# There are three ways to vote. It's your choice.



## 1. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

# STEP ONE: APPLY FOR A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Applications for a vote-by-mail ballot must be submitted no later than 7 days prior to election day and can be found online at <a href="https://www.essexclerk.com/Forms">https://www.essexclerk.com/Forms</a>

# STEP TWO: VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT.

When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions. Ballots can be returned one of three ways:

USPS Mail. Your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by the Essex Board of Elections on or before 6 days after Election Day.

Essex County Board of Election
Office. Ballots can be returned to
the Election Office located at 495 Dr.
Martin Luther King Drive, Dr. Martin
Luther King Justice Building Room
145 Newark, NJ 07102 by 8:00PM on
Election Day.

Secure Ballot Box Location: Return your vote-by-mail ballot to one of Essex County's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

All registered voters have the option to vote in person at ANY of the 10 Early Voting locations for the June 4th Primary Election.

#### **EARLY VOTING SITES**

May 29th - June 2nd Wednesday—Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

1. Watsessing Park Community Center
Bloomfield Ave. and Conger St., Bloomfield, NJ

2. East Orange City Hall

44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, NJ

3. Fairfield Community Center

221 Hollywood Ave, Fairfield, NJ

4. Irvington Municipal Building

1 Civic Square West, Irvington, NJ

**5. Cherry Blossom Welcome Center**Branch Brook Park, Newark NJ

**6. Essex County Complex Parking Garage**West Market Street Entrance, Newark, NJ

7. Weequahic Park Community Center Meeker and Elizabeth Ave, Newark, NJ

**8. West Side Park Community Center** 600 17th Street, Newark, NJ

9. Verona Community Center

880 Bloomfield Ave, Verona, NJ

10. South Mountain Recreation Complex, New Education Center

560 Northfield Ave, West Orange NJ

### 3. ELECTION DAY

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

To find your nearest polling location:

1. Refer to your sample ballot

2. Visit the NJ Division of Elections website:

www.voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search

#### **Important Contact Information:**

**Essex County Clerk** 

495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Suite 130

973-621-4922

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Newark, NJ 07102
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## Frequently Asked Questions

# Q. I am an unaffiliated Vote By Mail voter, how do I get my ballot?

A. In order to receive your Vote By Mail ballot for the Primary Election, you <u>MUST</u> be affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican Party. If you <u>ARE NOT</u> affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican party, you will <u>NOT</u> receive a mail-in-ballot.

To affiliate with either the Democratic or Republican Party, you must complete the political party affiliation form and return to the County Commissioner of Registration by May 28, 2024.

Finally, please be advised that an unaffiliated voter may still vote in a primary election by voting in-person during the Early Voting period or on Election Day.

After an unaffiliated voter casts a vote in-person in the Democratic or Republican Party primary election, the voter WILL BE affiliated with that political party going forward.

#### Q. How do I return my Vote-By-Mail ballot?

A. Your ballot will include a return postage-paid envelope, (no stamp necessary) which will be included in the VBM Ballot packet that you will receive. You may mail your ballot through the US Postal Service. You also may deposit your ballot in one of the "secure mail drop boxes" located throughout the county that has daily pick-up or you or a bearer of your ballot may deliver your ballot directly to the Board of Elections at the MLK Justice Building, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 145 in Newark.

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Q. What should I do if I do not receive my

Vote-By-Mail ballot or if it is lost or destroyed?

A. If your VBM Ballot is lost, damaged, or you do not believe that you have received it, you may request a duplicate from the County Clerk's Office by completing via mail or email a 2nd ballot request form which can be found on the Clerk's website; www.essexclerk.com.

Q. What is the deadline for returning my Vote-By-Mail ballot?

A. If you are using the US Postal Service, the ballot must be postmarked on or before June 4, 2024 and received by the Board of Elections by 8 pm on June 10, 2024 to be considered valid and to be counted.

If you are using one of the "secure mail drop boxes", the deadline for delivering your ballot is 8:00 pm on June 4th, 2024. Please visit the Board of Elections website <a href="https://www.essexboardofelections.com">www.essexboardofelections.com</a> for drop box locations.

If you are delivering your ballot in-person, you may deliver your completed ballot to the Board of Elections Office up until 8 pm on June 4th; the night of the Primary Election.

Q. What are important dates to remember?

A. <u>Primary Election</u> - June 4, 2024

<u>Last day to file petitions for Primary</u> - March 25, 2024

<u>Last day for registration and transfer</u> - May 14, 2024

<u>Last day to apply for VBM Ballot by mail</u> -May 28, 2024

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# 2024 ESSEX COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING GUIDE

For the offices of...
President, U.S. Senate, Congress,
Sheriff, Register,
Municipal Offices, Democrat and
Republican County Committee

Dear Essex County Voter:

Enclosed are instructions on how to vote in the 2024 Primary Election. You can choose to vote by mail, vote early, or vote on Election Day. Make your plan today!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Durkin

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Essex County Clerk



