## **VOTE! 2020**

#### Preparing to Vote in the 2020 Primary

### **Key Contacts:**

#### To Check or Change Your Registration To Locate your Polling Place

#### To Get a Form to Apply for an Absentee Ballot

- www.VotesPA.com
- www.Vote411.org
- Call the Board of Elections (215-348-6154)

### **Key Dates:**

#### Last Day to Register to Vote for the Primary April 13

First day to Register after the Primary – April 29

#### **Absentee Ballots or Mail-In Ballot**

- <sup>"</sup> Need to <u>apply</u> for a ballot by April 21, but preferably by mid-April
- <sup>"</sup> Must <u>arrive</u> at the Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on Election Day
- <sup>"</sup> Should be <u>mailed</u> at least 10 days before the deadline April 18
- " Or can be hand delivered to the Bucks County Board of Elections
- Can vote in person before the election at the Bucks County Board of Elections

Primary Election Day – April 28 (polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm)

## See the new Voting System Equipment:

The Bucks County Board of Elections is providing voters the opportunity to see and try the new voting systems that will be in use at all Bucks County polls for the Primary Election on April 28. These will also be available to see at the County Administration Building following the Commissioners' Meetings (<u>http://www.buckscounty.org/government/administration/PublicMeetings/2020Index</u>)

Feb. 24	Bucks County Technical High School	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Feb. 25	Quakertown Free Library	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Feb. 26	Bensalem Municipal Building	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mar. 3	Sellersville Fire Department Hall	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mar. 6	Bucks County Admin. Bldg Rm110	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mar 10	Bensalem Municipal Building	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Mar. 23	Bucks County Admin. Bldg Rm110	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mar. 31	Ben Wilson Senior Center	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Apr. 7	Juniper Village	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Apr. 16	BCCC Bristol Campus	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Apr. 21	BCCC Perkasie Campus	5:00 – 8:00 pm



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## How to Learn about the Candidates

- <sup>"</sup> LWV Voters Guide
  - www.Vote411.org
  - Bucks County Herald
- <sup>"</sup> Bucks County Intelligencer/Courier TImes Voters Guide

### **Campaign Platform and Performance**

- Major issues identified
- <sup>"</sup> Explicit, workable policies detailed
- " Only achievable promises made
- <sup>"</sup> Personal attacks on opponent avoided

### **Choosing Good Candidates**

Personal Characteristics:

- Intelligence
- <sup>"</sup> Relevant knowledge base
- <sup>"</sup> Social skills- ability to relate to:
  - ALL constituents
  - Other legislators
- <sup>"</sup> Temperament/Sound judgment
- Integrity/Honesty

#### For any Campaign Promise, Ask Yourself

- <sup>"</sup> Is it constitutional? Would it be allowed by the Courts?
- Where is the constitutional authority? Who is authorized to make this law? (Federal, State, Local government)
- Does a law already exist and just need amending?
- Who will pay for it? Where will the \$\$ come from?
- What is the mandate: law, guideline, funding requirement?
- " What are the consequences?

# **Key Addresses**

### **Bucks County Board of Elections**

Bucks County Administration Building

- 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901 (215-348-6154) elections@buckscounty.org Some services are also available at the Government Services Centers below (Register to vote, absentee ballot applications, etc):
  - Lower Bucks County 7321 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA 19055 (267-580-3500)
  - Upper Bucks County 261 California Road, Quakertown PA 18951 (215-529-7250)



- " Truthfulness evidenced
- Campaign donors revealed
- Endorsements from relevant groups
- Experience & Skills:
  - Education
  - Work experience
  - Leadership
  - Management skills
  - Communication skills
  - Other relevant experiences