Hillsborough County Canvassing Board Update

November 8, 2018. Hillsborough County, FL – The Hillsborough County Canvassing Board met today to canvass 442 provisional ballots and 211 mail ballots. Of those ballots presented, 369 were accepted by the Canvassing Board and 284 were rejected. The Canvassing Board will reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 9, at the Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center (2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa) to canvass approximately 850 more provisional ballots and is then expected to certify the first unofficial election results for the 2018 General Election.

All Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public.

The Canvassing Board must certify its first unofficial results to the state no later than noon on Saturday. Based on these results, the Secretary of State will order any necessary recounts for federal, state and multicounty races. The Canvassing Board is responsible for ordering recounts in all other races.

Recounts are automatically triggered as per FS102.141, which states that “if the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast for such office...a recount shall be ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering recounts in federal, state, and multicounty races.”

If the Secretary of State issues a recount order before 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Hillsborough County Canvassing Board plans to meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to begin that recount. If the recount is ordered after 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, the recount shall immediately commence thereafter. The recount, if ordered, will occur at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 2514 North Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619. The recount will be open to the public.

Any changes to the Canvassing Board or recount schedule will be posted on the doors of the four Supervisor of Elections Offices and its website, VoteHillsborough.org.

Unofficial results were updated after today’s meeting and can be found at VoteHillsborough.org.