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## 32 Candidates Qualify to Run for Office in City of Tampa

Tampa, FL— At noon today, the City of Tampa's candidate qualifying period closed, which means the deadline to run for office in the 2019 City of Tampa Municipal Election has passed. "This is an important day, because now we know who will be on the ballot," said Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer.

The list of qualified candidates can be found at [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org). Sample ballots should be available online by the end of next week.

Only registered voters living in the City of Tampa are eligible to vote in the Tampa election. Each voter's ballot will include an open seat for mayor, three citywide city council seats, and one district-specific city council seat. Ballots will also include 18 proposed amendments to the Tampa City Charter.

Here are some key milestones for this election:

**February 4: Deadline to register to vote in the City of Tampa Municipal Election (if not already registered)**

**January 22: Ballots mailed to absent military and overseas voters who have requested a ballot**

**January 29: Ballots mailed to domestic voters who have requested Vote By Mail ballots**

The Supervisor of Elections office will continue mailing ballots within two business days of receiving requests. The last day that voters can request a Vote By Mail ballot is six days before the election.

**February 15: Sample ballots mailed to all eligible voters who have not requested a mail ballot**

Voters should review their sample ballot and bring it with them for reference when voting in person.

**February 25 – March 3: Early Voting, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Early Voting will take place at seven different locations throughout the city. Voters can vote at any Early Voting site during the Early Voting period. Voters can also drop off Vote By Mail ballots at Early Voting sites when they're open.

**March 5: Election Day, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

On Election Day, voters must vote in the polling place assigned to their precinct. If they still have a mail ballot to turn in, it must be dropped off at one of the four Supervisor of Elections offices no later than 7 p.m.

More information on candidates and elections is available at [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org).