

# from the desk of...



*Craig Latimer*  
**Supervisor of Elections**



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## Summer Projects out in the community

Even though we don't have an election to run just yet, there is still plenty of community outreach and education to be done. Here's a sampling of some of the things keeping us busy this summer:



★ We participated in Independence Day Parades and reminded people that voting is one of the most patriotic things they can do!

★ We're running mock elections and teaching middle school students about voting during summer school. It won't be long before we start seeing these kids at the polls.



★ We are attending naturalization ceremonies every week to register our newest citizens to vote. On July 1st, we registered 166 new citizens to vote, just in time for them to celebrate their first Independence Day as Americans.

★ We have accepted paperwork from several new candidates who plan to run for office in 2016—bringing the current tally to 18 active candidates running for Hillsborough County offices. You can see who is running for what on the Local Candidates page of our website.



★ We'll be demonstrating our AutoMARK at a disability expo at MOSI later this month. These machines, which are at every Early Voting and Election Day polling place in Hillsborough County, allow people with disabilities to mark their ballots independently and with privacy.

*Are you part of a group who would like to see what it takes to run elections in the fourth largest county in Florida? Get in touch and we'll be happy to schedule a tour of our Elections Service Center. It's pretty impressive!*



# the flip side



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*Commendation*  
Supervisor of Elections Office

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners is proud to congratulate the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office for meeting the highest standards of excellence in conducting the voting process, an achievement that earned the prestigious Governor's Sterling Award.

The vision provided by Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer was instrumental in making his first elections office in the state to receive the recognition. As part of the rigorous qualifying process, Florida Sterling Council examiners spent a week interviewing and observing employees in the office, then statistically analyzed processes and compared results to other organizations in both the public and private sectors. The examiners concluded the Supervisor of Elections Office is on a solid foundation, operates sustainably, and conducts measurements that will lead to continued success and improvement. The office's focus on results-oriented goals, and unflinching commitment to operate in peak efficiency, ensure a smooth electoral process for Hillsborough County voters.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby commend the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office for providing impeccable service to citizens of Hillsborough County, and for earning the Governor's Sterling Award.

Awarded this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

*Sandra Johnson*  
Vice Chairman

*Debbie Hight*  
Vice Chair

*Victoria Burt*

*Tom Miller*

*John R. White*

*Ken Hagan*

*Robin Beckne*



**PICTURE PERFECT**

We've been enjoying the Sterling Award spotlight, but we are most proud of what's on the sleeves of our new shirts—our vision to be the best place in America to vote!



Tampa City Council  
*Commendation*

Presented to  
**Craig Latimer**  
Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections

Craig Latimer has served as the Supervisor of Elections for Hillsborough County since January 2013. Mr. Latimer has created an efficient and accountable office; he qualified for the title of Certified Elections and Registration Administrator in 2014 and this year became the first Supervisor of Elections to be awarded the Governor's Sterling Award for Performance Excellence.

This great honor is awarded to organizations both public and private which display mature, refined management practices and positive results. These organizations go through an extensive and rigorous process to qualify. The Panel of Judges determines each applicant organization's code model status and eligibility to receive the award. Recipients are expected to serve as role models by showcasing their journey and best practices to other aspiring organizations.

It is with great pleasure that we present this commendation to Craig Latimer for being the recipient of the prestigious Florida Governor's Sterling Award on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

*Henry Cohen*  
Mayor

*James Griffin*

*John H. ...*

*Alvin ...*

*Ellen ...*

## the last word

Here's a Sterling example of continuous improvement: Our HR/Finance department launched a Go Green initiative aimed at cutting back on the amount of paper they were using. By streamlining their processes, we are saving about 1500 pieces of paper and almost \$2,000 a month!

