


## MailChimp & Word Templates to Edit and Send to Voters

SUBJECT	VBM Ballots-Options
DATE	September 27, 2020
PURPOSE	Mail and in-person options for casting VBM ballots
NOTES	

**For MailChimp:** Click the link to upload as a MailChimp Template; edit as you wish.  
[https://us16.admin.mailchimp.com/templates/share?id=79755422\\_aa2082e324585bdbe8cb\\_us16](https://us16.admin.mailchimp.com/templates/share?id=79755422_aa2082e324585bdbe8cb_us16)


### PREVIEW



Sarasota County  
**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Precinct 415

Your Vote by Mail Ballot is in the Mail  
Everything You Need to Know




Sarasota County  
**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Candidate Recommendations  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Joe Biden endorses Margaret Good! [Watch HERE.](#)  
Barack Obama endorses Margaret Good on Twitter!  
[See HERE.](#)

**How, When & Where  
to Return Your Vote By Mail Ballot**

Due to the expected volume of mail-in ballots this year, and concerns about Covid-19, for this election cycle there are additional ways to return your Vote by Mail ballot.



**By Mail**

- Use **TWO** Forever Stamps or \$.70 postage.
- **Allow 10 business days** for your ballot to reach the Supervisor of Elections' offices.
- **After October 19**, to ensure your ballot is received on time, drop it off at one of the in-person locations below.

### **In-Person Options**

#### **Recommended after October 19**

#### **Elections Offices Drop Boxes**

**M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. November 3, Election Day: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

You may return your ballot in person to a secure drop box located inside all supervisor of elections offices during regular business hours.

- **Sarasota:** Terrace Building, 2001 Adams Lane
- **Venice:** RL Anderson Building, 4000 Tamiami Trail S.
- **North Port:** Biscayne Plaza, 13640 Tamiami Trail

### **Early Voting Drop Boxes**

**Monday, Oct. 19 – Sunday, Nov. 1: 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Vote by mail drop boxes will be available inside all early voting sites during early voting.

#### **Sarasota**

- Terrace Building, 2001 Adams Lane
- Sarasota Square Mall, 8201 S. Tamiami Trail
- North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Boulevard
- Fruitville Library, 100 Apex Road
- Bee Ridge Park, 4430 S. Lockwood Ridge Road

#### **Venice**

- RL Anderson Building, 4000 Tamiami Trail S.

#### **North Port**

- Biscayne Plaza, 13640 Tamiami Trail
- Shannon Staub Library, 4675 Career Lane

### **Drive-Through & Drop Offs**

**Monday, October 19 - Nov 3, November 3**

- **Sarasota:** Terrace Building, 2001 Adams Lane
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## **Six Amendments on the Ballot**

#### **Amendments of special concern:**

##### **Amendment 3...**

would replace closed primaries with top-two primaries in which ALL candidates would be placed on one ballot regardless of political affiliation. The top two candidates with the most votes would advance to the general election. A candidate's party affiliation may appear on the ballot as provided by law. Any registered voter, regardless of political affiliation, could vote in the primary election. [Opposed by the League of Women Voters of Sarasota County.](#)

## Amendment 4...

would make it extremely difficult for citizen initiated issues to get passed. Previous amendments already shortened the time to collect petition signatures. Amendment 4 would require that should voter initiatives collect enough signatures, it would take passing TWICE before becoming a Constitutional amendment. [Opposed by the League of Women Voters of Sarasota County.](#)

**Click on underlined blue links below for additional information about each amendment.**

CICA = Citizen Initiative; LRCA = Legislature Referred

Title/Subject/Type	Description and Voting Recommendations
<a href="#">Amendment 1</a> <a href="#">Suffrage</a> <a href="#">CICA</a>	States in the state Constitution that only U.S. citizens can vote in federal, state, local, or school elections <b>NO</b>
<a href="#">Amendment 2</a> <a href="#">Minimum Wage</a> <a href="#">CICA</a>	Increases the state minimum wage to \$15 by 2026 <b>YES</b>
<a href="#">Amendment 3</a> <a href="#">Elections</a> <a href="#">CICA</a>	Establishes a top-two open primary system for state office primary elections—That means candidates from ALL parties in 1 primary <b>NO</b>
<a href="#">Amendment 4</a> <a href="#">Direct Democracy</a> <a href="#">CICA</a>	Requires voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved by voters at a second general election <b>NO</b>
<a href="#">Amendment 5</a> <a href="#">Taxes</a> <a href="#">LRCA</a>	Increases the period during which a person may transfer " <a href="#">Save Our Homes</a> " benefits to a new homestead property from two years to three years <b>YES</b>
<a href="#">Amendment 6</a> <a href="#">Taxes</a> <a href="#">LRCA</a>	Allows a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran <b>YES</b>

### Important Election Dates

Thursday, <b>September 24</b>	<b>Vote by Mail ballots Mailed</b> <i>If you do not receive your ballot within a week, contact the Supervisor of Elections office: 941.861.8618 immediately.</i>
Monday, <b>October 5</b>	<b>Voter Registration Ends</b>
Monday, <b>October 19</b> – Sunday, <b>November 1</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>
Saturday, <b>October 24</b>	<b>Last day a VBM request can be mailed to voters</b>
Tuesday, <b>November 3</b>	<b>Election Day</b> – You must vote in your precinct on Election Day

### VERN BUCHANAN'S (appalling) VOTING RECORD

6/29/20 **NO** – Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act.  
6/29/20 **NO** – Emergency Housing Protection & Relief Act of 2020  
5/15/20 **NO** – Heroes Act – Supplemental Funding to Assist in Fighting Covid-19  
2/13/20 **NO** – Extending Deadline for ERA  
12/12/19 **NO**- Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019 – Authorizes HSS to Negotiate Prices  
12/6/19 **NO** – Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019  
11/21/19 **NO** – Workplace Violence Prevention Act  
9/18/19 **NO** – Raise the Wage Act  
6/4/19 **NO** – American Dream & Promise Act of 2019 (Dreamers)  
5/17/19 **NO** – Equality Act - Prohibits discrimination on sex, sexual orientation & gender identity in education, employment, & housing.  
5/9/19 **NO** – Protecting Americans with Pre-existing Conditions Act of 2019  
4/4/19 **NO** – Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 – Expands Protections  
3/27/19 **NO**- Paycheck Fairness Act - equal pay for equal work  
**NO** – Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009  
**NO** - Funding Planned Parenthood - continuous

#### ***Vern Buchanan consistently votes against...***

- 1- EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK
- 2- AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
- 3- PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS PROTECTIONS
- 4- PLANNED PARENTHOOD
- 5- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTION FOR ALL
- 6- LOWER DRUG COSTS
- 7- DACA

## **A Brief History of White Supremacy**

A five-minute video... <https://www.dismantlenow.com/>

### **Questions?**

**Contact your Precinct [xxx] Co-captain(s):**

[Name(s) and email address(s)]

*Use the Link icon (4th from left) to create a live email link.*

*Select EMAIL, then enter the email address.*