Ion Sancho dispels election myths


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Is it true that mail ballots are counted only in close elections?

Are kids really banned from inside voting booths?

Leon County Supervisor of Elections Ion Sancho has answers to these questions — it’s no to both of the above — and more as part of a series of videos he’s rolling out before the Aug. 30 primary.

“These are myths that over the years we’ve heard that we really need to correct,” he said. “For example, that mail ballots are only counted in close elections. All mail ballots count in every election.”

Sancho’s “Fact vs. Fiction” videos, six of them in all, will be showing up on YouTube over the coming days. They’re also on the Supervisor of Elections Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

In the first one, which debuted Wednesday, he encouraged parents to bring their children with them when they vote.

“Let’s educate tomorrow’s voters today,” he says in the 15-second spot.

Early voting in the primary begins Saturday, Aug. 20. Sancho’s office recently mailed election guides with sample ballots to nearly 200,000 registered voters in Leon County. Sancho advised anyone who hasn’t received one to call his office at 606-VOTE (8683).

Fact vs. Fiction videos

The videos can be viewed on social media sites and found using the hashtag #AskIon.

Twitter: @LeonVotes

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LeonVotes

Instagram: @LeonVotes

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOxBcyLoWoIZrHZmc3kifQ