

from the desk of...



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Getting Ready for '16

new voting equipment & updated poll worker training



Introducing the DS200! We are in the process of replacing all of our voting equipment with new ballot scanners/tabulators so that our voters will have the best experience possible at the polls.

Our polling places will run even more smoothly thanks to newer, reliable hardware and user-friendly software. And the voting process will remain the same—every voter at the polling place will fill in a paper ballot and then insert the ballot into a scanner/tabulator.

What's most noticeable about these machines is a large color screen, which shows voters very clearly that their ballot has been scanned and tabulated.

And back in our Elections Service Center, we'll be scanning and tabulating Vote By Mail ballots on new high speed scanners that will allow us to report results quickly on the night of each election.

Visit our YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/HCSOE, to see a short video demo of our new equipment.

Our staff has been very busy reviewing petitions—approximately 160,000 to date. We check each petition to verify that it has been signed by a registered voter in Hillsborough County.

GREAT QUOTES FROM OUR GREAT PRACTICES SHOWCASE



Dr. Susan MacManus on the way Hillsborough County's departments work together: *"There's no part of government that doesn't play a role in a smoothly running election."*

Secretary Mike Carroll on voting: *"We express our freedom every time we go to the ballot box."*



Interested in helping us on Election Day? The second page of this newsletter is all about how to be a poll worker. So keep reading!



WE ARE THANKFUL

for the thousands of poll workers who help us run great elections in Hillsborough County! If you are interested in being a poll worker for the 2016 elections, please visit our website and apply online. Everyone must submit an online application, even if you've worked as a poll worker before. If you've looked at our website and have questions about being a poll worker, please contact our Poll Worker Services department at (813) 744-5855 or email pollworker@hcsoc.org.

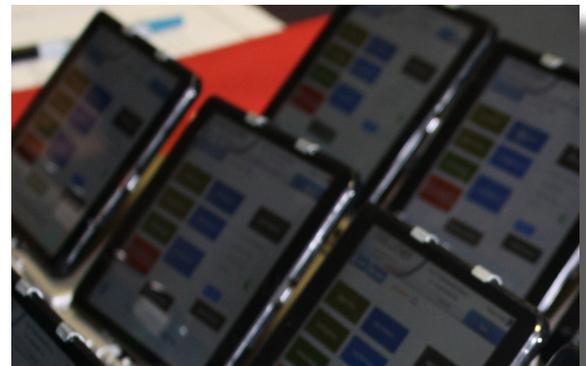


THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE POLL WORKERS

1. They attend training ready to learn, even if they have lots of elections experience.
2. They are comfortable with technology.
3. They watch their email for information and updates from our office (including this newsletter).
4. They get excited about elections!
5. They follow our checklists on Election Day.
6. They arrive at their polling place at 6 a.m. on Election Day, knowing that it's imperative that every polling place opens on time at 7 a.m.
7. They are friendly, helpful and calm throughout the day, providing excellent customer service to our voters.

UPDATING OUR TRAINING

With electronic poll books and new ballot scanners in every polling place, it's critical that our poll workers are comfortable and confident introducing voters to our new technology. That's why we're updating our training materials and our training methods for 2016. We have no doubt that our poll workers will be very well prepared to provide excellent customer service on Election Day.



the last word

We are still taking applications for Adopt A Precinct partnerships. If you're a member of a nonprofit group who would like to raise money for your group by working on Election Day, contact Xenia Sanchez at (813) 367-8836 or xsanchez@hcsoc.org.

