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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida  
400 S Monroe St  
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Via email

Governor DeSantis,

On May 19, 2020 the City of Ocala will be conducting a Special Run-Off Election, and I have been asked to request the following on their behalf:

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, and in keeping with encouraging our citizens and election workers to stay home and safe, we request that you temporarily suspend the restrictions of the following statutes authorizing vote-by-mail ballots to all registered voters in the City of Ocala:

- §101.62, Request for vote-by-mail ballots.
- §101.6102(2)(a), Mail ballot elections; limitations – An election at which any candidate is nominated, elected, retained, or recalled.

During this unprecedented time, we hope this will help ensure social distancing and the safety of our community, while continuing to allow our citizens to exercise their right to vote.

Although I have made this request, I am fully prepared to open and operate Ocala's 19 voting locations on May 19.

Respectfully,

Wesley Wilcox, CERA  
Marion County Supervisor of Elections

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