



FIGHT CENSUS UNDERCOUNT

If you have not filled out the Census form, please visit <https://www.2020census.gov/> to do so. Please encourage your neighbors, groups to which you belong, and your family to do so. Share on social media. It takes about 10 minutes to respond and there is much helpful information on it web site. CENSUS ALWAYS COUNTS all RESIDENTS.

The 2020 Census determines funding, for the next ten years, for schools, roads, public buildings, disaster aid, and a plethora of Federal, State and County programs for ALL communities, and all people who live in the United States. It also determines each state's elected representation.

To find out how many responses have been submitted in your town (and the country!), visit www.2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html. If your borough is not reminding residents to fill out the 2020 Census, you may wish to suggest that your elected officials use their regular communications (especially prevalent during this time of quarantining) to do so.

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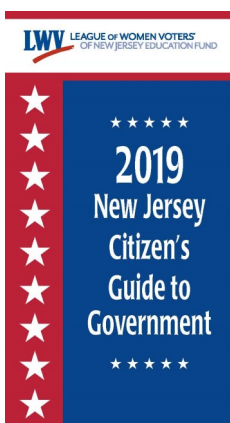
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**2020 NEW JERSEY
CITIZENS GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT
FREE DOWNLOAD OR
PRINTED GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

This guide contains:
Current names, addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of all State Legislators and U.S. Representatives/Senators
Registration and voting information
Political party information
National, state, county, and municipal government information

To order, please use order form on lwnj.org. Payment is due when order is placed. The Guide is \$3 for League members (includes tax and shipping & handling).

The 2019 guide is available, without charge for download, [here](#).

**SPECIAL INSERT... BERGEN COUNTY
VOTE BY MAIL & VOTER REGISTRATION
FORMS ARE INSIDE THIS ISSUE**



**JOIN IN OUR
MEMBER
ACTIVITIES**

*If you would like
to get involved
in Voter Service
Activities,
Please contact:
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The LWV of
Bergen County
plans to conduct
**CANDIDATE
FORUMS,**
in the fall, for
candidates run-
ning for Bergen
County Free-
holder and for
candidates in
Congressional
Districts 5 and 9.

The LWVNJ
(state League)
plans to hold a
Candidates Fo-
rum for New
Jersey's U.S.
Senate race.

Please also
spread the word
and forms for

**VOTE
BY MAIL
and
VOTER
REGISTRATION**



**NEW JERSEY
ELECTION SEASON UNDERWAY**



The Covid-19 health crisis has affected election deadlines and best practices for elec-
tions. Please see below.

School Board elections in LWVNV towns of Cliffside Park, Fairview, and Hackensack,
that normally occur in April, will now be held on **Tuesday, May 12**. All registered vot-
ers in these municipalities will receive, postage-paid, Mail-in-Ballots that must be
postmarked by May 12. **There will be NO IN-PERSON voting.**

PRIMARY - Election for President of the U.S, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives,
County, and Mayor and Council races will take place in a Primary Election rescheduled
for **July 7th**. A primary allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to rep-
resent them in the upcoming General election. (The General election is scheduled for
November 3). NJ is a closed primary state. This means that only those voters who are
registered for a party may vote in the Primary. Unaffiliated voters can register with a
political party up to and including Primary Election Day. **Wednesday, May 13 is
the NEW deadline for registered voters currently affiliated with a political party
to change party affiliation.**

VOTE-BY-MAIL - Vote-by-Mail ballots are available for any registered voter, for any
election. Mail-in ballot requests can be for one or all future elections. Due to the cur-
rent health crisis, the NJ League of Women Voters encourages all voters to request a
Vote-by-Mail ballot for the Primary and General Elections. While the League favors
the use of polling locations/facilities, the health crisis has brought about the need for
an alternate, and perhaps more secure, safe way to vote. Please find a Mail-in-Ballot in
this newsletter, otherwise available [here](#). **To vote in the July 7th Primary, the County
Clerk must receive your mailed Vote-by-Mail by Tuesday, June 30.**

VOTER REGISTRATION - To qualify for voting, citizens must register at least 21 days
before the election and be 18 years of age by the election. You may register to vote if
you are 17 years old but cannot vote until you are 18. You may declare a party affilia-
tion but are not required to do so until you want to vote in a primary. Registration is
permanent unless you change your name or address, but changes in party designation
are permitted annually. Because public offices are not open due to Covid-19, register-
ing to vote requires obtaining a voter registration form [here](#). **If you wish to vote in
the July 7th Primary, you must register to vote by Tuesday, June 16. [Click here for a
step-by-step video guide to completing your Voter Registration Application.](#)**

**You will also find this information on LWVBC web site, lwvbergen.org and on the
LWVUS web site, Vote411.org**

STATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CALLS FOR ELECTION LAW CHANGES DURING PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey, the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey sent a letter to Governor Phil Murphy and Secretary of State Tahesha Way identifying steps to ensure that upcoming elections in New Jersey are successful and robust within the constraints of our current public health crisis.

“As we address our elections, it is paramount to prioritize health and safety, while also ensuring a thriving participatory democracy. Voting must be categorized as an ‘essential service’ and voters must have multiple options for accessing the ballot during this crisis. We are most concerned with communities, such as communities of color and the disability community, that historically face obstacles to the ballot,” said the group letter.

Summary of Recommendations:

- Dedicate additional resources to enable online voter registration.
- Relax voter registration deadlines and permit same-day voter registration.
- Encourage Vote-by-Mail by mailing ballots to all registered voters, including postage-paid return envelopes. Enable voters to track their mail-in ballot.
- Ensure ballots and accompanying materials are sent in all relevant languages, as required by the Voting Rights Act.
- Maintain in-person voting opportunities to ensure all voters have equal opportunities to cast a ballot.
- Follow guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to sanitize polling locations and voting equipment, and to train poll workers in best practices and "social distancing" protocols.
- Provide voter education and combat misinformation by updating the Secretary of State’s Division of Elections website similar to the NJ Department of Health’s website.
- Have Election Day judges available to determine voter eligibility.

PRIMARY CANDIDATES

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

New Jersey has a total of 12 Congressional Districts, with LWVNV residents served by Districts 5 and 9.

DISTRICT 5: Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Demarest, Dumont, Emerson, Hackensack, Harrington Park, Haworth, Hillsdale, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Norwood, Old Tappan, Park Ridge, River Vale, Rockleigh, Washington Township, Westwood, and Woodcliff Lake.

Democratic Primary Candidates:
Josh Gottheimer (*Incumbent*)
Arati Kreibich

Republican Primary Candidates:

James Baldini
Hector Castillo
John McCann Jr.
Frank Pallotta

DISTRICT 9: Cliffside Park, Cresskill, Edgewater, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Fort Lee, Leonia, and Tenafly.

Democratic Primary Candidates:
Bill Pascrell (*Incumbent*)
Alpaslan "Alp" Basaran
Zinovia Spezakis

Republican Primary Candidate:
Billy Prempseh

U.S. SENATE

New Jersey voters will also elect one member for the U.S. Senate. Incumbent Cory Booker will face Lawrence Hamm in the Democratic primary.

Republican Primary Candidates:

Eugene Anagnos, Tricia Flanagan
Rik Mehta, Natalie Rivera
And Hirsh Singh

BERGEN COUNTY FREEHOLDER

**Democratic Primary Candidates
(3 slates of two candidates):**

Joan M. Voss (*Incumbent*)
Ramon M. Hache
Daniel T. Kim
Edmund J. Fanning
Laura K. Occhipinti
Patricia M. Henry

Republican Primary Candidates:

Ronald F. Kistner
Simone Tsigounis

**Independents have until the July 7
Primary to file their petitions.**



EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAY 2020

If you have not done so, please respond to the US Census and encourage your friends and neighbors to join in. See Article Page 1!



Tuesday, May 12 – Postmark, postage-paid, Mail-in-Ballots for voters in municipalities with elections that normally take place in April



Tuesday, May 12, LWVNV Board meeting via on-line platform.

Contact nike.bach@gmail.com if you wish to receive an electronic meeting invite and have not previously attended



Wednesday, May 13 – NEW deadline for registered voters currently affiliated with a political party to change party affiliation



Thursday, May 21, 7:30 pm, Network for Responsible Public Policy will live-stream, via Zoom a webinar: *Dangerous Speech: Countering Online Hatred while Protecting Freedom of Expression.* Visit <https://www.nfrpp.org/> for information and to make suggested \$10 donation



JUNE 2020

Thursday, June 11 – 7:30-9:30 pm ZOOM Webinar And Facebook Livestream NFRPP *“Tax deadline has passed but tax issues have not. Are you a winner or loser? Why?”*



Tuesday, June 16 – NEW deadline for voters to register to vote in the Primary Election



Tuesday, June 30 – deadline for County Clerk to receive mailed Vote-by-Mail application for July Primary.



JULY 2020


Tuesday, July 7 – NEW PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. Polls open from 6am-8pm



NOVEMBER 2020

Tuesday, November 3 – ELECTION DAY. Polls open from 6am-8pm





Note About Our Annual Meeting

The NV League is discussing how best to conduct its Annual Meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have a few ideas and are leaning toward conducting it as a Zoom, on online, interactive meeting. We may also reschedule to a later date. Look for further information.

lwvbergen.org/about-us-more/northern-valley-information

lwvnj.org

lwv.org



[LeagueofWomenVotersNorthernValley](https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersNorthernValley)



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Alpine	Dumont	Hackensack	New Milford	Rockleigh
Bergenfield	Edgewater	Harrington Park	Northvale	Tenafly
Cresskill	Emerson	Haworth	Norwood	Washington Township
Cliffside Park	Englewood	Hillsdale	Old Tappan	Westwood
Closter	Englewood Cliffs	Leonia	Park Ridge	Woodcliff Lake
Demarest	Fort Lee	Montvale	River Vale	

If you would like to get involved, contact nike.bach@gmail.com

New Jersey Voter Registration Information

You can register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen.
- You are at least 17 years of age.*
- You will be a resident of the State and county 30 days before the election.
- I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.

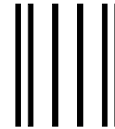
*You may register to vote if you are at least 17 years old but cannot vote until reaching the age of 18.

Registration Deadline: 21 days before an election

Your County Commissioner of Registration will notify you if your application is accepted. If it is not accepted, you will be notified on how to complete and/or correct the application.

Questions? visit Elections.NJ.gov or call toll-free 1-877-NJVOTER (1-877-658-6837)

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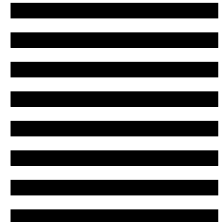


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1 BERGEN COUNTY PLZ RM 380
HACKENSACK NJ 07601-9832

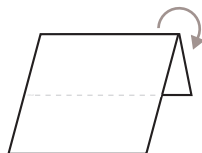


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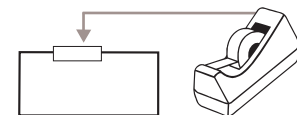
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APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

1	<p>I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for: (CHECK ONLY ONE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise in writing.</p> <p>Or for ONLY ONE of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> General (November)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Primary (June) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Fire</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special _____ To be held on ____/____/____ <small>(Specify) (MM / DD / YYYY)</small></p>	<p>MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY</p> <p>I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (CHECK ONLY ONE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I have never lived in the U.S.</p>
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PLEASE NOTE: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application. If your mailing address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.

2	Last Name <small>(Type or Print)</small>	First Name <small>(Type or Print)</small>	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
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3	<p>Address at which you are registered to vote:</p> <p>Street Address or RD# _____ Apt. _____</p> <p>Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____</p>	4	<p>Mail my ballot to the following address:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Same Address as Section 3</p> <p><i>Please include any PO Box, RD#, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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5	Date of Birth <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>	6	Day Time Phone Number	7	E-Mail Address <small>(Optional)</small>
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8	<p>Signature Please sign your name as it appears in the Poll Book.</p> <p style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; color: red;">X</p>	9	<p>Today's Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small></p> <p style="text-align:center;">/ /</p>
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OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 OR 11 IF APPLICABLE

10	<p>Assistor: Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section.</p>				
	Name of Assistor <small>(Type or Print)</small>	Signature of Assistor	Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>		
		X	/ /		
	Address	Apt.	Municipality <small>(City/Town)</small>	State	Zip

11	<p>Authorized Messenger: Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than THREE qualified voters per election.</p>				
	<p>I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Print Name of Authorized Messenger</small></p>				
	Address of Messenger	Apt.	Municipality <small>(City/Town)</small>	State	Zip
					Date of Birth <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>
					/ /
	<p>Signature of Voter X _____ Date <small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small></p> <p style="text-align:center;">/ /</p>				



Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee.

"I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law."

Signature of Messenger _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY)

/ /

OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Reg # _____

Muni Code # _____ Party _____

Ward _____ District _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out application.
- Print and sign your name where indicated.
- **Mail or Deliver** application to the County Clerk.

DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL

Unless you are a **Military or Overseas Voter**

VOTING INFORMATION

1. You must be a registered voter in order to apply for a Mail-In Ballot.
2. Once you apply for a Mail-In Ballot, you will not be permitted to vote by machine at your polling place in the same election.
3. You will receive instructions with your ballot.
4. If returning your Mail-In Ballot in person it must be received by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on Election Day. If returning your Mail-In Ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election.
5. Do not submit more than one application for the same election.
6. You must apply for a Mail-In Ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under Section 1.

PLEASE NOTE

A voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. He or she may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3 P.M. the day before the election.

Voters now have an option of automatically receiving a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections. If such voter no longer wants this option, the County Clerk's office must be notified in writing.

WARNING

This application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person or via an authorized messenger during County Clerk's office hours, but no later than 3 P.M. the day prior to the election.

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APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

John S. Hogan
Bergen County Clerk
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130
Hackensack, NJ 07601

**APPLICATION
FOR
VOTE BY
MAIL BALLOT**



Please Seal with Tape and Return