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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Alachua County Supervisor of Elections encourages voters to be aware of long ballot, consider voting by mail

ALACHUA COUNTY, Fla. (July 10, 2018) — Mindful of a long November 2018 ballot, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Kim A. Barton is recommending that voters vote by mail in this year's elections.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, while the deadline for the General Election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 31. Vote-by-mail ballots can be requested online at VoteAlachua.com/MBRS or by calling 352-374-5252.

Return postage on all Alachua County vote-by-mail ballots is prepaid. No stamp is required to return a vote-by-mail ballot.

Until the deadline, vote-by-mail ballot requests will be filled as they are received. Any voter can sign up to vote by mail — no reason or excuse needed.

Vote-by-mail ballot requests can be made through two General Elections, meaning voters will be able to request ballots through the 2020 General Election.

Sample ballots for the Primary Election are available at VoteAlachua.com/Elections/Sample-Ballots. Sample ballots for the General Election will be available after the Primary Election.

Alachua County voters will have 15 separate measures on their ballots, while voters in the City of Gainesville will have 17.

Each measure, as well as its source, is listed below:

- Amendment 1: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption (Referred by the Florida Legislature)
- Amendment 2: Limitations on Property Tax Assessments (Referred by the Florida Legislature)

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- Amendment 3: Voter Control of Gambling in Florida (Referred by Citizens' Initiative)
- Amendment 4: Voting Restoration Amendment (Referred by Citizens' Initiative)
- Amendment 5: Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees (Referred by the Florida Legislature)
- Amendment 6: Rights of Crime Victims; Judges (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 7: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits;
   Public Colleges and Universities (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 8: School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 9: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 10: State and Local Government Structure and Operation (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 11: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 12: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Amendment 13: Ends Dog Racing (Referred by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission)
- Alachua County Referendum 1: Alachua County Children's Trust Initiative
- Alachua County Referendum 2: Alachua County Public Schools Half-Center Per Dollar Sales Surtax for Educational Facility Improvements and Equipment
- City of Gainesville Referendum 1: Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority
- City of Gainesville Referendum 2: Gainesville City Commission Elections and Terms of Office

Additional information on ballot measures can be found at VoteAlachua.com/AmendmentsandReferendums.

For more information, contact the Supervisor of Elections at 352-374-5252.

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