

NEWS RELEASE

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TENTATIVE Ballot Mailing Schedule for November 8 General Election

Ballot mailings for the November 8, 2016 General Election are <u>tentatively</u> scheduled as follows for Pinellas County registered voters:

- September 23 Mail approximately 3,300 ballots to absent military and overseas voters who have requested ballots to date. State law requires ballots for absent military and overseas voters to be mailed at least 45 days prior to an election.
- **October 4** Mail approximately 258,000 ballots to domestic voters who have requested ballots to date. State law requires domestic ballots to be mailed between 35 and 28 days prior to an election.

ALL VOTERS WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST A 2-SIDED BALLOT WITH 11 BALLOT QUESTIONS

Absent military and overseas voters include all active-duty military, their spouses and dependents currently absent from their places of residence, and civilians who are U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. Domestic voters are civilian voters residing within the United States and active-duty military voters residing in Pinellas County.

Additional mail ballot requests will be fulfilled as received. To request a mail ballot, visit <u>VotePinellas.com</u>, call 727-464-VOTE (8683), or email <u>MailBallot@VotePinellas.com</u>. The deadline to request that a ballot be mailed is November 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Mail Ballots must be received at one of the Supervisor of Elections Offices by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are advised to allow at least <u>ONE WEEK</u> for their ballot to be returned by mail to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Mail Ballots may also be dropped off at any Supervisor of Elections Office or at one of the 12 remote ballot drop-off locations throughout Pinellas County. Check <u>VotePinellas.com</u> for hours and locations.

Daily ballot requests, ballot mailing updates and statistics on voted ballots received by the Supervisor of Elections Office are available at <u>VotePinellas.com</u> once mailings begin.

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NOTE: If this **<u>TENTATIVE</u>** schedule needs to be revised, notification will be issued as soon as possible.