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# **Elections Board Unanimously Approves Proposal for Additional Offices**

Secure, Accessible Sites to Provide Over-the-Counter Voting, Return of Voted Ballots

**PITTSBURGH –** The Board of Elections today unanimously approved a proposal in which the Elections Division will open additional offices on specific dates and times leading up to the November 3 election. Each office will provide opportunity for voters to provide over-the-counter voting, and the return of voted ballots to a fully-staffed, secure office.

The planned board offices and hours are as follows:

# Saturday, October 10 - Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM

- County Office Building
- North Park Ice Rink
- South Park Ice Rink
- DPW Garage # 2 (Carnegie)
- CCAC Homewood

# Saturday, October 17 - Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM

- County Office Building
- South Park Ice Rink
- CCAC South
- Boyce Park Ski Lodge
- Shop 'n Save Hill District

# Saturday, October 24 - Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM

- County Office Building
- Boyce Park Ski Lodge
- CCAC South
- CCAC Allegheny
- North Park Ice Rink

# Sunday, October 11 - Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM

- County Office Building
- North Park Ice Rink
- South Park Ice Rink
- DPW Garage # 2 (Carnegie)
- CCAC Homewood

### Sunday, October 18 - Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM

- County Office Building
- South Park Ice Rink
- CCAC South
- Boyce Park Ski Lodge
- Shop 'n Save Hill District

### Sunday, October 25 - Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM

- County Office Building
- Boyce Park Ski Lodge
- CCAC South
- CCAC Allegheny
- North Park Ice Rink

Elections Division Manager also reported that the county has enough residents who have either previously served or have volunteered to serve as a poll worker to fully staff the 1,323 polling places. Approximately 3,500 of those have been assigned to locations thus far and training of those poll workers began last week. The board also voted unanimously to increase the pay of poll workers who serve on November 3 to \$200 in light of their service during a global pandemic.

Earlier today, the Pennsylvania Department of State certified the candidates for the November 3, 2020 ballot. As a result, the division can begin its final preparations so that ballots can begin to be printed and mailed. Administrative Services Director Jerry Tyskiewicz advised the board members that ballots could begin going out to voters in about a week. The division will announce publicly when those mailings begin so that voters know to be on the lookout for their mail-in or absentee ballot.

The division also reported that the office is now processing online applications in the same day they are received and is working through paper applications with additional staff and shifts. The number of duplicates, approximately 40-50%, is impacting that work.

The division again reminded voters that they should apply now for mail-in and absentee ballots rather than waiting. Application can be done online at <a href="https://votespa.com/ApplyMailBallot">https://votespa.com/ApplyMailBallot</a>.

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