

# 6 Things Every Pinellas County, FL Voter Should Know

## #1 | WHERE TO VOTE

### *Early Voting Site vs. Election Day Voting Site*

Remember, your Election Day voting site may not be the same as your Early Voting Site. Be sure to check your voter information card for your Election Day voting location and address.

If you mistakenly go to the wrong precinct Polling Place on Election Day, a poll worker must identify your correct precinct and direct you to that precinct. Remember, any ballot cast at the wrong precinct Polling Place on Election Day may not be counted.

#### **If You Recently Moved, You Must Vote In Your New Precinct on Election Day**

If you recently moved, you must vote in the precinct that serves your new address. Any ballots cast in the wrong precinct may not be counted. If you have moved within Florida and you are in the proper Polling Place for your new residence, you may cast a regular ballot after completing an address change verification.

#### **Even If You Requested A Vote-By-Mail Ballot, You May Be Able To Vote A Regular Ballot**

If you bring your vote-by-mail ballot to the Polling Place and surrender it, the poll worker must give you a regular ballot.

Even if you do not surrender your vote-by-mail ballot, if a poll worker determines that the Supervisor of Elections' office did not receive your vote-by-mail ballot, the poll worker must give you a regular ballot. If you do not surrender your vote-by-mail ballot and the poll worker is unable to determine whether the Supervisor of Elections' office received your vote-by-mail ballot, you still have a right to vote a provisional ballot.

## #2 | MANY FORMS OF VOTER IDENTIFICATION ARE ACCEPTABLE

To vote, you must show a valid photo identification and signature identification.

Acceptable forms of identification include: (1) Florida driver's license; (2) Florida ID card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; (3) U.S. passport; (4) debit or credit card; (5) military ID; (6) student ID; (7) retirement center ID; (8) neighborhood association ID; (9) public assistance ID; (10) veteran health ID card issued by the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs; (11) a concealed weapon or firearm license; or (12) employee ID issued by the federal, state, county, or a municipality.

#### **VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

If your photo identification does not include a signature, you must produce additional identification that bears your signature. If the signature on your photo identification does not match the signature on the voting precinct register, a poll worker will instruct you to complete an affidavit affirming your identity and qualification to vote the county. Once you complete the affidavit, the poll worker should give you a regular ballot.

If the address on the ID does not match the address in the records, you may be asked to provide additional information, but the differing address may not be used as the sole basis to confirm or challenge your legal residence address.

## #3 | IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING *You have the Right to An Assistor of Your Choice*

You have the right to assistance in voting due to blindness, disability, limited-English proficiency, or inability to read or write.

You may ask poll workers for assistance. You also have the right to an assistor of your choice, including Election Protection Volunteers outside your Polling Place. However, your assistor may not be your employer or your union representative.

#### **You Have The Right To A Polling Place That Is Accessible to Persons With Disabilities.**

Under the Help America Vote Act, each polling place is required to have at least one voting machine that is accessible to voters with disabilities, including voters with visual disabilities.

Each polling place is also required to have: (1) accessible parking spaces; (2) adequate signs including accessible paths of travel to the polling place; (3) level, stable and slip resistant surfaces; (4) an unobstructed path to the polling place and an unobstructed area for voting; and (5) sufficient lighting along the accessible path of travel and inside the polling place.

## #4 | YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE EVEN IF YOUR NAME IS NOT FOUND ON THE VOTER ROLL

If your name is not found on the precinct register, make sure the poll worker has carefully and thoroughly checked to verify the spelling of your name.

If, after a thorough check of the precinct register, your name is still not located, the poll worker should direct you to the "help desk" at the precinct or call the Supervisor of Elections' office to locate your name on the precinct register or direct you to the proper precinct based on your current residence.

Even if your name is not found on the precinct register, you still have a right to vote a provisional ballot.

## #5 | USE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AS A LAST RESORT

### *Voting by regular ballot is preferred*

If you are in the proper Polling Place based on your current residence, but your name is not found on the precinct register, or if a poll worker concludes that you cannot vote by regular ballot, then you should accept a provisional ballot.

You have the right to present written evidence of your eligibility to vote to your County Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Thursday after the election.

## #6 | IF YOU ARE "CHALLENGED" AT THE POLLING PLACE

If your eligibility to vote is "challenged" on the basis that your residence is not in the precinct, you have the right to execute a change of address and, if you are in the correct precinct, vote by regular ballot.

Once a challenge has been made in writing, the voter can only cast a provisional ballot. The county canvassing board will determine the acceptance of the provisional ballot. The exception to this rule is when the challenge is based on your residential address. You should be able to cast a regular ballot if you correct or update your residential address and are in your correct precinct Polling Place on Election Day.

It is illegal for a poll watcher to "challenge" you on the basis of your race, religion or national origin.

Any challenge to your eligibility to vote must be in writing and brought to your attention by a poll worker.

Poll watchers are not permitted to directly interact with voters or interfere with the conduct of the election. Election officials, including poll workers, are required to maintain control of the voting process and the operation of the polling place.