First 2020 General Election Ballots in the Mail

Hillsborough County, FL - Today, the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections is sending out more than 6,800 General Election ballots to absent military and overseas voters, and the office is preparing to send out more than 350,000 ballots to domestic voters starting September 24. That's more than double the number of ballots that went out in the initial mailings for the 2016 General Election.

Voters have until October 24 to request that a ballot be mailed to them, but the office encourages voters to make their Vote By Mail request as soon as possible by visiting VoteHillsborough.org or calling (813) 744-5900.

“During the Primary Election, Vote By Mail made up 68% of the vote, so we expected to see a record-breaking number of Vote By Mail requests, and we're prepared for this,” said Craig Latimer, Supervisor of Elections. “We've also secured all the polling locations and poll workers needed for in-person voting.”

The Supervisor of Elections Office is encouraging voters to plan to return their Vote By Mail ballots right away. Vote By Mail ballots must be received by the elections office (not postmarked) no later than 7 p.m. on November 3. Hillsborough County pays the return postage for voters who want to mail in their voted ballot. Voters can also drop their ballot off at secure drop-off boxes throughout the county:

- Oct. 1 – 18, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: 4 Supervisor of Elections offices
- Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.: 26 Early Voting locations, including the 4 offices
- Nov. 2 – 3, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.: 4 Supervisor of Elections offices

Only registered voters can request a Vote By Mail ballot. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election, if not already registered, is October 5.

Early Voting in Hillsborough County is October 19 – November 1, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Election Day is November 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. More information, including the locations of the offices and Early Voting sites, is available at VoteHillsborough.org.

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