

NEWS RELEASE

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<u>TENTATIVE</u> Ballot Mailing Schedule for May 2 St. Petersburg Special Election Referendum

Ballot mailings for the May 2, 2017 St. Petersburg Special Election Referendum are **tentatively** scheduled as follows for registered voters residing in the City of St. Petersburg:

- March 17 Mail 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.
- March 28 Mail 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.

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 April 26, 2017 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. 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.