

Hi Ray,

I apologize that I did not get back to you before the story was published. I wanted to follow up directly so you have my response and the current, verifiable facts regarding my residency.

I live full time in School Board District 2 and have since September 2024. I am registered to vote at my District 2 residence, and my Florida Bar records are associated with that address. I was also appointed to the City of Tampa Citizens Advisory Budget and Finance Committee in early 2025, a position requiring City residency and City Council approval, and my residency was verified as part of that process.

My husband is registered to vote in Manatee County, where he owns property that formerly included a home destroyed by Hurricane Helene. The home was rendered uninhabitable and has since been demolished, leaving the property as an empty lot. Like many Florida families affected by the hurricanes, we have continued to deal with the legal and practical issues surrounding that property long after the storm. His voter registration and ownership of that property, however, do not determine my residence.

The 2022 article referenced in your story reflects where we were living at that time. Circumstances have changed significantly since then, including the destruction of that home. I have lived full time in School Board District 2 since September 2024 and continue to do so today.

To be clear, any suggestion that I do not currently reside in Hillsborough County or School Board District 2 is patently false.

I would appreciate the story being updated to include my response so readers have the complete and current facts.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

Brittany