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A Sterling Achievement in keeping with our vision



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OUR VISION

To be the
best place
in America
to vote

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An organization's vision is meant to be lofty—a means of inspiration. But I'm serious about our vision to be the best place in America to vote. That's why I'm incredibly proud to report that we are **the first Supervisor of Elections office to earn the prestigious Governor's Sterling Award.**

The Florida Sterling Council, endorsed by the Governor's office and the National Baldrige Program, uses a rigorous series of performance criteria to assess organizations—like ours—who wish to serve as statewide role models. Applying for the Sterling Award was a verifiable way to demonstrate that our elections meet the absolute highest standards of excellence, and to show voters—like you—that I take your trust seriously.

In February, Sterling examiners spent a week interviewing employees and observing how we do business. The examiners then spent more time analyzing our organization and comparing our office's processes and results to other organizations in the public and private sector.

We proved to the Sterling Council that we have sustainable processes and measurements in place that will lead to continued success and improvement. Hillsborough County has never had a better foundation to meet whatever challenges come our way, and to exceed your expectations for elections.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2016

ELECTION	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ELECTION DAY
Presidential Preference Primary	February 16	March 15
Primary Election	August 1	August 30
General Election	October 11	November 8



POLL WORKER PROFILES



ED CRAWFORD has worked three elections, and became a poll worker because a friend of his suggested it.

"I thought sure, I'm retired, I'll come give it a go," says Ed.

Now Ed is the one recommending elections work to his friends: "It's a good way to meet a lot of interesting new people and I see a lot of people I know coming through the polls."

Ed has worked some busy and not-so-busy elections. "It's the really busy ones that are the most fun because the day goes by so quickly that by the end of the day you feel like, 'whew, we really did something today!' And it means that a lot of people voted and that's what we're here for," says Ed.

Poll Worker Profiles are also on our YouTube channel. Find the YouTube link on VoteHillsborough.org.

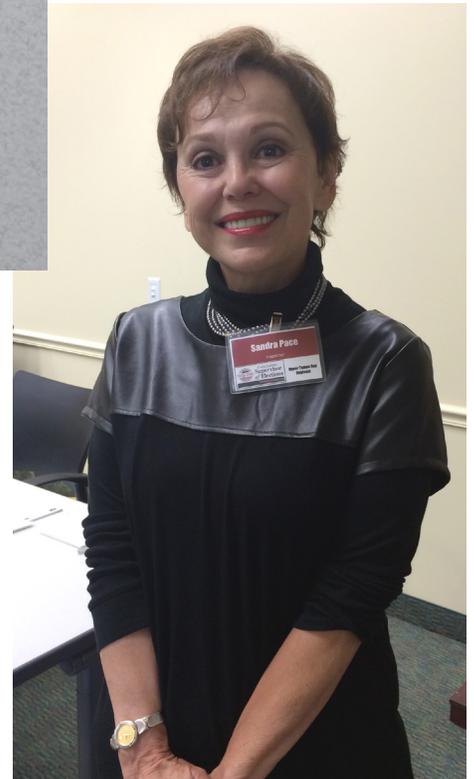


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SANDRA PACE has been a poll worker since 2010.

"I enjoy the camaraderie of working with the public and other poll workers, and a little bit of extra money always helps," says Sandra.

Sandra is a great poll worker because she takes her training seriously. "A good poll worker is somebody who takes the material they receive and the classroom training, pays attention and learns the material—so that when you sit down you never have to face a voter and say 'I don't know.' You know the answer to everything, and you're clear and concise and confident," says Sandra.



the last word

Thank you to everyone who worked as a poll worker in 2015. I appreciate your time and dedication as we work to make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote!