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Supervisor of Elections Informs Voters of Options to Return Vote-by-Mail Ballots

Leon County, FL – Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections for Leon County, informs voters of options to return Vote-by-Mail ballots. “Over 80,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots for the General Election have been sent to Leon County voters”, said Supervisor Earley. “In order to count, your ballot must be received by the Elections Office by 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 3rd. So, I encourage voters to complete and return their ballots as soon as possible. And, make sure to sign and date the return envelope.”

Voters can use any of these options to return their Vote-by-Mail ballots:

- **Hand-Delivery.** Voters can return their ballots directly to the Supervisor of Elections Office at 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway. A drop box is stationed at the entrance to the Elections Office. This option is available now and every business day up to and including Election Day, November 3rd.
- **Drop Box.** Beginning Monday, October 19th and through Sunday, November 1st, ballot drop boxes will be stationed outside each Early Voting site during voting hours. The list of Early Voting hours and locations can be found at LeonVotes.gov and in the Election Guide which will be mailed to every voter. Each drop box is staffed by election personnel to ensure ballots are secure. Ballots are taken from the drop boxes directly to the Elections Office, so no postage is necessary if the ballot is returned by drop box.

On Monday, November 2nd and Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd additional drop boxes will be stationed in the parking area outside the Elections Office at 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway so voters can drive up and drop off their ballots. These drop boxes will be available from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm on November 2nd and 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on November 3rd.

- **Mail.** When returning a ballot by mail, make sure to affix proper postage – one US Forever stamp. The United States Postal Service recommends that voters mail their ballots at least one week in advance of Election Day to ensure it is received in time to be counted. However, there is no need to wait. Voters are encouraged to mail their ballots back as soon as possible.

Voters with questions are encouraged to contact the Supervisor of Elections Office by email at vote@LeonVotes.gov, or by phone at (850) 606-8683, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

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