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## NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY



September is one of my favorite months of the year, because we get to celebrate **National Voter Registration Day!** Since its inception in 2012, this day has resulted in about 5 million voters registering to vote.

This year, we celebrated by highlighting my offices and the services that we offer the community. Thank you to all who stopped in to my offices and to our fantastic partners – the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Busch Gardens – for participating.

We were also at USF helping students register to vote and update their information.

VOTER ID: 123456789 JOHN Q. SAMPLE  
 RESIDENCE ADDRESS/DOMICILIO: 1234 Main Street, Anywhere, FL 12345  
 MAILING ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN POSTAL: P O Box 123, Anywhere, FL 12345

If the information above is incorrect, update your information online at [VoteHillsborough.gov](http://VoteHillsborough.gov) or complete and return this postcard. Si la información arriba indicada es incorrecta, actualice su información en línea en [VoteHillsborough.gov](http://VoteHillsborough.gov) o complete y devuelva esta tarjeta.

**CHECK ONE AND SIGN BELOW. MARQUE UNA OPCIÓN Y FIRME ABAJO.**

CANCEL my Florida voter registration. *Yo no vivo en Florida, favor de cancelar mi registro de votante.*

YES, this is correct. *Si, están correctos.*

NO, my current information is listed below. *NO, la información correcta está a continuación.*

Current Legal Residence Address (include city, state, and zip code). PO Boxes are not valid.  
 Dirección Postal Actual (incluya ciudad, estado, y código postal). PO Boxes no son válidos.

Current Mailing Address (include city, state, and zip code).  
 Dirección Postal Actual (incluya ciudad, estado, y código postal).

*John Q. Sample* 9/21/23  
 Signature of Voter / Firma del votante Date / Fecha AL23-23



## LIST MAINTENANCE

Florida law (*F.S. 98.065*) requires us to do annual list maintenance to ensure the residential addresses in our voter registration database are as current and accurate as possible. Hillsborough County is home to the fourth-largest electorate, and we have more than 919,000 active voters on our roll right now. That number will go down over the next couple months due to list maintenance, and then will likely go back up as we get new registrations closer to the presidential election.

This month, we sent notices to all registered voters who did not vote in the 2020 General Election or any election since then and have not contacted our office to request that their registration record be updated in that time. If we sent you a notice, make sure to follow the directions and confirm your current address. Voters who don't respond within 30 days will be designated as "inactive" voters.

That mailing is one of several processes that help us to identify voters who may have moved without letting us know. We also update addresses based on National Change of Address information from the US Postal Service, and we send notices requesting address updates from voters whose election mail is returned undeliverable.



### What does it mean to be an "inactive" voter?

Voters on inactive status are still eligible to vote and will be changed back to "active" status if they vote and confirm their current residential address or update their voter registration information. After two General Elections, inactive voters who haven't done that are removed from the rolls as "ineligible" voters and would have to re-register to vote again in Florida.

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## ELECTIONS YOU CAN TRUST

I conduct elections within a framework of laws that protect your vote. Here are just a few of the reasons you can trust our elections.



**Paper Ballots.** All votes in Florida must be cast on paper ballots and retained for 22 months. That means we have the original, public paper record of every vote that was cast.

§§ 101.56075, 101.545 Fla. Stat.



**State-Certified Equipment.** We are required to tabulate election results using equipment that has been rigorously tested and certified by the Florida Secretary of State.

§§ 101.5601 – 5614, Fla Stat.



**Independent Oversight.** A County Canvassing Board is named for each election, made up of the County Commission Chair, a County Court Judge and the Supervisor of Elections (or their substitutes/ alternates). Members cannot serve if they are involved in any races or issues on the ballot. The Canvassing Board holds public meetings to make key election decisions and certify election results.

§§ 102.141, 102.141(1), Fla. Stat.



**Transparency.** There are opportunities to observe what we do at every stage of the election process. Canvassing Board meetings, testing, audits and recounts are open to the public. Poll watchers appointed by candidates and political organizations are allowed to be stationed inside voting sites to observe in-person voting. Candidates and political organizations and their designees may also observe work we do during verification and tabulation of Vote By Mail ballots.

§§ 102.141, 101.5612, 101.591, 102.166, 101.131, 101.572, 101.5612(2), Fla. Stat.

To learn even more about how we conduct elections you can trust, visit [VoteHillsborough.gov/Trust](https://VoteHillsborough.gov/Trust).

## WELCOME, SOUTHSHORE!

I've opened a new, fifth office at the SouthShore Regional Service Center in Ruskin to better serve voters in the fast-growing southern part of Hillsborough County. You can find us at **410 30th St. SE**. If you are in the area, please stop by to say hi and make sure you are #VoteReady for 2024!



## the last word

Next month is **National Voter Education Week**. Stay tuned to my **social channels** to learn more about voting, and then pass the information along to others.

