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Montgomery County Expands Office Hours to Receive Absentee Ballot Applications

Norristown, PA (October 25, 2016) – Montgomery County Board of Elections is expecting more than 30,000 absentee ballot applications for the 2016 general election. To meet this unprecedented demand, the office of Voter Services will be expanding hours for walk-in absentee ballot applications. Completed absentee ballots can also be submitted during regular and expanded walk-in hours as well. The office of Voter Services is located at One Montgomery Plaza, 425 Swede Street, Suite 602, Norristown, PA.

Expanded hours are as follows:

- Saturday, October 29, 2016 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Monday, October 31, 2016 8:30am-8:00pm.
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016 8:30am-5:00pm – the deadline for all absentee ballot applications.

To date, more than 20,000 absentee ballot applications have been entered into the system, with staff working overtime to process the ballot applications that are received daily.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot Application:

All absentee ballot applications must be physically received in the Voter Services office by 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 (postmarks do not apply).

Deadline for Absentee Ballot Submission:

All voted absentee ballots must be physically received by Voter Services by 5:00pm on Friday, November 4, 2016 (postmarks do not apply).

“We want to ensure that all who are eligible to vote, but can’t make it to the polling place on Election Day, are able to receive and submit an absentee ballot,” said Valerie Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery

County Board of Elections. “If individuals have concerns about being home to receive their ballot in the mail, they can come directly to our offices and pick up their absentee ballots.”

An individual who expects to be absent from his/her municipality on Election Day during the entire period the polls are open for voting (7:00am to 8:00pm) is eligible to apply for an absentee ballot. In addition, any voter who, because of illness or physical disability, is unable to attend his/her polling place or operate a voting machine may apply for an absentee ballot. Please note – individuals (who are not disabled) should pick up their own absentee ballots. For example, a parent cannot pick up an absentee ballot for their child. Individuals suffering from a disability and who can't come in on their own may fill out a special form to designate an agent to handle their ballot.

For more information, please visit www.montcopa.org/voterservices.