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Last-Minute Reminders for April 21, 2015 Special General Election, State Representative, District 64; and Redington Shores, District 2 Municipal Election

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark encourages citizens who plan to vote in the April 21, 2015 Special General Election, State Representative, District 64, and Redington Shores, District 2 Municipal Election to remember the following information to make Election Day go smoothly:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

- Registered voters residing within Florida House District 64 and Redington Shores, District 2.
- The deadline to register to vote was **March 23** (29 days prior to the election).

WHEN

- On Election Day – April 21, 2015 – polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Early Voting** continues through **Saturday, April 18** at all three Elections Offices; hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Check **early voting wait times online** at VotePinellas.com.

WHERE

- State law requires that a registered voter vote in the **precinct in which he/she resides**. A voter who has moved is required to vote in his/her **new** home precinct.
- Voters are encouraged to make any address changes prior to Election Day by going online at VotePinellas.com; calling 464-VOTE; or emailing Election@VotePinellas.com (include birth date).
- Voters are encouraged to confirm their polling places by visiting VotePinellas.com or calling (727) 464-VOTE (8683).

HOW

- Voters should bring [photo and signature identification](#) to the polls if possible to avoid delays. Anyone without valid and current ID may vote a provisional ballot. The canvassing board will later determine the validity of any provisional ballots.

- Name changes may be made by sending a signed, written statement to the Supervisor of Elections; include date of birth or voter ID number.
- Signature updates may be made by completing and signing a voter registration application, available at VotePinellas.com, and returning it to the Supervisor of Elections.
- It is important to have your current signature on file so that the signature on your mail ballot certificate envelope can be verified.

MAIL BALLOTS

- Any voter may request a mail ballot. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is **5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.**
- Beginning Thursday, **April 16**, a voter may designate in writing a person to pick up his/her 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.
- Mail ballots may still be picked up or voted in person at any Elections Office through Monday, **April 20.** On Election Day, Florida law states 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.
- Ballots must be **received by 7 p.m. April 21** at any of the three Elections Offices in order to be counted. Voted mail ballots **cannot** be accepted at a precinct polling place.
- A voter who requests a mail ballot but later decides to vote at the polling place may bring his/her ballot to the polling place to be **canceled** and then receive a new ballot to vote at the polls.
- **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.**

OTHER INFORMATION

- A sample ballot for each election may be viewed at VotePinellas.com.
- 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 should contact the Supervisor of Elections Office to make arrangements – (727) 464-4988.
- If you have any election-related questions, please call the Elections Office at (727) 464-VOTE (8683).

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