

from the desk of...



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Not Missing a Beat

May has already been a *busy* month!

Although our offices have been closed to the public in response to COVID-19, we haven't missed a beat as we continue to serve our voters, candidates and community.



Florida Supervisors of Elections



I was honored to be sworn in as President of the Florida Supervisors of Elections on May 4th. *The ceremony took place by phone, so there are no photos to share.*

As an association, the Florida Supervisors of Elections provides support for officials running elections in 67 very different counties. While each of our jurisdictions is unique, FSE is an avenue for open and continuing dialogue that allows us to learn from each other's experiences, and speak with one voice on important issues that affect all of Florida's voters.

Public Service Recognition Week

Long-time readers of this newsletter know that early May is Public Service Recognition Week. This year, I invited staff members to share what public service means to them.



What public service means to us

Public service I like helping people **Freedom** Selflessness **Democracy** Participatory government

Community Fulfillment **Meaningful** Voting matters **Trust** Pride **Service** Commitment

Serving others **Make a difference** Because people matter **smile** Enjoy **Trust** helping people

The ability to serve all members of the community with fairness and kindness **Love of community** Building a better community **and happy** Public service is important to me because I enjoy talking to the voters and hearing or seeing the smiles on their faces when answering questions and explaining the election process. The many smiles makes me feel good about myself and my job.

I am passionate about helping others

#PSRW

#PublicService

#ProudToServe

#VoteHillsborough

the flip side



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Side Order of Democracy?

If you've survived being Safe at Home with the help of delivery or take-out orders, you know the peace of mind that comes with convenient, safe ways to avoid crowds. **With that in mind, we have recruited more than 20 local partners to help spread the word about Vote By Mail, including restaurants, coffee shops and local schools.**

→ **It's a simple message — we deliver!**

It's great to see so many people coming together to encourage everyone to get ready to vote. I've always said elections are a community project. We're in this together, because elections affect all of us.

And a big thank you to our [local media for sharing the story!](#)



Vote By Mail

Watch your mail...

If you haven't requested Vote By Mail ballots yet, **we're making it really easy.** Mail back the request form you receive in the mail – or even easier, [make your request online](#) or by phone (813) 612-4180.

We don't know what things will be like in August and November, and it only takes a few minutes now to make sure you'll have a safe, convenient, reliable option for voting.



the last word

Want to see behind-the-scenes? This [video shows you the entire Vote By Mail process](#), from filling requests to tabulating ballots.

