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Media Alert

## 2,424 Ballots Mailed to Domestic Voters for the February 26 City of Vero Beach Special Municipal Election

**Indian River County, FL** – City of Vero Beach voters should expect to receive their vote-by-mail ballot in the next few days for the February 26 City of Vero Beach Special Municipal Election. Vote-by-mail ballots were delivered to the post office on January 22, for the initial domestic mailing of 2,424 ballots. The initial mailing is for voters with an existing mail ballot request on file.

All registered City of Vero Beach voters are eligible to request a vote-by-mail ballot. Requests can be made online, in person, by phone, fax, mail, or email. To request a mail ballot on-line visit VoteIndianRiver.com and click the "Request to Vote-by-Mail" tab. By law, mail ballots cannot be forwarded and can only be delivered to the address on file with the Elections Office, therefore, it is important for voters to verify their address on file.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed for the upcoming election is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20. Beginning February 21 thru February 25, voters may pick-up a ballot for themselves or designate in writing a person to pick up their ballot. The designee may not pick up more than two mail ballots per election, in addition to the designee's own ballot or a ballot for an immediate family member.

Completed vote-by-mail ballots must be placed in the official return envelope provided, and the voter must sign the certificate on the backside on the envelope in order for the ballot to be counted. Florida law requires that the signature on the mail ballot certificate match the signature on the voter's record. Since it is common for signatures to change throughout the years, voters are encouraged to update their signature by submitting a Voter Registration Application and selecting the "Record Update/Change" box.

All completed vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. To track the status of your mail ballot, visit VoteIndianRiver.com and click the "Track Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot" icon on the homepage, input the required information to access your voter information, then click "Show My Mail Ballot Information".

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