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# It's Almost Time (to vote!)





Ballots are already out for our first election of 2024 – the Republican Presidential Preference Primary.

The Presidential Preference Primary is part of the presidential nominating process for Florida's political parties, allowing voters to voice their preference for the presidential candidate they would like to see on the General Election ballot.

Florida has closed primaries, which means you must be registered with a political party to vote in that party's primary races. This year, only the Republican Party is holding a Presidential Preference Primary in Florida.

Your political party affiliation is determined by the party you select on your voter registration application and can be changed by submitting an updated voter registration application. For a party change to be valid for an election, the change must be made at least 29 days before the election. The deadline to register or change party affiliation for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary is February 20.



To learn more, watch "Understanding Closed Primaries" at VoteHillsborough.gov/VHVideoSeries.

1. Vote By Mail: Due in our office by 7 p.m. March 19

# 3 Ways to Vote



**Request:** The quickest way to request a ballot is by visiting **VoteHillsborough.gov/VoteByMail** or calling (813) 612-4180. The deadline to request a mail ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary is March 7 at 5 p.m.

**Return:** Return your voted ballot by mail (no postage necessary) or in person. We have secure ballot intake stations available for ballot drop-off at every Early Vote site during Early Voting hours and at my five offices when they're open.

**Track:** Sign up for notifications and track your ballot status at **VoteHillsborough.gov/VoteByMail** so you know when your ballot is sent to you and when it has been counted.

See more ways to vote on the back!



### the flip side



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**2. Early Voting:** March 4 – 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vote in person when and where it's most convenient for you, even on the weekend.

**Apollo Beach Recreation Center** 664 Golf and Sea Blvd, Apollo Beach **Bloomingdale Regional Public Library** 1906 Bloomingdale Ave, Valrico **Bruton Memorial Library** 302 W McLendon St, Plant City C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library 2607 E Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd, Tampa **David Barksdale Senior Center** 1801 N Lincoln Ave, Tampa Fred B. Karl County Center 601 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library 3910 S Manhattan Ave, Tampa Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library 2902 West Bearss Ave, Tampa **Keystone Recreation Center** 17928 Gunn Hwy, Odessa

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library 11211 Countryway Blvd, Tampa **New Tampa Regional Library** 10001 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa North Tampa Branch Library 8916 North Blvd, Tampa **Northdale Recreation Center** 15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa **Northwest Regional Office** 4575 Gunn Hwy, Tampa Port Tampa Community Center 4702 W McCoy St, Tampa **Providence West Community Center** 5405 Providence Rd, Riverview **Riverview Branch Library** 9951 Balm Riverview Rd, Riverview Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center 2514 N Falkenburg Rd, Tampa

Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library 1505 N Nebraska Ave, Tampa Seffner-Mango Branch Library 410 N Kingsway Rd, Seffner Southeast Regional Office 10020 S US Hwy 301, Riverview SouthShore Regional Library 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin SouthShore Regional Service Center 410 30th St SE, Ruskin Temple Terrace Public Library 202 Bullard Pkwy, Temple Terrace **Town N Country Regional Public Library** 7606 Paula Dr, Tampa **USF Training Center** (PTB-Training Room) 13309 USF Plum Dr, Tampa **Victor Crist Community Center Complex** (University Area Community Center) 14013 N 22nd St, Tampa

3. Election Day: March 19, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You must vote in your assigned polling place on Election Day. To find your precinct and other information, visit **VoteHillsborough.gov/ElectionDay**.



#### **Engaging the** *Community*



#### VOTEHILLSBOROUGH ART CONTEST

I am challenging high school students to design a new 'I Voted' sticker. The deadline to submit your design is **March 8**. This year's sponsors are:







Visit VoteHillsborough.gov/VHContests to see all of the details and submit an entry.

#### the last word

College students – there's still time to apply for a \$1,200 scholarship from the Florida Supervisors of Elections. Find the eligibility requirements and application at **VoteHillsborough.gov/Scholarship**. Deadline: March 8, 2024

