

from the desk of...



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What a year!

Recapping 2020



I knew this would be a busy and exciting year for our office, and election planning always includes contingency planning. However, conducting three elections in the midst of a pandemic was unprecedented. Even with that challenge, our voters weren't left waiting. Voters didn't experience long lines, and nearly all of our results were reported before 9 p.m. Election Day. To say I am proud of our accomplishments would be an absolute understatement.

We have now officially concluded the 2020 election cycle and it's time to express my gratitude to everyone who helped make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote!



Thank you to...



My staff and hundreds of temporary employees. They assisted voters, supported poll workers, packed and delivered supplies, and maintained and operated election equipment.

Our thousands of poll workers. They served on the front lines of democracy during Early Voting and on Election Day so that more than **717,000 Hillsborough County voters** could exercise their right to vote in the General Election.



Registered Voters: 934,346
Ballots Cast: 717,302
Voter Turnout: 76.77%

Our record-breaking 76.77% turnout of voters! During Early Voting and on Election Day, it was great to see that voters came prepared with photo ID and sample ballots in hand, ready to fill in their ballots.

the flip side



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Safe, Transparent and Trustworthy



The feedback we have received from our voters throughout this election cycle is one of the things I am most proud of this year. So many took time to write and express their appreciation for a convenient, safe, transparent and trustworthy elections process here in Hillsborough County. **That, to us, is worth everything.**



#Goodstuff @Hope_4youandme · 3h
Replying to @HillsboroughSOE
Thank you, your integrity and open communication with voters in the area has been outstanding. #YourRock



Eric Ayala @Eric_Ayala · Nov 4
I want to do a shout out to @HillsboroughSOE and all the Supervisors of Elections and workers in the state of #Florida . I was surprised with how quick, efficient, and organized the counting and reporting of the votes occurred in our state. No more hanging chads for us, Good Job!



As a resident of Hillsborough County I wanted to write a brief note to thank you for your leadership through this election period. Your constant visibility and clear messaging on media outlets makes me proud you're our elections leader. I'm a vote by mail NPA guy, verified my counted vote online and have full confidence in my County's election organization. Again, thank you. Mike T.

"...this is an excellent website that is clear, concise and easy to navigate..."

- Naomi

"Thank you for your professionalism and your extremely well run voting process. I was particularly pleased to see your PSA on possible misinformation!"

- Valerie



Jane Castor ✓
2m ·
Thank you Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections & team - your hard work is truly appreciated by all!



Pam Iorio @PamIorio · 13m
Replying to @HillsboroughSOE
So proud of you, your staff and the remarkable Pollworkers! Well done! 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

"I just wanted to take a minute to tell you that, by far, Hillsborough County has been the best place I have ever voted."

- Winston

COMPARING GENERAL ELECTIONS

2020 General Election

Registered: 934,346
Voted: 717,302 (77% turnout)
38% Voted Early
47% Voted By Mail
15% Voted on Election Day

2016 General Election

Registered: 849,843
Voted: 608,263 (72% turnout)
40% Voted Early
31% Voted By Mail
29% Voted on Election Day

the last word

Thank you for reading this newsletter and staying engaged in our community and our democracy. **I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday!**

