Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer was sworn in today by Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, marking the official start to his second term in office. Craig Latimer was re-elected without opposition during the 2016 General Election.

“I worked very hard during my first term to earn the support and trust of our community, because what we do in this office is the foundation of our democracy. I am dedicated to running elections with integrity, operating with fiscal responsibility, and providing an avenue for our citizens to be engaged in our democracy,” said Craig Latimer. “I’m very proud to be re-elected as Hillsborough County’s Supervisor of Elections, and look forward to continuing to serve my community.”

Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer’s accomplishments from his first term in office include:

- **Using the nationally-recognized Sterling model to carefully define, develop, measure and improve upon best practices.** Supervisor Latimer is the first Supervisor of Elections in Florida to earn the Governor’s Sterling Award. The award establishes Latimer’s office as a statewide role model for excellent performance and results.

- **Putting new electronic poll books and optical scan voting machines in place for the full 2016 election cycle.** Implementing new technology impacted every aspect of the office’s workflow, including warehouse storage, polling place set up, poll worker training, voter database management and IT procedures. Voters benefited from smoother operations in every polling place, resulting in shorter lines to vote and quicker results reporting.

- **Maintaining a focus on customer service and fiscal responsibility.** Supervisor Latimer made voting more convenient by encouraging Vote By Mail, keeping four offices open throughout the year, and having 16 Early Voting sites open for the maximum allowable hours and days during the General Election. He also found new ways to partner with county agencies to share fiber optic and telephone resources and expenses, thereby saving taxpayer money.

Supervisor Latimer is now working with staff to plan for new improvements that will impact the 2018 election cycle. His vision is to make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote.

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