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Qualifying Begins for City of Tampa Election

Tampa, FL— Today is the start of qualifying week for candidates wishing to run for office in the upcoming City of Tampa Election. A list of local candidates who have filed initial paperwork can be found at VoteHillsborough.org, and the website will be updated throughout the week as candidates qualify. Candidates must turn in all required fees and paperwork no later than noon on Friday, January 18, to qualify to be on the ballot.

Candidates aren't the only ones with deadlines, though. Residents of the City of Tampa should take note of these key dates:

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

This election will be open only to registered voters who live in the City of Tampa.

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.

"I encourage those voters who like voting by mail—and there are a lot of you—to check with our office now to make sure you have a request on file," said Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer.

Supervisor Latimer's office will mail ballots to overseas and absent military voters beginning January 22 and to domestic voters starting January 29.

More information on candidates and elections is available at VoteHillsborough.org.