMENDMENT

Should transportation improvements be funded throughout Hillsborough County, including Tampa, Plant City, Temple Terrace, Brandon, Town 'n' Country, and Sun City, including projects that:

- Improve roads and bridges,
- Expand public transit options,
- Fix potholes,
- Enhance bus services,
- Relieve rush hour bottlenecks,
- Improve intersections, and
- Make walking and biking safer,

By amending the County Charter to enact a one-cent sales surtax levied for 30 years and deposited in an audited trust fund with independent oversight?

A new 1% sales surtax is in addition to the current 7% sales tax and is estimated to raise \$276 million annually and \$552 million the first two calendar years. Revenues will be shared by Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART); Metropolitan Planning Organization; and, using a population-based formula, by Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, City of Tampa, Plant City, and City of Temple Terrace. Expenditures will be governed by the Charter Amendment.

Yes for Approval	282,753	votes
No for Rejection	210,722	votes

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**REFERENDUM ON ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS**

Shall a one-half cent school capital outlay sales surtax be authorized for a ten (10) year levy by the School Board of Hillsborough County beginning January 1, 2019, to fund air conditioning replacement and repairs, capital improvements and construction of other schools, building enhancements for school security and other maintenance needs?

A new 0.5% sales surtax is in addition to the current 7% sales tax and is estimated to raise \$138 million annually and \$276 million the first two calendar years. Revenues will be distributed to the School Board of Hillsborough County. Expenditures will be governed by the August 24, 2018 School Board Resolution.

Yes for Approval	276,931	votes
No for Rejection	214,396	votes

**NO. 1 CHANGE COMPOSITION OF CITY COUNCIL;
ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE; CHANGE
POWERS OF MAYOR**

Shall composition of City Council be changed to an elected mayor and four council members, all of whom have power to vote on matters before Council and must be registered electors of Hillsborough County at time of qualifying and domiciled in Temple Terrace for one year immediately prior to election date? Three members will constitute a quorum; Mayor will not have power to veto ordinances, but ordinances must be signed by Mayor before becoming law.

Yes for Approval	5,293	votes
No for Rejection	4,765	votes

**NO. 2 ESTABLISH DATE WHEN OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE;
CLARIFY TERM LIMITS; CORRECT PROCEDURE TO FILL
INTERIM VACANCY**

Shall newly elected Council members and Mayor be sworn in and take office on the second regularly scheduled council meeting after certification of election results; and shall Mayor and Council members, upon serving two consecutive terms, not be permitted to hold their same office again for two years; and shall interim vacancies be filled by Council during a properly noticed council meeting using written, but no longer "secret," ballots?

Yes for Approval	6,602	votes
No for Rejection	3,412	votes

**NO. 3 GRANTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE CLERICAL
CHANGES AND DELETE ILLEGAL PROVISIONS IN THE
CHARTER BY RESOLUTION**

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Shall City Council be authorized to pass a resolution making clerical changes to the Charter to renumber sections, insert statutory references, and correct typographic/grammatical errors, language that has become obsolete, inappropriate, does not conform to commonly accepted usage, or conflicts with Florida law? This amendment applies only to minor corrections that will not alter the meaning of the Charter. It will not apply to policy or substantive changes except those void under Florida law.

Yes for Approval	6,277	votes
No for Rejection	3,723	votes

We Certify that pursuant to Section 102.112, Florida Statutes, the canvassing board has compared the number of persons who voted with the number of ballots counted and that the certification includes all valid votes cast in the election.

