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## **DEAR FRIENDS:**

I recently had the honor of accepting a Certificate of Merit from the Florida Tax Collector's Association, as Palm Beach County was recognized for achieving a perfect audit for last year's fiscal year. This honor would not be possible without the diligence and hard work of our Finance & Budget team, led by my Chief Financial Officer, Carmen C. Richardson (pictured here). Carmen and her team continue to provide exceptional financial support for my office and the residents of Palm Beach County as they single-handedly manage the collection and disbursement of more than 5 billion dollars PLUS the day-to-day operational expenses that keep our office running.

A huge THANK YOU to Carmen and her outstanding team: Alahia Staniszewski, Lisa Materdomini, Terri-Ann Fabinger, Danie Bouvier, Victoria Wilson, Andres Martin, Karen Wagner, Ann Rothermel, Tina Davis, Angela Goyco, and Adriana Garcia.



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## **CHARITY PARTNER – LIVING HUNGRY**

Imagine if you were a child going to school - classes, backpacks, homework, uniforms, - all while enduring the experience of homelessness. For more than 4,500 students in Palm Beach County schools, this is their reality. School attendance suffers, academics suffer and health suffers. Helping students overcome these obstacles is where the Delray based charity, Living Hungry, steps in, providing children with what they need to succeed. From hygiene kits to food packs, these important items make sure students experiencing homelessness can thrive.

Our employees are honored to support Living Hungry as a Community Involvement Partner since 2019. Our employees raise funds by participating in our Dress Down for Charity Program and we also conduct fundraising activities throughout the year. "A little light, a bit of joy, and knowing someone out there cares about you - through colorful socks, brand new shower essentials, a card game kit, a note of encouragement - all these gifts shift how you feel about life, yourself and others," says Living Hungry Founder and CEO Maura Plante. "That is the difference the Palm Beach County Tax Collector employees make." To learn more about Living Hungry, visit <a href="https://www.livinghungry.org">www.livinghungry.org</a>.

## **AND THREE MAKES 13!**

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new MV Express kiosks! Located at **Promenade Shopping Plaza** (9900 Alternate A1A, Palm Beach Gardens), **Woods Walk Plaza** (9855 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth) and **Sunshine Square** (501 SE 18th Ave. Boynton Beach), these self-service kiosks offer a quick and convenient way to renew your vehicle registration.

The kiosks, found inside select Publix supermarkets, are designed to save you time. They allow you to print a new vehicle registration and decal on the spot! It is easy to use the kiosk, all you need is your renewal notice PIN or your license plate number and the date of birth of the vehicle owner. Payment can be made with a credit or debit card\*, and ta-da, you just renewed your vehicle registration and got your new decal!



This expansion is part of our ongoing effort to provide convenient access to motor vehicle registration renewal services. For more information about the MV Express Kiosks, such as locations, visit <a href="https://www.pbctax.gov/kiosks/">www.pbctax.gov/kiosks/</a>.

\*Convenience fee applies

## **NEW DL/ID NUMBERS & YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD**

On July 31, 2024, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) began issuing new driver license and ID numbers to anyone getting a new driver license or Florida ID as well as replacement and renewed driver licenses/IDs. So, if you renewed or replaced your DL or ID since then, you may need to update your voter record. FLHSMV is not replacing <u>all</u> driver licenses/ID numbers, it is updated only when your license is due for renewal or if it needs to be replaced.

If you are a registered voter in Palm Beach County, it is important that your voter record is updated with your new driver license/ID number so that it can be used to verify a vote-by-mail ballot request or a petition signature. Voting in-person is not affected by this change.

Here is what you need to do if you are registered to vote:

- If you replaced or renewed your Florida driver license or ID since July 31, 2024, and did not
  request to update your voter registration at that time, you need to visit
   <u>www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov</u> to update your new driver license/ID number to sync it up with
  the elections office.
- If you plan to replace or renew your Florida driver license or ID in the future, you must choose to update your voter registration at the time of your in-person transaction at the Tax Collector's Office. Our staff has been advised to remind individuals to do so at the time of their transaction.



