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Board of Elections to Expand Ballot Drop Off Locations and Explore New In-Person Voting Centers

ANNAPOLIS (May 20, 2020) – The Maryland Board of Elections today announced that it will expand the number of ballot drop off locations available in Baltimore from 5 to 15 for the June 2 presidential primary and will consider adding new in-person voting centers when the Board convenes today at 4:30 pm. The Board also announced it will launch a full review of its ballot mailing vendor's performance immediately after the June 2 election.

"We are extremely disappointed that our ballot mailing vendor failed to deliver ballots on schedule and failed to notify us about their delay," said Maryland Administrator of Elections Linda Lamone. "We will conduct a thorough review of their performance after the election. Despite this delay, ballots are being delivered daily to eligible voter addresses on file in Baltimore and Maryland. We are confident eligible voters will receive their ballots in time to cast their votes in the June 2 primary."

To mail in their ballot, voters simply need to fill out their ballot, sign the oath on the envelope and place it back in the mail. Voters should sign only the oath on the outside of the envelope but not the ballot itself. There is no postage required to submit a ballot. The return ballot must be postmarked no later than June 2 but can be mailed at any time before election day.

The Board also announced it ordered an additional 10 ballot drop off boxes for Baltimore and will consider opening new in-person voting centers for Election Day when the Board convenes today at 4:30 pm. The locations for all 15 ballot drop off locations are listed below. Five are available now and the Board will announce later this week when the additional 10 are open.

Baltimore Ballot Drop-off Locations Available Now:

Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries 6000 Radecke Avenue Baltimore, MD 21206

Edmondson High School

501 N. Athol Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229

University of Maryland at Baltimore

Community Engagement Center 1 North Poppleton Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Dr. Carter G. Woodson School #160

2501 Seabury Road Baltimore, MD 21225

Baltimore City Board of Elections

Benton Office Building 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21202

New Baltimore Ballot Drop-off Locations To Be Opened At a Later Date: Board will Announce their Openings in the Coming Days

Southeast Anchor Library

3601 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21224

Hamilton Elementary School #236

6101 Old Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21214

Northwood Elementary School #242

5201 Loch Raven Blvd Baltimore, MD 21239

Northwestern Elementary School #401

6900 Park Heights Avenue

Pimlico Elementary School #223

4849 Pimlico Road Baltimore, MD 21215

Frederick Douglas High School #450

2301 Gwynns Falls Pkwy Baltimore, MD 21217

Digital Harbor High School #416

1100 Covington Street Baltimore, MD 21230

Paul Dunbar School #414

1400 Orleans Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Enoch Pratt Free Library Herring Run 3801 Erdman Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21213

Hampden Elementary School #55 3608 Chestnut Avenue Baltimore, MD 21211

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, voting for the June 2 election is being conducted primarily by mail, with limited locations to submit completed ballots at designated drop-off locations or to vote in-person on election day.

The novel coronavirus pandemic resulted in the date of the Primary being postponed from April 28. While mail-in ballots display the original Primary date of April 28, the ballots are in fact valid for the June 2 election. Voters should be aware these are official ballots that will record actual votes. They are not sample ballots.

Votes cast by mail remain anonymous. The same technology and equipment used for inperson voting is utilized to count mail-in ballots. The equipment is never connected to the Internet or any other database.

The Maryland State Board of Elections is committed to educating voters on the changes made to the election procedures due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. These changes have been made to ensure voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote while also safeguarding the public's health during this pandemic.

For more information about this election, please visit <u>www.elections.maryland.gov</u> or contact the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

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