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Supervisor of Elections to Conduct Public Test of Election Equipment Friday

Hillsborough County, FL -- On Friday, February 21 at 11 a.m., the Hillsborough County Canvassing Board will meet to oversee the conduct of a Logic & Accuracy Test of the ballot scanners that will be used in the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election.

“This is one of the key elements in our process to ensure the accuracy and integrity of our vote tabulation,” said Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer.

Elections supervisors are required to use election equipment that meets the state’s stringent certification standards, and to perform a Logic & Accuracy Test on the equipment before every election.

During the test, stacks of pre-filled ballots are scanned through a random selection of the ballot scanners that will be used for all three methods of voting (Early Voting, Vote By Mail and Election Day voting) to ensure that the scanners are reading every position on the ballot and counting votes accurately.

After the Logic & Accuracy Test, the equipment is sealed and kept under camera surveillance until being deployed to voting locations.

Other checks and balances that ensure the accuracy and integrity of our vote tabulation include:

- comparing the number of voter check-ins with the number of ballots scanned
- posting paper results tapes from each scanner on the doors of polling places after voting has concluded
- performing a post-election audit of 100% of our ballots by scanning them through an independent system to verify our reported results

The test is open to the public and takes place Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center, 2514 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, 33619.

More information about the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election is available at VoteHillsborough.org.

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