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Voting has Begun: A Key Message for our Supporters

Election Day is here! Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth, have already begun casting ballots by mail. Our supporters are more likely to vote by mail than Republican voters, with up to 70% of mail in ballot requests coming from Democrats, according to PA Department of State statistics. In the coming weeks our candidates will be focused on making sure that supporters who have requested mail-in ballots cast their vote. This leads me to the focus of this month's Key Message: Make your vote count. Don't leave blanks!

With the elimination of straight ticket voting, it is critical that we encourage our supporters to fill out their entire ballot. By choosing Democrats for every office our supporters can maximize the impact of their vote. Momentum is building to elect Josh Shapiro as our next Governor, and John Fetterman as our next U.S. Senator. We need to make sure that our candidates for Congress, State Senate and State House are not left behind. Not only are

our down-ballot candidates vastly more qualified than their opponents to represent the needs of Cumberland County residents, control of Congress, and the PA State Legislature is essential to achieving our priorities.

Thank you for all that you do, together, our hard work over the next several weeks will deliver a victory for Democrats that will improve the lives of all Cumberland County residents.

Matt Roan





All in PA, the PA Dems coordinated campaign, is gearing up across Cumberland County. They need volunteers to canvass and phone bank. Please sign up to help get our Democratic candidates to a win in November. These races are going to be close and your help will make a difference! Take action [here](#).



TAKE ACTION WITH TURN PA BLUE!

- Saturday, October 1 - 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Door Knocking in Hampden for Shamaine Daniels and Sara Agerton
 - Sign up here: <https://www.mobilize.us/turnpablue/event/513276/>
- Saturday, October 1 - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - Door Knocking for Rep. Patty Kim - Cumberland and Dauphin County

- **Sign up here:** <https://www.mobilize.us/turnpablue/event/517329/>
 - Sunday, October 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Door Knocking for Kristal Markle - Cumberland County
 - **Sign up here:** <https://www.mobilize.us/turnpablue/event/517285/>
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Commissioner Corner

Please Vote.

Our Democratic candidates offer the promise of a Pennsylvania where there's something for everyone. Please vote for all of them - the whole ballot-top to bottom.

It's almost KnOcktober. Please volunteer to help a Democratic candidate. If you don't like to knock, you can talk or post or write. Candidacy is sometimes lonely and overwhelming; support makes the whole thing a lot better.

If you're worried about the election, please call me 717-240-6156 or the Bureau of Elections 717-240-6385. We will answer your questions and maybe soothe your soul.

Please Vote.

Please Vote like our lives depend on it - because they do.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Jean



Democratic Poll Watcher - Cumberland County Democrats can have three Poll Watchers certified for each polling location. Poll watchers observe the election process to see if any violation of the election laws occurs. Only one Poll Watcher can be inside the polling location at a time. [Sign up HERE](#) to be a Poll Watcher at your polling location. Training is required and provided.

Poll Workers/Election Officials - Cumberland County Bureau of Elections is in need of registered voters to serve as Election Officials on Election Day. Positions are paid and may include: Judge of Elections, Inspector of Elections, Clerk & Machine Operators. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact the Bureau of Elections at - Phone: 717.240.6387 Email: bureauofelections@ccpa.net or complete this form- <https://paebrprod.powerappsportals.us/EBR/DOS/Votes-PA-County/>

Poll Greeters - Poll Greeters celebrate Election Day by welcoming and encouraging voters at the polls! Poll Greeters assist voters with access to information and resources. If Poll Greeters see any voter intimidation tactics or voters report an issue, Poll Greeters can contact Election Officials for an immediate response. Send us a message [HERE](#) and include your address and phone number.



Pennsylvania voters have been able to vote by no-excuse mail ballot since the 2020 primary, and more than 5.3 million votes have been cast that way since then. Ballots will arrive in mailboxes across Cumberland County soon.

STEPS TO VOTE BY MAIL:

#1 REQUEST A MAIL BALLOT

- Any time **between now and Nov. 1** (though earlier is better!) by going to vote.pa.gov.
- Once ballots in your county are finalized and printed, you will receive your ballot in the mail. (Early to mid-October)
- **Important note #1:** If you are planning to leave town before Nov. 8, be sure to [contact the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections office](#) to see if you need to provide an alternate address with your application to ensure you receive your mail ballot.

#2 COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT

- [Read the instructions](#) on how to complete your mail ballot to ensure your vote is counted.
- Mark your ballot with BLUE OR BLACK INK.
- Check both sides of the paper to make sure you see all races on the ballot!
- Mark your selections for EVERY race. Don't leave blanks!
- Fold the ballot and place it in the inner secrecy envelope provided (it's marked "OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT.")
- Place the inner secrecy envelope into the outer envelope, which is already addressed to your county elections office. **REMEMBER TO SIGN AND DATE THE OUTER ENVELOPE!**
- Your outer envelope contains a barcode that specifically identifies you. So, when county elections officials scan that barcode, they automatically record that you have voted by mail ballot (and therefore cannot vote again by another means, such as in-person voting on Election Day). County election officials then separate your outer envelope from your sealed inner secrecy envelope so your ballot remains secret.

#3 RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- Return it to Cumberland County Bureau of Elections, your county elections office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.
- **Important note #2:** Ballots postmarked by 8 p.m. on Nov. 8, but not received by your county elections office by that time will not be counted.

- Return your voted ballot by mail or in person to the [Cumberland County Bureau of Elections office](#).
- If you prefer video to explain the return process, [click here](#).
- **ONLY YOU CAN RETURN YOUR BALLOT UNLESS YOU ARE DISABLED AND UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT.**
- If you are disabled and are unable to return your own ballot, you can designate someone to return it for you (use [this form](#) to designate an agent).
- Prefer to vote by mail and return it the same day? If you'd like to vote by mail ballot early in person, you can go to the [Cumberland County Bureau of Elections office](#), request your mail ballot, fill it out and return it all in one visit. You can use this option through Nov. 1.
- If you have an emergency (such as an illness or last-minute absence from home on Election Day), you can request an emergency absentee ballot after 5 p.m. Nov. 1. [Find everything you need to know about that process here](#)

Congratulations and Thank You! Once you've completed these steps, you will have successfully voted in the 2022 general election.



2022 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES



OCT
24

**Last day to register to vote
in the election.**
vote.pa.gov/Register



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**Last day to apply for a
mail-in or absentee ballot.**
vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot



NOV
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**Voted mail-in and absentee ballots
must be received by 8 PM.**
vote.pa.gov/County



NOV
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**Election Day.
Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.**
vote.pa.gov/Polls



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