

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Reminders for March 14 Municipal Elections**

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections encourages registered voters in the March 14 Municipal Elections to remember the following information:

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

- Registered voters in the City of Gulfport, City of Indian Rocks Beach, City of Madeira Beach, Town of North Redington Beach, Town of Redington Shores (District 2 only), City of Safety Harbor, City of South Pasadena, City of St. Pete Beach, City of Tarpon Springs and City of Treasure Island (Districts 1 & 3 only) may vote in their respective nonpartisan elections.
- The deadline to register to vote was February 13, 2017 (29 days prior to the election).

#### **ELECTION DAY:**

- Polling places will be open 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- State law requires voters to vote in the **precinct in which they reside.** Voters who have moved are required to vote in their **new** home precinct.
- Polling places for municipal elections may be different than those for county elections. Voters are
  encouraged to confirm their polling places by visiting <u>VotePinellas.com</u> and clicking on the "Find Your
  Precinct" button at the top of the page, or calling 727-464-VOTE (8683).
- Voters are encouraged to make any address changes prior to Election Day online at <u>VotePinellas.com</u>; by calling 727-464-VOTE (8683); or emailing <u>Election@VotePinellas.com</u> (include birth date).
- Voters should bring <u>photo and signature identification</u> to the polls to avoid delays. Anyone without valid and current ID may vote a provisional ballot.
- Name changes may be made by submitting a voter registration application or sending a signed, written statement to the Supervisor of Elections (13001 Starkey Rd., Largo, FL 33773); include birth date or voter ID number.
- It is important for voters to have their current signature on file, and to remain consistent when using their legal signature. Signature updates may be made by completing and signing a voter registration application, available at <a href="VotePinellas.com">VotePinellas.com</a>, and returning it to the Supervisor of Elections.
- Sample ballots may be viewed at <u>VotePinellas.com</u>.

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#### **MAIL BALLOTS:**

- Voted mail ballots can be dropped off at any of the three Elections Offices. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (March 14) at any one of the three Supervisor of Elections Offices. Mail ballots cannot be accepted at a polling place on Election Day.
- PLEASE NOTE: Postal delivery service has changed. Voters are advised to allow at least ONE WEEK for their ballot to be returned by mail to the Supervisor of Elections Office.
- Any voter may request a mail ballot. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is tomorrow -Wednesday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.
- Mail ballots may still be picked up or voted in person at any Elections Office through Monday, March 13.
- Beginning Thursday, March 9, voters may designate in writing a person to pick up their ballot; however, the designee may not pick up more than two mail ballots per election in addition to the designee's own ballot or a ballot for an immediate family member.
- Florida state law provides that mail ballot pickup and voting in Supervisor of Elections Offices on Election Day is only permitted in the case of an emergency. A voter or voter's designee must sign an affidavit affirming that the voter is unable to go to his/her polling place on Election Day due to an emergency and provide the reason for the emergency.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- No political activity or campaign signs are allowed inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the polling place entrance or elections office entrance. Exit polling is permitted in designated areas as voters are **leaving** the polls.
- No photography is allowed inside the polling place.
- Media wishing to visit a polling place on Election Day are asked to contact the Supervisor of Elections' Communications Department - (727) 464-4988.
- If voters have any election-related questions, they can call the Elections Office at 727-464-VOTE (8683).