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Early Voting and Remote Ballot Drop-off Locations to Begin for April 21 Special General Election, State Representative, District 64; and Redington Shores, District 2 Municipal Election

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark reminds voters that early voting for the April 21, 2015 Special General Election, State Representative, District 64, and Redington Shores, District 2 Municipal Election will begin on Saturday, April 11. Two remote ballot drop-off locations for the April 21 Elections will also be available beginning Saturday, April 11.

Early Voting

Early voting will be conducted **Saturday, April 11 through Saturday, April 18** in all Supervisor of Elections Offices. Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.

Supervisor of Elections Offices:

- Election Service Center, 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo (Starkey Lakes Corporate Center)
- Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater (first floor, north side)
- County Building, 501 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg (entrance on 5th Street)

Voters can check early voting wait times online at <u>VotePinellas.com</u>.

Ballot Drop-off Locations

Voted mail ballots can be dropped off at any Elections Office or designated ballot drop-off location during specified days and hours.

Two remote ballot drop-off locations will be open from April 11–20 as follows:

- East Lake Community Library (4125 East Lake Rd., Palm Harbor)
 - o Monday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., closed on Sunday
- Oldsmar Public Library (400 St. Petersburg Dr. E., Oldsmar)
 - o Monday–Saturday, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.; closed on Sunday

Supervisor of Elections Office hours are as follows:

- Through April 10: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- April 11–12: Saturday–Sunday, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- April 13–17: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- April 18: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- April 19: Sunday, CLOSED
- April 20: Monday, 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- April 21 (Election Day): Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Election employees are stationed with secure ballot boxes **inside** each location to assist and hand out "I Voted" stickers. This complete schedule is included in the mail ballot kits sent to voters who requested mail ballots and is also available online at VotePinellas.com.

Voted mail ballots **cannot** be dropped off at a polling place, per state law. They must be **received** at one of the Supervisor of Elections Offices **by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**.

Ballot Requests

To request a mail ballot, visit <u>VotePinellas.com</u> or call (727) 464-VOTE (8683). The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is **5:00 p.m. on April 15.** Ballots may also be picked up in Supervisor of Elections Offices; however, mail ballot pickup and voting in Elections Offices on Election Day is only permitted in the case of an emergency.

Please note, postal delivery service has changed. Voters are advised to allow at least 5 days for their ballot to be returned by mail to the Supervisor of Elections office.

Voters may track their ballot status online at <u>VotePinellas.com</u> to find out the date the ballot was mailed and the date the voted ballot was received by the Supervisor of Elections Office.

All accepted mail ballots are included in election results.