

****PRESS RELEASE****
****SARASOTA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS****

The Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office will begin mailing ballots for the November 3 municipal elections to military and overseas civilian voters on September 18, 2015, and to domestic voters on October 1, 2015, Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Kathy Dent said today.

Voters in the Town of Longboat Key Bond Referendum election who choose to vote by mail may track their ballots online from the time they request the ballot until the voted ballot has safely reached the supervisor of elections office.

Voters may also check their registration status and local polling place information, and request an absentee ballot by going to the supervisor of elections website at www.SarasotaVotes.com. Select the "Vote by Mail" icon at the top of the home page, then choose "Track your Absentee Ballot" from the menu and enter the requested information to track your absentee ballot and access other voter information.

Requests for absentee ballots for the November 3 elections to be mailed must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28. To be counted, a voted ballot must be returned in the certificate envelope, signed by the voter, and received in the supervisor of elections office no later than 7 p.m. on election day, November 3, 2015. Marked absentee ballots may not be turned in at a polling place on election day.

A voter who forgets to sign the voter certificate on the return mailing envelope may submit a signed affidavit and proof of identity to the elections office to "cure" the missing signature. The signed affidavit and proof of ID may be submitted to the supervisor of elections in person, by mail, by fax or by e-mail and must be received by the SOE before 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2. A copy of the affidavit and complete instructions can be found on the SOE website or click on the following link:

<http://www.sarasotavotes.com/content.aspx?id=19>