

NEWS ALERT

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Supervisor of Elections to Mail and Publish Sample Ballots

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections is mailing the official sample ballot for the August 30 Primary Election today (Wednesday, August 10) to households with registered voters to help voters prepare for Election Day.

The sample ballot will also be published in the Friday, August 19 edition of the *Tampa Bay Times* as part of a special insert. In addition, the sample ballot will be published in the Thursday, August 11 edition of *The Weekly Challenger*.

Voters are encouraged to use the sample ballot to get election ready. They can mark their choices on the sample ballot, and bring it with them during early voting or on Election Day.

Florida has closed primary elections. Only voters registered with a political party are eligible to vote in that party's closed Primary Election. <u>ALL</u> registered voters may vote in nonpartisan school board races, judicial races and on Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 4.

The sample ballot contains ALL races for Republican, Democratic, Libertarian and nonpartisan primaries, including some contests that will only appear on the actual ballot in certain precincts.

Voters can check their current voter information cards to determine which districts will be on their ballots, and whether they are eligible to vote in a political party's closed primary election. Voters may also check their current voting districts at <u>VotePinellas.com</u>, where they can view a composite sample ballot or their precinct-specific ballot.

Voters wishing to request a mail ballot may do so by visiting <u>VotePinellas.com</u>, calling 727-464-VOTE (8683) or emailing <u>MailBallot@VotePinellas.com</u>. The deadline to request that a ballot be mailed is Wednesday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m.

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