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Leon County Supervisor of Elections Reminds Voters of Options for 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election

Leon County, FL – Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections for Leon County reminds voters of options to vote in the March 19 Presidential Preference Primary Election. "Voters have three ways to cast their ballots in the upcoming Primary Election," said Supervisor Earley. "Voters can return their Vote-by-Mail ballot, vote at any Early Voting site in the county, or cast their ballots at their Election Day polling place. Keep in mind that this election is only for voters registered with the Republican party – if you are registered with the Democratic Party, a minor party, or no party affiliation, you do not have a ballot in this election."

Early Voting

Early Voting runs through Sunday, March 17. Voters can cast a ballot at any of the 10 sites located throughout Leon County.

EARLY VOTING DATES: Saturday, March 9 – Sunday, March 17		
LOCATION	ADDRESS	HOURS
Leon County Courthouse	301 S Monroe St	8 a.m 4 p.m.
Leon County Elections Center	2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Bruce J Host Northeast Branch Library	5513 Thomasville Rd	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Lake Jackson Community Center	3840 N Monroe St Ste 301	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Eastside Branch Library	1583 Pedrick Rd	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Fort Braden Community Center	16387 Blountstown Hwy	10 a.m 6 p.m.
FSU Student Union	75 N Woodward Ave	10 a.m 6 p.m.
FAMU Student Union	1628 MLK Jr Blvd	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Dr B L Perry Jr Branch Library	2817 S Adams St	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Woodville Community Center	8000 Old Woodville Rd	10 a.m 6 p.m.

Voting by Mail

The last day for voters to request to be mailed a ballot was March 7. However, if a voter has an emergency that will prevent them from voting in person, they can pick up a Vote-by-Mail ballot from the Elections Office at 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway. This option is available through 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters can also have a family member pick up a Vote-by-Mail ballot for them.

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The Election Office must receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day, March 19, in order to count it (there is a special 10-day extension for ballots from overseas voters). The United States Postal Service recommends that voters mail their ballots at least one week before Election Day. Alternatively, voters can hand-deliver their Vote-by-Mail ballot to secure ballot intake stations located at each Early Voting site during voting hours. Voters can also have a family member drop off their ballot. Vote-by-Mail ballots can also be returned to the Elections Office during regular business hours, with extended hours on Election Day. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be returned in the green envelope, with the voter's signature and date signed.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

On Election Day, voters need to cast a ballot at their assigned polling place. Voters are strongly encouraged to check their polling place assignment before heading out to vote. Voters can find their assigned polling place on their voter information card, online at <u>LeonVotes.gov</u> by clicking the "Your Voter Info" button, or by calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at (850) 606-8683. On Election Day, each polling place will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Any voters waiting in line at 7 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Presidential Preference Primary Candidates

The PPP is part of how political parties select presidential candidates. Since the Florida Democratic Party nominated Joe Biden as their sole candidate and there are no other contests on the ballot in Leon County, only voters registered with the Republican Party of Florida will have a ballot in the Leon County PPP. Leon County voters registered with the Democratic Party, a minor party, or no party will not receive a ballot in this election.

Some candidates on the ballot may have suspended their campaigns or withdrawn from consideration as a presidential candidate. However, their names officially remain on the ballot. Votes cast for all candidates will be counted.

Voters with questions are encouraged to contact the Supervisor of Elections Office by email at <u>Vote@LeonVotes.gov</u>, or by phone at (850) 606-8683, Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5 p.m., with hours extended to 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.

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