Hillsborough County To Begin Recount of Four Races Sunday

November 10, 2018. Hillsborough County, FL – The Hillsborough County Canvassing Board has been notified by the Secretary of State that based on the first unofficial set of returns, the U.S. Senate, Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture and State Senate District 18 races have met the statutory threshold to trigger a machine recount. As required under Florida law, machine recounts in all four races have been ordered by the Secretary of State.

The machine recount will be held at the Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center (2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa), beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, November 11.

Ballot scanning is tentatively scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day until the recount is completed. Longer days will be scheduled, if needed. This is a public process. Observation of high-speed scanners will be through windows in an adjacent viewing room. If additional scanning equipment is used, a designated observation area will be established.

Recounts are automatically triggered as per FS102.141, which states “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.”

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.