

Borough of Wanaque

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Dear Fellow Residents,

The 2020 elections are coming very soon and I would like to take this opportunity to explain the process. Governor Murphy has issued Executive Order No. 177 requiring that every registered voter in New Jersey be sent a Mail-In Ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. There are many people that do not agree with this procedure for a variety of reasons, but the bottom line is that the State Constitution grants the Governor certain powers, the Governor has made the decision and, like it or not, this is the voting procedure which we must all use in 2020.

Under the Executive Order, the Passaic County Clerk can begin mailing out the Mail-In Ballots on Monday, October 5, 2020. There are a large number of ballots being mailed, so don't panic if you don't receive your ballot right away. The Passaic County Clerk has requested that voters who did not receive a Mail-In Ballot, contact them after October 18, 2020 at 973-881-4127.

Once received, you will find that the Mail-In Ballot does not look at all like what you are familiar seeing on the voting machines. All of the candidates from the same political party are NOT on the same line. The candidates are grouped by the office they are running for. Some offices, such as President or Congress, you vote for only one candidate. Other offices such as Freeholder, Town Council or Board of Education, you vote for more than one candidate. You must be very careful and READ your Mail-In Ballot very carefully before completing it. Some of the print is very small. A sample Mail-In Ballot for Wanaque is attached.

You will vote like you are filling out an SAT answer sheet by coloring in the circle to the right of the candidate's name. You must use pencil or black ink, only, and you must completely fill in the circle. You must carefully follow the instructions. There are two envelopes and you must use them both. You must also sign your Mail-In Ballot where indicated.

After completing your Mail-In Ballot and properly placing it in the envelopes, you have four options for delivery: (1) You can mail it to the Passaic County Board of Elections. The envelope is pre-addressed and no postage is necessary, or (2) You can place it in any Passaic County Election Ballot Drop Box. There are about 25 Election Ballot Drop Boxes in Passaic County including a Passaic County Election Ballot Drop Box in front of Wanaque Town Hall, or (3) You can bring your ballot to your polling location on election day, or (4) You can bring your ballot to the Passaic County Board of Elections office in Paterson.

I would recommend using the Passaic County Election Ballot Drop Box. The Board of Elections will have daily pick up from the drop boxes. Every Passaic County Election Ballot Drop Box will be covered by 24/7 video surveillance to prevent tampering.

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The use of drop boxes will end at 8 PM on election day, which is the same time that the polls normally close. If you chose to mail your ballot, it **MUST** be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020. Most post offices close at 5 PM. If you mail your ballot after 5PM on November 3rd it will be postmarked the next day and it will not count.

The Passaic County Board of Elections will accumulate all ballots by Municipality and certify voter eligibility. Ballots will then be fed through a scanner which will count your votes.

On election day a limited number of polls will be opened, but only for Provisional Ballots and for any voters that have a disability which would prevent them from using a Mail-In Ballot. The only polling location in Wanaque will be in the east gym at Lakeland High School. The Provisional Ballot is a manual voting system and all Provisional Ballots will be hand counted. I would highly recommend that you **NOT** use the Provisional Ballots unless you lose your Mail-In Ballot or do not receive a Mail-In Ballot.

Some other thing to note:

New voter registration will end on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The clerk's office at Town Hall will be opened until 9 PM that evening for new voter registration.

If you work outside of Passaic County **DO NOT** put your ballot into another county's drop box. Your vote will not be counted.

If you have any questions about how to complete your Mail-In Ballot you may call the Wanaque Borough Clerk, Kathy Falone at 973-839-3000, Extension 7111 for assistance.

Additional information is also available on the websites for the Passaic County Clerk and the Passaic County Board of Elections.

This is a very important election and everyone should make an extra effort to have their voice heard. Please remember to vote.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Mahler



OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOT

Wanaque
Passaic County, November 3, 2020
11th Congressional District

FM 19

Danielle Ireland-Irhof
DANIELLE IRELAND-IRHOF
Passaic County Clerk

To Prevent Your Vote
It is AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU
THE VOTER TO MARK OR INSPECT THIS BALLOT.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
Please read the following before marking your ballot
1. Use ONLY a pencil or ink pen (black or blue) to mark your ballot. Do not use red ink.
2. Completely fill in the oval to the right of each of your selections.
MARK BALLOT LIKE THIS
JOHN DOE -> ()
3. To vote for any person whose name is not printed on this ballot fill in the oval by the words "Write-in Vote" under that office. Write the name of the person for whom you wish to vote on the blank line. You may not write-in any name that is printed on the ballot.
4. To vote on a Public Question, fill in the oval to the right of the word "YES" or "NO" (from this () to this ()).
5. If you tear, deface or incorrectly mark this ballot, return it to the Passaic County Clerk's Election Office and obtain a new ballot.

Presidential Electors For

Vote for one

- JOSEPH R. BIDEN 1A -> ()
KAMALA D. HARRIS DEMOCRATIC
DONALD J. TRUMP 1B -> ()
MICHAEL R. PENCE REPUBLICAN
ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE 1C -> ()
DARCY G. RICHARDSON ALLIANCE PARTY
HOWIE HAWKINS 1D -> ()
ANGELA WALKER GREEN PARTY
DON BLANKENSHIP 1E -> ()
WILLIAM MOHR CONSTITUTION PARTY
BILL HAMMONS 1F -> ()
ERIC BODENSTAB LIBERTY PARTY AMERICA
JO JORGENSEN 1G -> ()
SPIKE COHEN LIBERTARIAN PARTY
GLORIA ESTELA LA RIVA 1H -> ()
SUNIL FREEMAN SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

Member of the United States Senate

Vote for one

- CORY BOOKER 2A -> ()
RIKIN "RIK" MEHTA 2B -> ()
DANIEL BURKE 2C -> ()
MADELYN R. HOFFMAN 2D -> ()
VERONICA FERNANDEZ 2E -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

Member of the House of Representatives

Vote for one

- MIKIE SHERRILL 3A -> ()
ROSEMARY BECCHI 3B -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

Vote for two

- BRUCE JAMES 4A -> ()
THEODORE T.J. BEST 5A -> ()
WILLIAM E. MARSALA 4B -> ()
MATTHEW P. CONLON 5B -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

Members of Borough Council

Vote for two

- HENRY MENDOZA 6A -> ()
MATTHEW PALMIERI 7A -> ()
DONALD J. PASQUARIELLO 6B -> ()
ROBERT PETTET 7B -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

OFFICIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Wanaque

Members of the Board of Education Lakeland Regional

Full Three Year Term
Vote for two

- JOHN J. GRIFFIN 1I -> ()
ROBERT ADAMS 2I -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

Members of the Local Board of Education

Full Three Year Term
Vote for three

- CAROLYN BRUENJES 4I -> ()
RICHARD J. TULLY 5I -> ()
BARRY HAIN 6I -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()
WRITE-IN VOTE -> ()

VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To Vote for the Public Questions, fill in the oval to the right of your choice(s)

PUBLIC QUESTION #1

YES →

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

NO →

Do you approve amending the Constitution to legalize a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis"? Only adults at least 21 years of age could use cannabis. The State commission created to oversee the State's medical cannabis program would also oversee the new, personal use cannabis market. Cannabis products would be subject to the State sales tax. If authorized by the Legislature, a municipality may pass a local ordinance to charge a local tax on cannabis products.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment would legalize a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis". Only persons at least 21 years of age could use cannabis products legally. The Cannabis Regulatory Commission would oversee the new adult cannabis market. This commission was created in 2019 to oversee the State's medical cannabis program. The scope of the commission's new authority would be detailed in laws enacted by the Legislature. All retail sales of cannabis products in the new adult cannabis market would be subject to the State's sales tax. If authorized by the Legislature, a municipality may pass a local ordinance to charge a local tax on cannabis products.

PUBLIC QUESTION #2

YES →

PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION AND EXEMPTION FOR PEACETIME VETERANS

NO →

Do you approve amending the Constitution to give a \$250 property tax deduction to veterans who did not serve in time of war? Do you also approve amending the Constitution to give a 100 percent property tax exemption to certain totally disabled veterans who did not serve in time of war? The widow or widower of these veterans also would receive this \$250 deduction or 100 percent exemption after the veteran's death.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment would give a \$250 property tax deduction to veterans who did not serve in time of war. The widow or widower of a veteran who did not serve in time of war would receive this deduction after the veteran's death. The amendment also extends the 100 percent property tax exemption for disabled veterans to veterans who became disabled during peacetime military service. Persons who became disabled during peacetime military service and reside in a continuing care retirement community would not receive the 100 percent exemption for disabled veterans. Currently, these property tax deductions and exemptions are only given to veterans who served during time of war. The amendment would give the deductions and exemptions to veterans who did not serve at wartime.

PUBLIC QUESTION #3

YES →

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING SCHEDULE IF CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED

NO →

Do you approve amending the Constitution to change when new legislative districts are created if the federal census data is delayed? The current COVID-19 pandemic has delayed census data collection. If New Jersey does not receive the census data in a timely manner, new legislative districts may not be ready in time for State legislative elections in the year ending in one. This change to the redistricting schedule will allow legislators to be elected that year from their existing districts for their two-year term in office. The new districts will be used starting with the next scheduled general election for the State legislature.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This constitutional amendment changes when new legislative districts are created if the federal census data is delayed. The United States Constitution requires that a census be taken every ten years to count the people living in the country. Census data is then used to create new legislative districts to ensure residents have equal representation from elected officials. However, the current COVID-19 pandemic has delayed census data collection. This may delay census data to the states and may affect the creation of new legislative districts. The State Constitution requires an Apportionment Commission to create new legislative districts every ten years after the federal census is completed. If the census data is delayed, the new legislative districts may not be created in a timely manner to hold elections. This constitutional amendment requires the commission to delay creating the new districts if the Governor receives the federal census data after February 15 of the year ending in one. The commission will adopt the new districts after the November general election, but not later than March 1 of the year ending in two. The new districts will be used starting with legislative elections in the year ending in three. They will continue to be used until new districts are again created by the Apportionment Commission after the next federal census. For the June primary and November general elections in the year ending in one, Senators and Assembly members will use their existing districts to run for a term of two years. The old districts will also be in effect in the year ending in two if any legislative election is held in that year. This amendment requires the commission to begin conducting its business when the Governor receives the census data. It also requires the eleventh member of the commission to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court within one month after the Governor receives the census data. Nothing in this amendment will alter the appointment of the members of the commission made by the State political party chairs pursuant to Article IV, Section III, paragraph 1 of the State Constitution on or before November 15, and certified by the Secretary of State on or before December 1, of the year in which the census is taken.

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OF BALLOT**



