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Upcoming Election *Dates & Deadlines*

We are getting ready to conduct our second election of 2024, so I want to know – are you ready to vote? You still have time to register to vote, request a Vote By Mail ballot, and make changes to your voter information.

Deadline to Register/Change Party: July 22

Vote By Mail: Due to our office by 7 p.m. on August 20

Early Voting: August 5 - 18, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Election Day: August 20, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Candidates Running for Office

The deadline for candidates to qualify for the ballot was June 14. Visit the Local Candidates page of our website to see local candidates who qualified with our office, and the Candidates and Races database on the Division of Elections website to see who qualified with them. Sample ballots showing the races that will be on your Primary Election ballot will be available on our website next month.



Understanding Primaries

During the primary, political parties nominate state and local candidates to move on to the General Election. The races that appear on your ballot depend on where you live and what party you belong to. Florida has closed primaries, which means that you must be

registered with a political party to vote in that party's primary races. However, the Primary Election will also include nonpartisan issues and races that everybody votes on, whether affiliated with a party or not. So, I hope that all registered voters will plan to vote in the upcoming Primary Election.



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Your Award-Winning Elections Office

The annual Clearinghouse Awards were presented last month by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and I'm honored to share that my office won two of the 32 awards, as well as one honorable mention! Our **VoteHillsborough Video Series** was a winner in the new category of "Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives, Large Jurisdictions." These videos have allowed us to give voters a behind-the-scenes look at the work we do to conduct elections.



In the category of "Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers," my team was recognized for our VoteHillsborough Training Labs. These labs provide an immersive experience that allows poll workers to practice at their own pace using election technology.



THE LAST WORD

Your signature can change over time – and the signature on file is used to verify your identity on Vote By Mail ballots and petitions. Call us, go to **VoteHillsborough.gov** or visit any of our offices or public libraries to get a voter registration application and update your signature so that you are #ElectionReady for 2024.

