

from the desk of...



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Elections Matter and every vote counts!

For a community of our size, we see some narrow margins of victory.

In the City of Tampa Runoff for City Council District 6, the winning candidate was just 149 votes ahead of the candidate he defeated.

In the 2014 Primary Election, 808 votes put one of the eight School Board District 6 candidates into second place and onto the General Election ballot.

And in the 2014 General Election, 1,936 votes made the difference in County Commission District 7.

In years past, elections in Hillsborough County have literally been won (or lost) by a single vote.

So I hope you never assume that voting isn't worth your time. In return, I'll do everything I can do to make sure voting is convenient and accessible.



Thanks to Early Voting, this reporter had time to vote in between story assignments. Very convenient!



STATE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

I ended the month of March with a trip to Tallahassee. I was there with fellow Supervisors and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections advocating for voters.

Online voter registration is one of the topics legislators are discussing, and it's an idea that we support. Twenty states have already successfully implemented online registration. The Presidential Commission on Election Administration says online voter registration saves money and increases the likelihood that young people will register and vote.

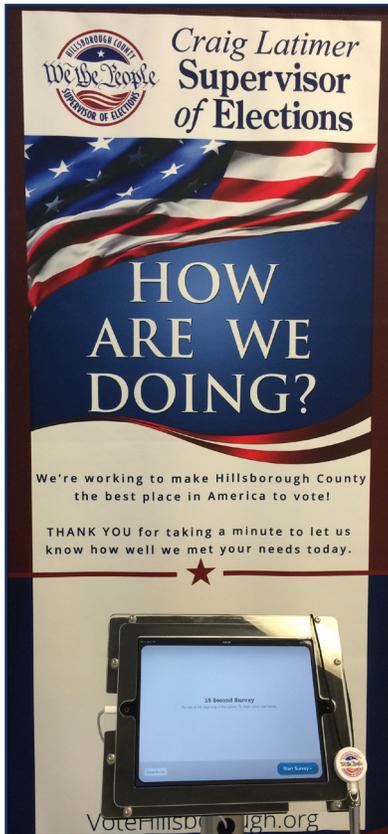
the flip side



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SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS

LIVE CHAT



We actively seek feedback from the people we serve. It's a critical gauge of how we're doing and what we can do to improve.

You'll find our "15 Second Survey" on kiosks and cards in our offices, at polling places, and on our website. We ask three simple but important questions, and so far we've gotten a lot of positive feedback.

The service was excellent. Please keep up the excellent work.
County Center visitor
3/18/15



Quick and informational response with website link for additional information! Excellent. 4 stars.

*Live Chat user
3/1/15*

If you're on our website during office hours and having trouble finding what you're looking for, just click on Live Chat (on the bottom left side of the website) and one of our staff members will help you out immediately.

It's a new and effective way to help our customers, who turn to VoteHillsborough.org often for information.

KEEP US UP TO DATE



While you're spring cleaning and getting your taxes together, don't forget us!

Go to VoteHillsborough.org or give us a call at (813) 744-5900 to check your voter registration status. It's important that your name, residential address, mailing address and party affiliation are kept up to date.

And it's not too early to submit a request for Vote By Mail. That way, when the 2016 elections come around, you'll already be on the list to receive your ballot at home. Vote By Mail is the most convenient way to vote.

the last word

If you are a poll worker who watched our video on setting up E-Poll Books and then worked the City of Tampa Runoff Election, please take our quick survey at <http://conta.cc/1H5bEO9> to let us know if the video was helpful.