

# from the desk of...



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## Approaching Election Day

General Election voting is underway

Every day, I'm asked: *Will the medical marijuana amendment affect turnout? Will there be lines on Election Day? Will any race be so close it triggers a recount?*

My answer? It all depends on you, the voter! With three methods of voting—Vote By Mail, Early Voting and Election Day voting—there truly is no excuse not to cast your ballot. And if you know anything about past elections in our county, you know that every vote matters and no race or amendment is a sure thing.

The buzz about this election makes it likely that turnout will be good. The popularity of Vote By Mail and Early Voting decreases the likelihood of lines on Election Day. And that means we can report results sooner, which will answer the final question...how close those races will be.



### my expectations for the General

- the majority of our voters will vote before Election Day
- the majority of our voters will feel good about their voting experience
- the majority of our precincts will have posted results by 9 p.m. on Election Night

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINE

For the 2014 General Election, all new voter registration applications must be postmarked or received by the close of business on October 6.

Updates to your current voter registration can be made at any time.

**Did you know?** In an employee engagement survey, more than 90% of our permanent and temporary employees said they get excited about elections. We love what we do!

# the flip side

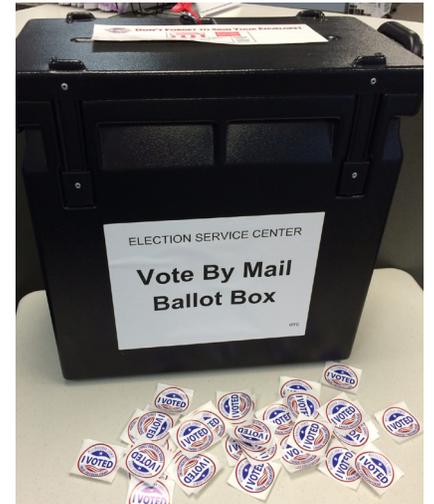


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## VOTE BY MAIL

A Vote By Mail ballot will be sent to you if you request one by October 29. We can also print a Vote By Mail ballot for you at any of our four offices.

Once you've marked your ballot, place it in the return envelope, seal and sign it. Then drop it in the mail (we've paid the postage) in time for your ballot to arrive in our office no later than November 4 at 7 p.m. If you prefer to deliver it in person, we have secure ballot boxes—and 'I Voted' stickers—at our offices and Early Vote sites.



## EARLY VOTING

**WHEN:** October 23 - November 2, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Any of these Early Vote sites

- Bloomington Regional Library
- Bruton Memorial Library
- C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library
- Fred B. Karl County Center
- Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library
- Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
- New Tampa Regional Library
- North Tampa Branch Library
- Riverview Branch Library
- Gilder Elections Service Center
- SouthShore Regional Library
- Temple Terrace Library
- Town 'N Country Regional Library
- Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library
- West Tampa Branch Library

Check our website for addresses, maps and estimated wait times.

## ELECTION DAY

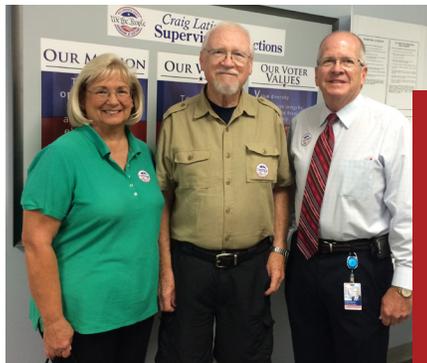
**WHEN:** November 4, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** ONLY at the polling place assigned to your precinct. Check VoteHillsborough.org or call us at (813) 744-5900 if you don't know where to vote.



During the Primary Election, our poll workers called into this phone bank for quick answers. We'll have even more people on the phones for the General Election.

*I love enthusiastic voters! These two were the first people to vote early at our Elections Service Center during the Primary Election.*



Whether you are voting early or on Election Day, please bring current and valid photo and signature ID for check-in. If you don't have ID, you may vote a provisional ballot. For a smooth voting process, make your decisions before you arrive and bring your sample ballot for reference.

## the last word

I appreciate the notes and emails I get from voters and poll workers. Here's an excerpt from a wonderful letter received after the Primary: "I recently had the privilege of working temporarily for the Supervisor of Elections office leading up to and during the August 2014 Primary Election. The training and guidance from your staff was superb..." [#BestPlaceInAmericaToVote](#)