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Media Alert

12,490 Ballots Mailed to Domestic Voters for August 28 Primary Election

Indian River County, FL – Indian River County voters should expect to receive their vote-by-mail ballot in the next few days. On July 24, the Elections Office delivered their initial domestic mailing of 12,490 ballots to the post office for the August 28, 2018 Primary Election. The breakdown by political party is as follows: Democrat 4,011, Republican 6,316, and NPA/Other 2,163.

All registered voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Requests can be made online, in person, by phone, fax, mail, or email. Call (772) 226-3440 or visit VoteIndianRiver.com and click “Request A Mail Ballot”. By law, mail ballots cannot be forwarded and can only be delivered to the address on file with the Elections Office, so it is important to verify that the address on file is correct.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Beginning August 23rd, voters may designate in writing a person to pick up their ballot; however, 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. Mail ballots may be picked up at the Elections office through Monday, August 27. Those who wait until Election Day must vote at their assigned voting precinct.

Completed vote-by-mail ballots must be placed in the official return envelope provided, and the voter must sign the certificate on the backside of 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 checking the “signature update” 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 “Vote-By-Mail Ballot Tracking”.

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