

The Clerk's Corner

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Dear Voters,

During this election season we want to make sure your vote gets counted, but safety is still an ongoing concern during the pandemic. An executive order has been signed by Governor Murphy stating that all registered voters will receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot.

Your Vote-by-Mail package contains everything you'll need to **VOTE** including the ballot. If you have yet to receive your ballot or have any questions about the election, my Division of Elections staff will be glad to assist you. Remember, your vote counts so make sure to return your ballot by November 3rd.

Vote. Simple. Safe. Secure.

Vote-by-Mail Application Deadline

Due to the Executive Order set in place by Gov. Phil Murphy, every registered voter in NJ will be receiving a Mail-in Ballot to their registered address.

IF YOU, THE VOTER, ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN OR HAVE NO ACCESS TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS, YOU MUST FILL OUT A VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATION TO UPDATE YOUR TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS AND RECEIVE A BALLOT.

We understand that due to COVID many people have been stuck quarantining outside of their homes. It is extremely important that every registered voter in Hudson County receives their ballot wherever they are.

If you are not home, but still remain in the US, please visit the site below to obtain a VBM application (Deadline Oct. 23rd):

<https://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/New-VBM-English.pdf>

If you are a registered voter **outside the US**, please visit the site below to obtain an FPCA form (Deadline Oct. 30th):

<https://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/FPCA.pdf>

Signatures

For your vote to count, the signature provided upon registering to vote, must match the signature on your certificate.



If there is a discrepancy with your signatures, the Board of Elections will send a notification to your home address giving you a deadline to update your signature.

If you are unsure of the signature you used to register, please contact the Superintendent of Elections at 201-369-7740 to update your signature.

Mail-in Ballots



The Mail-in Ballot Envelope this year is yellow and red. Highlighting the importance of the contents enclosed and to ensure that there is no confusion between any other elections related mail.

Keep your eyes open for the envelope pictured above, as it contains your ballot. Inside the envelope are instructions on how to fill out the ballot and what to do once you've completed. Be sure to cast your vote and make your voice COUNT.

Drop Box



The Drop Boxes placed throughout the county are one of the most secure ways to return your ballot to the Board of Elections. Under 24hr surveillance, only the Board of Elections has access to the contents within the box. There is no mail-carrier involved in this process, therefore, no one outside of the Board will have contact with your ballot.

The Drop Boxes are available NOW! They will remain in their designated position until the 3rd of November.

Your Mail-in Ballot Envelope comes with a yellow notice enclosed. This notice has a full list of all the Drop Box Locations.

For the full list and map of Drop Box Locations, visit: <https://vote2020.hcnj.us/>

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The Hudson County Clerk E. Junior Maldonado, County Executive Thomas DeGise and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, in conjunction with the Office of Digital Information, is proud to announce that Hudson County is leading the way by being the first County in the State of New Jersey to offer our residents the ability to locate their polling place by simply entering their registered voting address into our 2020 General Election Voting Website! It can be found at vote2020.hcnj.us/, accessible from a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer.

In addition to this feature, unique to Hudson County's election website, voters will also have the ability to digitally preview their sample ballot associated with that polling site and access critical election information and directions, such as the location of the closest Vote-by-Mail official drop box.

This innovative website is a valuable tool created with the voter in mind to assuage concerns associated with the new election procedures. We look forward to continuing to provide the residents of Hudson County with new means to navigate this 2020 General Election with ease.

What if I Haven't Received My Ballot?

There are 3 ways to get your ballot:

1. Come to our office between 8:30am and 4:30pm! Don't forget your ID. No appointment necessary.
2. To request a duplicate ballot, call 201-369-3740 opt. 6. We confirm your registration and will send you an affidavit that you must fill out and return to us in order to receive a duplicate ballot.
3. Go to your polling place on election day and receive a provisional ballot.

THERE WILL BE NO VOTING MACHINES!
Except ADA accommodations

Importance of the Minority Vote for the 2020 General Election

According to Axios.com the 2020 General Elections “marks the first time in history that Latinos will be the largest minority ethnic or racial group in the electorate, with 32 million eligible voters.” This is of utmost **importance**, as the surge of Latino voters will **increase** the voter turnout.

It has been estimated that there are 15–18 million Latino people in the U.S. who are not registered to vote and according to the Pew Research Center most eligible Latino voters have not voted in presidential elections since 1996. In this upcoming election, the significant volume of registered Latino voters, will undoubtedly have an influence on the outcome and future of the United States.



Share a picture of you and your friends dropping off your ballot!



Use the hashtag #HCVOTE2020

We appreciate overly excited voters (left) and first time voters (right) for their picture submissions!

HUDSON COUNTY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

On FRIDAYS we feature HUDSON COUNTY BUSINESSES on all our social media platforms.

If your business would like to participate and be considered for the Hudson County Business Spotlight, please email us at countyclerk@hcnj.us with name of business, year established, address, contact information and links to your social media.

[#HCBusinessSpotlight](#)

PASSPORT DIVISION UPDATE

The Passport Division will remain open by appointment only. Expedited processing now available.

For a US Passport requirements, fee chart, and photo information please visit: www.hudsoncountyclerk.org

To schedule an appointment, please call us at 201-369-3470 option#4

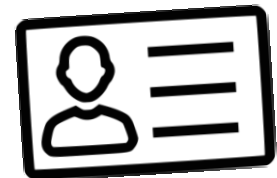


PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

The Public Records Division will remain open by appointment only. In addition, many of the services provided may be processed by mail or parcel couriers, **except for ID cards.**

For a complete list of services and rates, please visit:

www.hudsoncountyclerk.org



To schedule an appointment, please call us at 201-369-3470 option#5.



Theresa,

Best wishes on your retirement.

Enjoy rest, repose, and relaxation that's long overdue.

Take pleasure in the finer things that are waiting for you.

Thank you for 33 years at Hudson County.

We will miss you!

Junior & the County Clerk Staff

For VOTE-BY-MAIL Questions:

HUDSON
COUNTY
CLERK
ELECTIONS
DIVISION

201-369-3470-
OPTION# 6

For VOTER
REGISTRATION
Questions:

HUDSON
COUNTY
SUPERINTEND-
ENT OF
ELECTIONS

201-369-7740

For POLLING
and DROP-BOX
LOCATIONS:

HUDSON
COUNTY
BOARD OF
ELECTIONS

201-369-3435

(Receives all
COMPLETED Vote-
By-Mail Ballots)

In Closing The Clerk's Corner

As the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said, "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." Take that first step and vote.

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