First 2020 Primary Election Ballots in the Mail

Hillsborough County, FL - Yesterday, the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections sent out more than 4,300 Primary ballots to overseas voters and absent military voters, and the office is preparing to send out more than 290,000 ballots to domestic voters on July 9. That’s nearly double the number of ballots that went out in the initial mailings for the 2016 Primary Election. Voters have until August 8 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.

“We are dealing with very uncertain times right now, but if you request a Vote By Mail ballot, you won’t have to worry about leaving home to vote,” said Craig Latimer, Supervisor of Elections. “We’ll deliver the election to you.”

Voters can request Vote By Mail by visiting VoteHillsborough.org or calling (813) 744-5900. Vote By Mail ballots must be back in the elections office by 7 p.m. on August 18. Hillsborough voters can mail their ballot back, no postage necessary, or drop their ballot off at any of the four Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections offices (during office hours) or 24 Early Voting sites (during Early Voting hours). The office is setting up outside tents at each drop-off location so voters can drive up and drop their ballot off without having to leave their car.

Only registered voters can request a Vote By Mail ballot. The deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for this election is July 20.

Florida has closed primaries, so voters will receive a Democratic ballot, a Republican ballot or a nonpartisan ballot, depending on their party affiliation. All voters, whether they are affiliated with a party or not, will vote on nonpartisan races for School Board and Judicial seats, and for Universal Primary Contests in which all candidates are affiliated with the same political party. All Hillsborough County ballots will include a Universal Primary Contest for Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, and ballots for voters living in State House District 70 will include a Universal Primary Contest for State Representative District 70. Voters can look up their sample ballot at VoteHillsborough.org and see what races will be on their specific ballot.

Early Voting in Hillsborough County is August 3 – 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Election Day is August 18, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

More information is available at VoteHillsborough.org

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