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Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections is First Elections Office to Earn Prestigious Governor’s Sterling Award

Hillsborough County, FL—An organization’s vision is meant to be lofty—a means of inspiration. But Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer is serious about his team’s vision.

“Our vision is to be the best place in America to vote. And today, as the first Supervisor of Elections to earn the Governor’s Sterling Award, we received recognition that shows we’re working toward our vision in a meaningful way,” said Supervisor Latimer.

The Florida Sterling Council, endorsed by the Governor’s office and the National Baldrige Program, uses a rigorous series of performance criteria to assess organizations who wish to serve as statewide role models.

“I pursued the Governor’s Sterling Award to show voters that I take their trust seriously. This was a verifiable way to demonstrate that our elections meet the absolute highest standards of excellence,” said Supervisor Latimer.

Sterling examiners spent a week interviewing employees and observing how the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office does business. The examiners then spent more time analyzing the organization and comparing the office’s processes and results to other organizations in the public and private sector.

“We proved to the Sterling Council that we have sustainable processes and measurements in place that will lead to continued success and improvement. We have never had a better foundation to meet whatever challenges come our way, and to exceed Hillsborough County’s expectations for elections,” said Supervisor Latimer.

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