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## I've Got an Idea

Someone (who wasn't an American) once said, "I love America because America is not just a country, it's an idea." I couldn't agree more considering ideas are what our country was founded on. In our continual pursuit of the democratic ideas of our Founding Fathers, the rest of the world looks to us as an example of elections administration and the peaceful transition of power based on the will of the people.

Voters play a vitally important role in elections preparation. By proactively maintaining their voter registration, by knowing their voting options and polling place location, by reviewing their sample ballot and researching candidates, amendments and referenda beforehand, voters have the power to create smooth, expedient, and trouble-free voting experiences for all. We use the motto #BeElectionReady! as a tool to encourage voters to do their part.

Imagine the impact each "Election Ready" voter could have if they shared their knowledge of the electoral process and their belief in the importance of voting. Through social media and our daily social interactions, each of us can reach hundreds of people with information. Here's an idea - how about sharing information on how to order a vote-by-mail ballot, when the early voting period begins and ends, and where the eleven county-wide locations are? What if you shared website links to resources that can assist others in understanding the candidates' platforms, the issues and amendment language? I imagine an information chain that could positively impact turnout, positively influence civil dialogue, and without a doubt materialize the ideas our country was founded on.

I can't encourage you enough to be a part of the American voting experience and #BeElectionReady! My staff and I promise to put our best effort forward to ensure Pasco will shine again on Election Day. Our hope is that you will partner with us to positively impact the process and #BeElectionReady. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Our website, [www.pascovotes.com](http://www.pascovotes.com), has a wealth of information to share.

