

from the desk of...



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Let Us Bring the Election to *You* ➔



Summer thunderstorms and record-high temperatures are reminders that some days are best spent indoors! With three countywide elections taking place in 2024, it's important to be ready to vote under any circumstances.

That's why I recommend you consider Vote By Mail. With Vote By Mail, we mail you your ballot, you take your time marking your choices, and then you can mail it back or drop it off in person at a Secure Ballot Intake Station.

If you've voted by mail in the past, it's important to know that new election laws are in effect and Vote By Mail ballot requests now expire after every General Election.

You can **request your Vote By Mail ballots for 2024 online**, over the phone or at any of my offices.

Don't wait - submit your request today.



Celebrating Our Independence



We had a great time participating in the Lutz, Temple Terrace and Brandon 4th of July parades. Thank you to all the coordinators, volunteers and law enforcement who help with these parades year after year!





Let's Talk About Safe and Secure Elections

Did you know that I spent 35 years working for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office enforcing the law and retired as a Major?

Now, as the Supervisor of Elections, I continue to uphold election laws that ensure your vote is safe and secure. Here are ten reminders why you should have confidence in our election process.



1. The Florida Division of Elections checks each voter registration application to verify the applicant's identity.
2. Voters must present photo and signature identification to vote in person.
3. We update voter records electronically to record when a voter has requested a mail ballot or voted.
4. Voters can vote a provisional ballot if there's a question about their eligibility.
5. Our state-certified equipment is tested before each election with a public logic and accuracy test to make sure machines are counting votes correctly.
6. Our ballots and equipment are under 24-hour camera surveillance and stored in areas with restricted key card access until they are deployed for voting.
7. Our voter registration system is not connected to our tabulation system. We use a stand-alone server, not connected to the Internet, to tabulate and report results.
8. Electronic results from each ballot scanner are encrypted and backed up by paper results tapes that are posted on the doors of each polling place and driven to our central office.
9. We vote on hand-marked, paper ballots that are held for 22 months.
10. We audit 100% of our ballots by digitally scanning them through an independent system to verify our results.

the last word

To find out which elected officials currently represent you, use our **Voter Information Lookup tool!** Once you've accessed your registration information, scroll down and select 'View Office Holders'.

