

from the desk of...



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Getting ready for the **2020** elections



An Important Thank You

Elections are critical infrastructure. The work we are doing is essential. **We all owe enormous gratitude to the more than 1,500 poll workers** who were committed to conducting our Presidential Preference Primary in uncertain times, taking precautions to provide a clean, healthy environment for voting.

And to the 250+ Election Day sites and 23 Early Voting sites that opened their doors to all of us. Our community came together to protect the vulnerable and fulfill our democratic obligation to carry out fair and accessible elections.



Moving Forward



Most of my staff are currently working from home, processing voter requests, answering emails and phone calls, and addressing the needs of candidates running for office. And I'm talking with other county and state elections officials about how to increase vote by mail and protect the health and safety of those who work or vote at in-person voting sites.

Keep reading to find out what you can do to help.



the flip side



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Let's talk about voting.

It is heartbreaking to get calls on Election Day from voters who aren't able to leave their house and had planned to vote on Election Day.

If you request Vote By Mail, that won't happen. You'll get your ballot at home, and you can mail it back or drop it off in person once you've voted.



In 2020, a significant increase in Vote By Mail will be the key to managing crowds and wait times during in-person voting.



3 things you can do, right now, at VoteHillsborough.org

Register to Vote



Check Your Status



Request Vote By Mail



the last word

[Take two minutes to watch and share a video version](#) of this newsletter and help me encourage more people to choose Vote By Mail. Head over to our Vimeo page (vimeo.com/HillsboroughSOE) to view. Elections are truly a community effort and we all have to work together in these challenging circumstances.

