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Reminder to City of Tampa Voters: Vote By Mail Requests Have Expired

Hillsborough, FL - In Hillsborough County, Vote By Mail has been the most popular method of voting since 2018. That's why Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer is getting the word out that voters who want to use that method in the upcoming City of Tampa election need to take action now and submit a new Vote By Mail request.

"I don't want anyone to assume they'll get a ballot in the mail and then run out of time to request one," said Supervisor Latimer. "For the 2019 City of Tampa election, we fulfilled more than 58,000 Vote By Mail requests. For the upcoming 2023 election, only about 12,000 City of Tampa voters have a request in right now. The March 7th election may seem far off, but we will start mailing ballots out in less than a month," said Supervisor Latimer.

Vote By Mail requests used to stay in effect through two General Election cycles, but the state legislature limited the request to one cycle. So at the end of last month, every Vote By Mail request expired. The easiest way to request a Vote By Mail ballot is by using the online request form at VoteHillsborough.gov or calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at (813) 612-4180. Voters will need to provide their Florida driver license or ID number or the last four digits of their social security number to verify their identity.

Only registered voters who live in the City of Tampa are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Eligible voters can vote in person or by mail, and should be mindful of these dates:

February 6: Deadline to register to vote, if not already registered

Applicants can visit VoteHillsborough.gov to register online or find more information.

February 27 - March 5: Early Voting

- Voters can vote in person at any one of seven locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Vote By Mail ballots can be dropped off at Secure Ballot Intake Stations inside Early Voting locations when they're open for voting.

March 7: Election Day

- Voters who vote in person on Election Day must vote in the polling place assigned to their precinct. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Vote By Mail ballots must be in one of the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Offices no later than 7 p.m. Election Day. Mail ballots cannot be accepted at polling places, but can be canceled if a voter prefers to vote in person. If not already turned in, ballots can be dropped in a Secure Ballot Intake Station in a Supervisor of Elections Office on March 7.

Voters can visit the City of Tampa Municipal Election page at VoteHillsborough.gov for more information. ###