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Supervisor of Elections has Qualified more than 190 Hillsborough County Candidates for 2024

Hillsborough County, FL - At noon today, Florida's candidate qualifying period for 2024 closed.

"This is an important day because we now know the candidates who will be on the ballot in 2024," said Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections.

Local candidates who qualified with Hillsborough County are listed at VoteHillsborough.gov. They include candidates for Clerk of Circuit Court, Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, County Commission, School Board, County Court Judge, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Community Development Districts and Special Taxing Districts. Candidates for President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Attorney, Public Defender, State Senator, State Representative, Supreme Court Justice, District Court of Appeal and Circuit Judge are found on the Florida Division of Elections website.

All voters will have races to vote on in this Primary Election. There will be three different ballots – a Republican ballot, a Democratic ballot, and a nonpartisan ballot. Nonpartisan judicial and School Board races will be on everyone's Primary Election ballot. In Hillsborough County, the Public Defender's race will also be on everyone's Primary Election ballot. That race is a Universal Primary Contest, which occurs when all candidates in a race have the same party affiliation and the winner would be unopposed in the General Election.

Republican and Democratic Primary ballots will also include races in which more than one candidate of the same party qualified. The Primary determines which of those candidates will move on to the General Election. In Florida, voters must be registered with a political party to vote in that party's Primary races.

Voters may change their party at any time, but to be valid for the upcoming primary, the change must be made by July 22, which is also the deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election. By early July, voters can look up their sample ballot at VoteHillsborough.gov and see which races will be on their Primary ballot.

Key Dates:

July 5: Ballots mailed to absent military and overseas voters who have requested Vote By Mail July 18: Ballots mailed to domestic voters who have requested Vote By Mail July 22: Deadline to register or change party affiliation August 8, 5 PM: Deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot August 5 - 18, 10 AM – 6 PM: Early Voting August 20, 7 AM – 7 PM: Election Day August 20, 7 PM: Deadline for Supervisor of Elections Office to receive voted Vote By Mail ballots

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