Florida’s Secretary of State Ken Detzner released a statement July 6th, 2017 in response to the request which outlines that Florida will comply with supplying all publicly accessible information as outlined in the Florida Statutes.

**Should I be concerned about this information being released?**

In short, no. The majority of information requested by the commission is already public record and fully accessible.

**What is a public record?**

Public records are documents or pieces of information that are not considered confidential and generally pertain to the conduct of the government.

**What information in my voter record is considered public record?**

Requests may be made by anyone and the following information must be publicly available as supplied on registration applications: Name • Address • Date of Birth • Mailing Address • Party Affiliation • Email if supplied for sample ballot • Telephone number if supplied • Voting History. (*Florida Statutes, 98.045 (3), 98.0981*)

**What information is withheld from public record and data requests?**

Driver’s License Number • Florida State ID Number • The source of a voter’s registration • Social Security Number • Voter’s signature on file can be viewed but not copied. (*Florida Statutes 97.0585*)

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**“Here in Hernando County we take voter information security very seriously. We follow strict regulations outlined in the Florida Statutes to ensure that data only becomes public as required by law.”**

**What if I do not want this information “out there”?**

Chances are that if you have been registered in Florida your voter information has already been requested at some point and is “out there” to be viewed on certain websites. Florida law allows certain persons to request not to publicly disclose information by submitting a **Public Records Exemption**. If you do not qualify to have your information exempt you may remove your information from our system by submitting a completed **Removal by Request** form. Be advised that if you remove yourself by request from the voter rolls you will no longer be registered to vote.