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DEADLINE FOR RETURNING PENSACOLA CITY CHARTER REFERENDUM BALLOTS APPROACHING

ELECTIONS OFFICE OPEN THIS SATURDAY

Pensacola, Florida – Escambia County Supervisor of Elections David H. Stafford today reminded voters that all mail ballots for the City of Pensacola Charter Referendum must be returned to the Elections Office no later than 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24th. Voters may return their completed ballot through the mail or deliver it directly to the Elections Office at 213 Palafox Place, 2nd floor. Stafford also announced that the Elections Office will be open to the public this Saturday morning, November 21st, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, to receive voted ballots and issue replacement ballots.

Any voter in the City of Pensacola who has not yet received a ballot should call the Elections Office at 595-3900, as should anyone who needs a replacement ballot. Voters needing a replacement ballot (if ballot was destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received) must complete a replacement ballot oath before receiving a replacement ballot. Voters can download a copy of the replacement oath at www.escambiavotes.com or call 595-3900 to have a copy sent to them.

In order for a ballot to be counted, it must be returned sealed inside a signed mail ballot certificate return envelope by 7:00 pm on Election Day. The signature on the mail ballot certificate envelope is compared to the voter's signature on file in the Elections Office for verification purposes.

Ballots were sent to each eligible voter within the City of Pensacola via first class mail on Wednesday, November 4th. More than 11,000 voted ballots have been returned to date.

A sample ballot and a two-page "Frequently Asked Questions" document on the mail ballot election are available at www.escambiavotes.com. For additional information about the proposed Pensacola City Charter, contact the City of Pensacola at 435-1606, or on the web at www.ci.pensacola.fl.us.

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