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## **PASSAIC COUNTY CLERK DANIELLE IRELAND-IMHOF ANNOUNCES FURTHER UPDATES REGARDING THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Paterson, NJ** – Clerk Danielle Ireland-Imhof advises residents throughout Passaic County that on May 15, 2020 New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy signed Executive Order No. 144 which states, every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot or application for the July 7, 2020 Primary Election. This Executive Order continues to ensure voters preserve their constitutional right to vote while upholding the priority of public health during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Specific changes included in Executive Order No. 144 are as follows:

- All active, registered Democratic and Republican voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot without the need to fill out an application.
- All inactive, registered Democratic and Republican voters will receive an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.
- All unaffiliated registered voters will receive an application for a vote-by-mail ballot. If you wish to vote in the Primary Election, you will need to select the party you wish to be affiliated with and you will receive that party's ballot. You may return to an unaffiliated status following the July 7, 2020 Primary Election by contacting the Passaic County Superintendent of Elections.
- The deadline to return the vote-by-mail application and receive a vote-by-mail ballot has been suspended.
- A prepaid postage envelope will be provided to use when mailing back the completed ballot or application.
- Sample ballots will not be mailed out. Sample ballots will be available to view on the County Clerk's website, [www.PassaicCountyClerk.org](http://www.PassaicCountyClerk.org), as well as available at the polling place on Election Day.
- For the July 7, 2020 Primary Election, polling places may be reassigned by the County Board of Elections. You will receive advanced notice in the mail with the

details and address of your polling location for this specific election. Voters will NOT be allowed to vote on machines at polling places, instead they will receive a Provisional Ballot (paper ballot) to vote on.

- Voters with disabilities will be required to sign a certification and will be allowed to vote on an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible machine at the polling location.
- Voters may not bring their completed vote-by-mail ballot to a polling place to be returned.
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before July 7, 2020 and received by the Board of Elections by July 14, 2020 at 8 p.m. to be considered valid and to be canvassed.

Additionally, Clerk Ireland-Imhof reminds residents that the deadline to register to vote in this Primary Election is Tuesday, June 16, 2020. For more information on registering to vote, please contact the Passaic County Superintendent of Elections.

If you misplace your ballot or you did not receive your ballot, or for additional information, updates or announcements regarding the 2020 Primary Election, please contact the Elections Division of the Passaic County Clerk's Office at (973) 881-4127.

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