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Supervisor of Elections Conducts Ongoing List Maintenance Activities

Election officials are required to update their *entire* voter lists a minimum of each odd-numbered year, no later than 90 days before any federal election. One of three options may be used to satisfy this legal requirement: 1) mailing notices to all registered voters who have not voted, requested a ballot, or updated their registration records in the past two years; 2) identifying registered voters whose addresses may have changed through change-of-address information provided by the United States Postal Service; or 3) mailing Voter Information Cards to all registered voters in the county.

However, address list maintenance continues year-round as the Supervisor of Elections receives mail returned undeliverable from the Post Office or receives address updates from third-party sources such as the United States Postal Service, and Jury Notice lists and cancellation requests from the Division of Elections.

As part of these ongoing activities, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections is conducting address voter list maintenance on the evening of **January 6**, with the following results:

- 15,376 voters changed from active to inactive status
- 823 address confirmation requests will be mailed the week of January 9
- 814 address confirmation final notices will be mailed the week of January 9

List maintenance procedures are outlined in section 98.065 of the State of Florida's Election Laws, which is available as a publication in PDF format at http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/ under Forms and Publications.

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According to the state statutes, "The Supervisor must designate as inactive all voters who have been sent an address confirmation final notice and who have not returned the postage prepaid, preaddressed return form within 30 days or for which the final notice has been returned as undeliverable."

The Statute continues: "If the voter does not update his or her voter registration information, request an absentee ballot, or vote by the second general election after being placed on the inactive list, the voter's name shall be removed from the statewide voter registration system and the voter shall be required to reregister to have his or her name restored to the statewide voter registration system."

For updated voter totals in Pinellas County, go to VotePinellas.com. Voter registration statistics are updated nightly and posted across the top of the home page. These statistics reflect *active* registered voters. Inactive voters are not included in registration figures, but they remain in the voter database and only need to update their voter information, request a ballot or vote in an election to return to active voter status.

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