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**Candidates Qualify to Run for Office in City of Tampa**

*Tampa, FL* – At noon today, the City of Tampa's candidate qualifying period closed, which means the deadline to run for office in the 2023 City of Tampa Municipal Election has passed.

"This is an important day, because now we know who will be on the ballot," said Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer.

The list of qualified candidates can be found on the [Local Candidates](#) page on [VoteHillsborough.gov](http://VoteHillsborough.gov). Only registered voters who live in the City of Tampa are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Most ballots will include races for mayor, three citywide city council seats and one district-specific city council seat. Voters who live in City Council District 7 will not have a district-specific seat on the ballot, because Councilman Luis Viera has been re-elected without opposition. The ballot will also include four proposed amendments to the Tampa City Charter.

Here are some key milestones for this election:

- Jan. 24: Ballots mailed to absent military and overseas voters who have requested a ballot.
- Feb. 2: Ballots mailed to domestic voters who have requested Vote By Mail ballots. The Supervisor of Elections will continue mailing ballots within two business days of receiving requests. The last day voters can request a Vote By Mail ballot is February 25, 10 days before the election. All Vote By Mail requests expired in December 2022, in accordance with new election law. Voters who want make submit a new request for 2023 and 2024 elections can visit [VoteHillsborough.gov](http://VoteHillsborough.gov) or call (813) 612-4180.
- Feb. 6: Deadline to register to vote, if not already registered
- Feb. 20: Sample ballots sent to eligible voters who haven't requested a Vote By Mail ballot.
- Feb. 27 – March 5: Early Voting, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily  
Early Voting will take place at seven different locations. Voters can vote at any Early Voting site during the Early Voting period. Voters can also drop off Vote By Mail ballots at Secure Ballot Intake Stations inside Early Voting sites when they're open.
- March 7: Election Day, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
On Election Day, voters must vote in the polling place assigned to their precinct. If they still have a mail ballot to turn in, it must be dropped off at one of the four Supervisor of Elections offices no later than 7 p.m.

Visit the [City of Tampa Municipal Election page](#) at [VoteHillsborough.gov](http://VoteHillsborough.gov) for more information.