



Office of the County Executive
542 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Friday, March 16, 2024

Re: County Drop Box Sites

Dear County Executive Innamorato,

1Hood Power would like to express our sincerest appreciation for your recent announcement of advancing our democracy through the establishment of satellite ballot drop boxes in Squirrel Hill, Moon Township, North Park, South Park and Boyce Park. 1Hood Power believes the way to truly establish a reflective democracy that works for all requires the elimination of barriers to ballot access, especially for working-class Black, Brown, and disabled, communities. As such, we welcome the news of satellite drop boxes which help continue the work of expansive voter access which will empower individuals to participate in a democracy that is accessible to them.

Your commitment to making the vote accessible to all will not only empower individuals to exercise their power but also foster a more inclusive and reflective democracy. By increasing access to voting, you have helped ensure that the voices and concerns of our communities are heard and represented in our democratic process. As such we do hope the county will incorporate drop box locations for future elections and request expansions into our communities such as Homewood, Penn Hills and the Mon Valley. We believe drop boxes are crucial to assisting our community members who are often working during the day and unable to travel downtown during traditional hours of operation.

Again, we thank you for initiating this needed step in making our democracy more reflective through access. Additionally, your work will have a ripple effect, extending beyond the realm of politics. By making voting more accessible, you will also contribute to reducing exposure to COVID-19, as individuals will be able to vote safely and conveniently with the understanding that their vote matters and is safe. . Your dedication to democracy and public health is truly commendable, and we are immensely grateful for your efforts to create a more equitable and participatory society.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 2024

Allegheny County Board of Elections
604 County Office Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Members of the Allegheny County Board of Elections,

I write to you today in strong support of maintaining the plan to provide five ballot return locations in Allegheny County for the Primary Election occurring on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. As a representative of a vibrant Jewish community and someone who is deeply committed to the principles of democracy and accessibility in voting, I urge you to consider the importance of these locations for our county, especially for our Jewish neighbors.

Since 2020, mail-in ballots have become a popular and reliable voting method in Pennsylvania. However, concerns about ballots getting lost in the mail or arriving too late to be counted persist. We must provide additional options for voters to return their ballots, especially in the days immediately preceding Election Day.

I appreciate concerns that have been raised about the importance of protecting the security of ballots, and I believe that the Elections Division has done an excellent job addressing those concerns. The plan, approved by the Department of State, includes measures such as staffing all ballot return locations with county employees during operational hours and ensuring only completed ballots are accepted will ensure these ballots are securely cast.

Additionally, Tuesday, April 23rd is the first full day of Passover, a major religious holiday for those of the Jewish faith. Many observant Jews will on that day refrain from work and their regular activities to observe this religious holiday, which includes voting. Ballot return locations not only broaden access to the ballot box but also provide flexibility for those observing religious obligations this upcoming Passover.

I urge you to prioritize accessibility and participation in our democratic process by continuing to support the operation of ballot return locations. Let us work together to remove barriers and ensure that all voices, including those of our Jewish community, are heard in April's primary election.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan B. Frankel'.

Dan B. Frankel

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Sara Innamorato
Allegheny County Executive
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear County Executive Innamorato,

As Allegheny County works to finalize its absentee and mail-in ballot drop off proposal ahead of April's critical primaries, I write in support of the county's plan to extend ballot drop off hours and provide an additional five staffed sites to be used exclusively for the collection of mail-in ballots. This plan not only brings staffed ballot boxes closer to voters across Allegheny County, but it also provides needed flexibility for our Jewish community members observing the holiday of Passover on Primary Day.

The right to vote in a free and fair election is core to our democracy. In 2020, mail-in voting proved to be a popular, reliable, and secure method of casting a ballot for many of our neighbors. Since then, the County Board of Elections has authorized a staffed ballot return location in the County Office Building. Your prudent proposal simply expands this offering to additional locations, providing voters from every corner of the county with a secure, yet time-flexible alternative to mailed ballot return or in-person voting.

Furthermore, the Pennsylvania primary on April 23rd coincides with Passover, a major Jewish holiday. Not only does this mean that our Jewish neighbors may be unable to vote on April 23rd due to work and travel restrictions, but dozens of precincts in the county have relocated polling places due to the use of synagogues and Jewish Community Centers for evening Passover services. Providing extended hours and additional ballot drop boxes will help limit any confusion caused by these changes, while also providing our Jewish neighbors the time and flexibility to vote without conflicting with their religious observances.

When I started doing voting rights work as an attorney, I never imagined the deluge of attacks that our democracy is facing today. We must act with urgency to ensure our democracy remains the example for the world—and that starts with free and fair elections. That is why I support this plan to extend ballot drop off hours and provide five secure, staffed sites for the collection of mail-in ballots.

As Allegheny County approaches another important election, it is critical to provide the eligible voters of Western Pennsylvania secure and straightforward access to the ballot box. I stand ready to assist in any way that I can to ensure that the people of Allegheny County have their voices heard.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio".

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress

CC: Councilman Samuel DeMarco III
Councilwoman Bethany Hallam

1163 Firwood Drive
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March 18, 2024

VIA E-MAIL TO BOE@ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US

Allegheny County Board of Elections
County Office Building
542 Forbes Avenue, Room 312
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: 03-20-2024 RESOLUTION REGARDING BALLOT RETURN SITES

To whom it may concern:

My name is Bryan Neft. I reside in Mt. Lebanon and am a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Jewish Community. I write in support of the resolution to be considered at the Board of Elections meeting of March 20, 2024 regarding additional ballot return sites. These return sites will make it easier for individuals throughout Allegheny County to register their vote through the use of absentee and mail-in ballots. Although I work in Downtown Pittsburgh and am able to drop my ballot off in person at the County Office Building, that option is not available for many people who do not have transportation to bring them Downtown. Such a trip also imposes costs on the individual seeking to register their ballot.

The plan for remote ballot return sites not only broadly expands access to the ballot box for voters across Allegheny County, but especially this year, is an important avenue of civic participation for the Jewish community. This year is particularly difficult for members of the Jewish community to vote at the polls on April 23 as that date is the first day of the Jewish holiday of Passover. For many members of the community this may mean work, travel and other religious restrictions. Members of the Jewish community are therefore being encouraged to vote by mail-in ballot. Many of them are not familiar with the process of mail-in ballots and therefore need to be educated about how to vote by mail. The process needs to be as easy as possible for them to register their vote and that will be through ballot return sites set up throughout the county. In addition, over a dozen precincts have had to move locations for the primary due to the fact that they were located in

synagogues or Jewish community centers. The plan to have remote ballot return sites allows our Jewish neighbors the time and flexibility to plan to vote in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations. The plan has widespread support throughout the Jewish community.

I am proud to support the resolution for ballot return sites because it helps remove barriers and ensure that more of our neighbors, including those in our Jewish community, are able to have their voice heard in April's primary

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryan S. Neft".

Bryan S. Neft

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March 19, 2024

Allegheny County Board of Elections
Sent via email to BOE@alleghenycounty.us

I am writing to voice my support for additional drop boxes around Allegheny County to accept mail-in and absentee ballots prior to election day. I live in the Point Breeze neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. I am mobility impaired and have requested a mail-in ballot and used it in prior elections. Placing my ballot in a drop box is a safer way to ensure that my ballot is timely received and that my vote counts instead of hoping that there are no issues with the Postal Service. My understanding is that there is a plan to secure the drop boxes and that it was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of State. Having to get downtown to drop off my ballot is an extreme and unreasonable hardship. This year that is magnified by the primary election day falling on the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Voting by mail has proven to be popular in Pennsylvania and the drop boxes help facilitate that. The Allegheny County Board of Elections should do everything that it can to facilitate voters being able to have their votes count and drop boxes should be a big part of that effort.

I recently read that there is an effort to purge thousands of voters from the Allegheny County voter rolls. There is an effort to swarm election departments with requests to purge voters, intending to overcome the very departments that enable citizens to vote. Participating in our democracy comes down to voting. Again, everything should be done to extend and encourage voting, and not trying to block it. Please protect the citizens of Allegheny County and reject purging them from the voter rolls by people with obvious malicious motives. The goal should be to protect and encourage democracy, not abide by efforts to suppress it.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Freeman

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Freeman

Voye, David

From: Sherwood Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:43 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting drop box(es)

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

As my elected officials, I would hope that you appreciate the value of voting access in a democracy. However, the use of a single drop-box location for the entire county is simply inadequate, as it makes it difficult for those of who live in areas that are not nearby to utilize this option. Additionally, the restriction of drop box access to business hours makes it impossible for those who work to utilize this option. This is an obvious attempt to disenfranchise specific segments of the voting population, and the creation of disproportionate access to voting is simply unconstitutional - no matter who those groups are. (For example, as a doctor who lives in Pine Township and works 12-16 hour days, there simply is no way I could utilize this option for voting, and that violates my rights as the citizen of a democracy.)

Fortunately, there is a simple and effective solution: the addition of more drop boxes, distributed across the county in areas that can be accessed easily via public transportation, and that are open both before and after standard working hours.

Drop boxes are a convenient and secure way to increase voting access and participation, and they also increase certainty that one's vote will be counted when it is not clear that ballots will arrive in time via mail. Increasing participation in elections is something that ALL supporters of a democracy should support. In fact, the SINGULAR reason for reducing or eliminating access to drop boxes is to eliminate certain groups ability to vote, and any such effort to disenfranchise voters should be viewed as the unconstitutional, unpatriotic, and simply unAmerican attacks on our democracy that it represents. (Note: there are plenty of other countries where this I acceptable. George Bush included some of them in his "Axis of evil". I would suggest to those who want to restrict voter access that they consider moving to one of them.)

Thankfully, Allegheny County Executive Sarah Innamorato innately understands this, and has a plan to resolve this inadequacy. Unfortunately, her plan needs to go even further to improve access within marginalized BIPOC communities where people have less access to transportation, polls, and drop boxes. Additionally, the hours of drop box locations need to be expanded to include more weekday hours (eg 7am - 8pm) as well as weekend hours so working families like mine have equal access to voting in this manner.

Lastly, considering that the current situation disproportionately restricts access to drop boxes, the County Council should ask itself whether it would rather add drop box locations and hours, or risk fighting expensive legal challenges that the current situation invites. Personally, I would far rather have my tax dollars go towards improving voter participation in our democracy than go towards preventable legal challenges that the Council is likely to lose anyway.

Thank you,
Andrew Johnson
Gibsonia, PA

Voye, David

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:59 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: I urge you to vote in favor of the five staffed ballot drop off locations to be available the two weekends before for the April 23rd Primary Election, and to be distributed geographically throughout the county.

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Thank you,
Rachel Usdan

Dear members of the Allegheny County Board of Elections,

My name is Rachel Usdan. I am a resident of Allegheny County. I vote in every election. I also volunteer at the polls on election day whenever I can. Because I am a poll worker, at a location that is not in my neighborhood, it is very helpful if I can vote early. In the 2022 election, I dropped my ballot off at the election office downtown. Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location to drop off mail ballots that only operates during business hours. As a mother of two young children, who works full time, who only owns one car that I share with my husband, it was very difficult for me to find the time to get downtown to drop off my ballot.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of the five staffed ballot drop off locations to be available the two weekends before for the April 23rd Primary Election, and to be distributed geographically throughout the county. This will really help not just me, but many voters- including voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs and voters who have to travel long distances- who have a difficult time with the current system.

Your job is to represent the best interests of the voters. Voting access should be a right, not a privilege. Hundreds of thousands of PA voters have used drop boxes without incident. There should be more, not less, help for voters to exercise their freedom to vote. Drop boxes provide voters with a secure way to submit their ballot directly to the Elections Bureau, especially in the days right before the Election Day when there is uncertainty as to whether the postal service will deliver their ballot on time. I ran into this exact issue.

Thank you, County Executive Innamorato, for working to expand voting access. In addition to adding more drop boxes, the BOE should offer longer hours, more days, and provide additional drop boxes in more BIPOC communities throughout the county. Additionally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm).

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Rachel Usdan
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Voye, David

From: molly miller
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:41 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes

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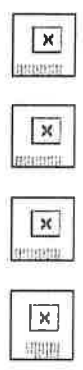
Dear sir,
I live in Squirrel Hill and am concerned about the lack of availability of voting accessibility.

- All of us, no matter where we are in PA or what we do to provide for our families, need access to cast a ballot in a way that is convenient and secure. Hundreds of thousands of PA voters have used drop boxes without incident. There should be more, not less, help for voters to exercise their freedom to vote.
- Drop boxes provide voters with a secure way to submit their ballot directly to the Elections Bureau, especially in the days right before the Election Day when there is uncertainty as to whether the **postal service will deliver their ballot on time.**
- Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location to drop off mail ballots that only operates during business hours. This makes it more difficult for some voters to cast their ballots, especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, voters who have to travel long distances and voters who are not available during regular business hours.

- In addition to adding more drop boxes, the BOE should offer longer hours, more days, and provide additional drop boxes in more **BIPOC communities** throughout the county, as well as for voters who celebrate **Passover**, which begins the day before Primary Day.
- Thank County Executive Innamorato for working to expand voting access but insist that more needs to be done. Placement of these five proposed locations does not improve access within BIPOC communities in Allegheny County. Additionally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm)

Thank you for your time and work on this issue,

Molly Miller



Voye, David

From: Lisa Schwerdt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19 2024 9:04 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: ballot drop-off boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I implore the Board of Elections not only to approve the installation of the 5 discussed drop-off boxes, but to establish even more. It has been proven time and time again that election fraud is miniscule, and has never changed the results of an election. It is often impossible for voters to make it to election day voting sites because of work and/or family obligations. Providing more opportunities for people to vote only enhances our democracy!

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Schwerdt

[REDACTED]
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Voye, David

From: Noorparvar, Lauren [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:01 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop boxes

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Dear Board of Elections, I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community in Squirrel Hill and beyond who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations. Thank you.

Voye, David

From: Wendy Levin-Shaw [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:59 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Ballot Boxes

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Thank you.

Wendy Levin-Shaw

Voye, David

From: Sunshine, Kira [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:52 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Election drop boxes

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Thank you.

Voye, David

From: Rebecca Goldwasser [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19 2024 8:52 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Thankful for your support

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Thank you,

Voye, David

From: Cheryl DeSure [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:46 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop Boxes

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Thank you.

Cheryl DeSure

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA. 15217

Voye, David

From: mcombs09 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:17 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Allegheny County drop boxes

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Thank you,

Melissa McCombs
(Elizabeth Township)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Voye, David

From: MARILYN BURK [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:00 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Protect Voting Access

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Dear Mr. Voye:

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including County Executive Sara Innamorato, County Council member Bethany Hallam, and County Council member Samuel DeMarco III.

I strongly support the five staffed ballot drop-off locations throughout Allegheny County, as announced by County Executive Sara Innamorato. Allegheny County has had only ONE location, which is downtown, to drop off mail ballots. This location is available only during business hours, which makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, for some voters to cast their ballots. We actually could use additional drop boxes, as well as increased hours and locations. The goal is to get MORE votes submitted, not less.

Sincerely,

Marilyn B. Burke

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Voye, David

From: Joan Bruce [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:13 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Please provide a copy of this email to the Allegheny County Board of Elections

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Dear Board Members,

As a lifelong Allegheny County resident, I strongly support the addition/expansion of Ballot drop off locations throughout the County. The status quo of having only one location for the entire county is untenable. Said location is only open during regular work hours and makes it difficult for many residents especially seniors and the disabled to access the drop off location. As we get close to Election Day placing the ballot into the US mail service can be risky as it may not be received on time to be counted. Citizens are concerned that they may be disenfranchised through no fault of their own.

The expanded locations will allow a safe secure and accessible location for all our citizens to cast their ballot. Quite frankly the county should be encouraging citizens to vote and the proposed expansion will do exactly that.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Joan C Bruce
Oakland

Voye, David

From: Linda Esposto [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:51 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Ballot Dropbox

Warning! This email was sent from an external source. Please be sure you recognize the sender and use caution when clicking on links and/or opening attachments.

Dear Mr. Voye,
Please share my email with all that will have a decision on ballot drop boxes.

I firmly believe that we should make sure there are no obstacles in allowing people to vote. Drop boxes are helpful, efficient and have proved to be safe.

Please allow these boxes for all elections. People need to vote and no obstacles should be in their way. It is our responsibility to make sure each citizen can and does vote!

Thank you.

Linda Esposto

Allegheny county resident

Sent from my iPad

Voye, David

From: Sarah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Voye, David
Cc: Chris Zurawsky
Subject: Please expand Dropbox locations and hours for our citizens

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Dear Mr. Voye and Members of the Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my concern about the limited access to Dropbox locations and hours for mail-in voting in our county.

As you know, every citizen deserves the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. This includes those who work late hours or cannot afford a car. It is our responsibility as elected officials to accommodate all citizens and ensure that their voices are heard.

I believe that expanding Dropbox locations and hours would be a positive step toward increasing voter turnout and making our elections more accessible to all. I urge you to consider this proposal and take action to make it a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah E. Flanders, MD
Squirrel Hill

Voye, David

From: Lisa Plant [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Ballot drop boxes

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Mr. Voye,
Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

We need more ballot drop boxes and extended hours to enable all those who wish, to be able to vote.

Lisa Plant

Voye, David

From: Shelley Hiegel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:13 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Please support voter box installation

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Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I support the installation of voter boxes with increased hours and more locations!

Thank you,
Shelley Hiegel

Voye, David

From: Nancy Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:15 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: I support drop boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,

I support the installation of drop boxes, and extended hours for voting.

Please let the Board of Electors know of my support.

I am an Allegheny County resident.

Nancy Robinson, 1238 Varner Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Thank you,
Nancy Robinson

Voye, David

From: Judith Traister
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:20 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Board of Elections Meeting

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Dear Mr. Vote:

Please relay this email to BOE members, including Sara Innamorato, Bethany Hallam, and Samuel DeMarco III to support Drop Boxes and also to increase them to include BIPOC communities and expanded hours at the meeting on March 20. All eligible voters should have easy access to exercise their right to vote in our democracy!

Thank you for your service.

Judith Traister
Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Lauren Baldel [mailto:lauren.baldel@state.nj.gov] [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:28 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Expanding Drop Boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.

Lauren Baldel

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Stefanie Small [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:36 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Support for ballot drop boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,
I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police presence at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation.

This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people their right to vote and we need the time and flexibility to make a plan to do so, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.
Stefanie Small
Squirrel Hill

Voye, David

From: Rena [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:40 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop Boxes - Election Access

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

As these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation.

This is *especially* important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day.

These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you,
Dr. Rena Levy

Voye, David

From: Miriam Gelman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:41 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Ballot drop boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

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Thank you.

Regards,
Miriam Gelman

Voye, David

From: Julia Meredith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:41 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support of additional ballot drop box locations

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Good morning, Mr. Voye,

Please ensure this email is also forwarded to all members of the Board of Elections, including County Executive Sara Innamorato and County Council Members Bethany Hallam and Sam DeMarco.

I have resided in Fox Chapel Boro since 2018. I was born in Pittsburgh, and have also lived in Ingram, Coraopolis, Swissvale, Verona, and Aliquippa. My parents instilled in me that it was both my right and my duty as an American citizen to participate in every election by casting my vote, and I have.

I write to strongly encourage you to allow the implementation of Ms. Innamorato's plan for placement of five additional ballot boxes in Allegheny County for the upcoming Primary. I also ask the board to consider the placement of additional boxes for upcoming elections to try to improve access to voting for BIPOC communities.

A friend of mine recently became a US citizen at 65 and was very much looking forward to voting in her first election last November. In an abundance of caution, she had requested an absentee ballot but planned to return it when she voted in person. A family emergency with her daughter, who still resides in her country of origin, required her to fly home unexpectedly. She was able to mail her ballot by the deadline, on her way to the airport. She was extremely concerned that she had missed the deadline and called the county to ensure she would meet the cut-off. Having a drop-box available would have increased her confidence that her vote was going to be received and recorded. This story to me underlines the importance of having multiple avenues for our citizens to make their voices heard and vote.

Restricting access to voting is unconstitutional and un-American. Board of Elections, please do your part to help Americans do their part in ensuring and expanding election access.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Julia Meredith

Voye, David

From: Chani Altein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:45 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Additional drop boxes for mail-in ballots

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Dear Board of Elections, I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you,
Chana Altein

Voye, David

From: Nina Butler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:25 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Voting and Passover

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.
Nina Butler

Voye, David

From: Dennis Ament [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:32 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting Drop Boxes

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am writing in support of election drop boxes in Allegheny County. During the pandemic, we used the well organized and secure drop box at Boyce Park.

I encourage you to support and expand the service geographically to BIPOC communities and extend the hours to empower all County citizens.

Thanks for your consideration,
Dennis Ament

Voye, David

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:37 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Election Boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations and will allow for increased voter participation. **This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations or writing or using electronics on Election Day.** These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations. It also disenfranchises voters who are not Jewish but vote at these locations and would face great difficulty making other arrangements.

Thank you.

Lynda Wrenn

Voye, David

From: Michelle Goldwasser [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:15 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

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Thank you.

Michelle Goldwasser

Voye, David

From: Jen Golovin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:38 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop Boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

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Thank You,
Jennifer Golovin

Voye, David

From: Nancy Lapp [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Election helps

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

This is to urge you to support our need to make voting easy and more convenient for the citizens in our county. We need convenient drop off boxes for our citizens, longer hours for voting and more locations. Let's make democracy work!

Nancy Lapp
Pittsburgh PA

Voye, David

From: Orly Aridor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:44 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Expanding number of drop boxes for mail in ballots

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Dear Allegheny County Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you

Orly Aridor
[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
oaridor@comcast.net

Voye, David

From: Lynda Wrenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:53 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Voting Boxes

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations and will allow for increased voter participation.

This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations or writing or using electronics on Election Day.

These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Please allow for extra voting drop off boxes this Primary election.

Thank you,

Lynda Wrenn
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Voye, David

From: Danielle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:56 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop Boxes for Mail In Ballots

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you,

Danielle Lavey
Pocusset St., Squirrel Hill

Voye, David

From: Ronit and Harold W. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:57 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Increasing number of drop boxes for mail in ballots

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Howie Stein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:00 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop boxes for upcoming primary election

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Dear Members of the Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes will be staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because the primary election falls on the first day of Passover. Many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person on that day because of their religious observance, which precludes driving to the polls, writing, or using electronics. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County.

Howie Stein
Squirrel Hill

Rabbi Howie Stein (he/him)
Temple B'nai Israel, White Oak, PA

[REDACTED]

"All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the essential thing is not to be afraid at all."
--- Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav

Voye, David

From: Diana Hull [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:04 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes

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My name is Diana, Hull And I am concerned for those that are handicapped and cannot drive that they will not have the opportunity to have their voice heard because of the difficulties in trying to vote. We need the drop boxes to help improve the ability to practice democracy. Not having the drop boxes is a disservice to the people that have difficulty getting to the polls. These are the points you should consider.

Counties should be doing everything in their power to make it easier for voters to cast their ballot in 2024. ➤ Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location that only operates during business hours to drop off mail ballots – the limited number of places to drop ballots means it will be more difficult for some voters to cast their ballots, especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, or voters who have to travel long distances. ➤ Ballot drop boxes can also provide more access for people who have family responsibilities that keep them from being able to get to a county office during business hours.

➤ The county should also work to expand dropbox locations that prioritize serving BIPOC communities. ➤ Expanding dropbox locations will allow those who voted by mail or in person in past elections from Gmail Mobile

Voye, David

From: Marilyn Jenkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:07 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: In support of drop off ballot locations

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am writing out of my interest in ensuring voting across Allegheny County is as accessible as possible. In that vein, I encourage the members of the Board of Elections to approve the measure to establish remote ballot drop off locations. I would encourage the Board to not only approve the current proposal, but also to consider additional locations in communities with residents of color and to expand hours to allow working residents access before or after the work day and on weekends.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

[REDACTED]

"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

Voye, David

From: Susan Jablow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:20 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop boxes for mail-in ballots

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you,
Susan Jablow

Voye, David

From: Marjorie Manne [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:21 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Support for Expanded Drop Box Locations

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

The benefits of these drop boxes far outweigh any associated risk. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations.

The benefits to these drop boxes are many, most important is that they will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover. On Passover, many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, writing or using electronics that day.

These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that does not conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Marjorie Manne

Voye, David

From: Aidel Davidson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:21 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Mail in ballots-squirrel hill

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Dear Board of Elections, I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes, specifically in squirrel hill, are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.

Aidel Davidson

Voye, David

From: Batsheva Barber [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:17 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Mail in ballot boxes!

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If it's feasible and won't take too much \$\$ from tax payers we'd like drop in mail in boxes in squirrel hill to make voting easier this primary election falling on the first day of the holiday of Passover!!!
Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Susan Safyan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:28 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Increase ballot drop boxes

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To the Board of Elections,

As a resident of Allegheny county, I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

Additional drop boxes will allow for increased voter participation. Because these drop boxes will be staffed by the county with police presence at each site, there is no additional risk of voter fraud. This is important to many members of the Jewish community who will be unable to vote on election day which this year falls on the first day of Passover (which precludes driving to drop boxes or writing or using electronics on Election Day), and it will also expand options for those whose work or other time constraints make voting difficult.

While I recognize that mailing a mail-in ballot is an option for those who cannot vote on election day, some are concerned about the safety/reliability of mail carried by USPS (as reported by USPS itself), and additional drop boxes will provide greater flexibility and encourage safe voter participation.

Thank you,

Susan Safyan

Voye, David

From: LaRue Angelici [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Voye, David

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Mr. Voye,
Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

To all concerned,
I would like to express my support for Ms Innamarato's plan to place dropboxes for voters in strategic places throughout the voting area as well as expand the locations and hours they are made available, especially to less represented voters and commuters so they have the opportunity to engage in this most important right to have their voices heard.

Sincerely,
LaRue Angelici

[REDACTED]
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Voye, David

From: Eric Safyan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:32 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Ballot boxes

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To the Board of Elections,

As a resident of Allegheny county, I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots.

Additional drop boxes will allow for increased voter participation. Because these drop boxes will be staffed by the county with police presence at each site, there is no additional risk of voter fraud. This is important to many members of the Jewish community who will be unable to vote on election day which this year falls on the first day of Passover (which precludes driving to drop boxes or writing or using electronics on Election Day), and it will also expand options for those whose work or other time constraints make voting difficult.

While I recognize that mailing a mail-in ballot is an option for those who cannot vote on election day, some are concerned about the safety/reliability of mail carried by USPS (as reported by USPS itself), and additional drop boxes will provide greater flexibility and encourage safe voter participation.

Thank you,

Eric Safyan

Voye, David

From: Agnes Raible, CDP [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Mailing boxes

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Please allow more drop off boxes in Allegheny County for voting purposes. There are people in the county who are unable to get to one of the voting poles on Election Day.

Blessings,
Sister Agnes Raible, CDP.

Voye, David

From: Andrea Ehrenreich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:03 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: PLEASE EXPAND DROP BOXES

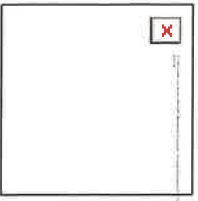
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Dear Board Of Elections,

I am writing to beg and express my deep support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. As you know, the primaries fall on Passover this year and it's incredibly unfair and unethical to limit the number of Jewish voters from having access to SAFE voting. Please, as a good standing member of this community, I beg you to do the right thing.

Thank you so much!!

- Andrea Regan -
[REDACTED]



Voye, David

From: Amy Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:07 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Election

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Sent from my iPhone

Please vote favorably to have more supervised ballot boxes available to enable people to exercise their right to vote in upcoming election.

Thank you

Amy L Cohen
[REDACTED]

Voye, David

From: Chris Zurawsky <chris.zurawsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:11 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: SUPP0RT expanded ballot drop off locations

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Hello -

As an ACDC member representing a large Jewish electorate in Squirrel Hill, I strongly support expanding drop off locations in order to accommodate Jewish voters who cannot vote on the state's 2024 Primary Election Day, since it falls on Passover.

Related to the convergence of Passover and the primary election, my polling place at the Jewish Community Center will be closed that day, with the polling place relocated to Colfax School. Colfax School is nearly a mile further away from my district compared to the JCC, and for some voters in my district--many of whom are elderly or physically challenged--the relocation doubles the travel distance for voting in person.

Looking ahead, we should all advocate for U.S. elections to held on Saturdays or Sundays, as many countries already do, to make it easier for working people to vote in person.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

Best Regards,
Chris

Chris Zurawsky
Allegheny County Democratic Committee Member
Ward 14, District 38

Pgh., PA 15217

chris.zurawsky@gmail.com

Voye, David

From: Veronica Mcandless [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:19 AM
To: Voye, David

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I wholeheartedly support drop boxes in different areas of the county making voting more convenient for all parties involved. Voting should be made easier and more convenient for all instead putting up barriers to prevent participating in this most fundamental right. Thanks!

Voye, David

From: Sally Wenzel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:25 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: New Staffed Ballot Drop off Boxes

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

Dear Board Members

As a concerned citizen of Allegheny County, i am writing to voice my support for the new Ballot Drop off Boxes proposed by County Exec Innamorato. These drop off boxes will provide secure voting opportunities for citizens of the county, and will increase the likelihood that everyone's vote will be counted. It will also increase the access to SECURE ballot boxes for citizens who are limited in the transportation options.

Thank you for considering my thoughts when you vote on this proposal.

Sincerely,
Sally E. Wenzel MD
Professor of Medicine and Immunology

Voye, David

From: Mike Regan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:26 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: PLEASE EXPAND DROP BOXES
Importance: High

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Board of Elections,

I find myself compelled to address an oversight of considerable gravity concerning the upcoming primary elections, which, through an unfortunate coincidence of the calendar, coincide with the observance of Passover. This confluence restricts a significant portion of our electorate, namely our Jewish citizens, from participating in a manner that befits a society that prides itself on fairness, democracy, and inclusivity.

The issue at hand is not merely one of scheduling but strikes at the very heart of what it means to live in a democratic society that vows to leave no one behind. To restrict access or make it inconvenient for a segment of our community to exercise their voting rights is to undermine the foundational principles upon which our republic stands.

Thus, I urge you, with the utmost respect and gravity, to expand the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. This is not merely a request but a plea to uphold the values we cherish by ensuring that all members of our community, regardless of their religious observances, have unimpeded access to safe and secure voting options.

Your actions in this matter will not only reflect our collective commitment to democracy and fairness but will also demonstrate a compassionate understanding of the diverse tapestry that makes up our community.

With anticipation of your favorable action,



MIKE REGAN PARTNER
412.592.1683 mike@chaletvc.com
chaletvc

Voye, David

From: Irv Freeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:30 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Comments for Board of Elections' March 20, 2024 Meeting

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Greetings,

My name is Irv Freeman. I serve as the elected Majority Inspector of Election for Ward 14, District 14, in the City of Pittsburgh. I was first elected to that role in November 2005 with one write-in vote (that's not a typo, it was "with" one vote, not "by" one vote), so I am acutely aware of the importance of every voter's ballot, and of the value to democracy of ensuring that everyone who is entitled to vote be able to do so.

For that reason, I write to support the resolution on your agenda concerning ballot drop-off locations. The proposed plan is well designed and has been approved by the Department of State. I am not familiar with all of the proposed sites, but the one with which I am familiar sits on top of a parking lot and is easily accessible, making it much more convenient to access that a downtown building. Each voter's ballot is important and any way to make casting the ballot easier, while maintaining its security, should be adopted.

Although not on the advance agenda, it is my understanding that you will also consider proposals regarding certain challenged voters. No legitimately qualified voter should be disenfranchised, so extreme care and diligence should be taken before anyone is removed from the voter rolls. In particular, temporary change-of-address notices to the Postal Service should not be relied upon, alone. The current system of flagging entries in the district register should be maintained.

Regards,

--Irv Freeman

Voye, David

From: Jill Joshowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:30 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Voting ballot drop off stations

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Jill Joshowitz
[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA

Voye, David

From: Janet Lunde [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Add ballot drop boxes in Allegheny County

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To the Allegheny County Board of Elections

- Bethany Hallam
- Samuel De Marco III
- Sara Innamorato

I strongly support adding ballot drop boxes in Allegheny County. We must make voting as accessible as possible.

Since the primary this year is during Passover, I especially hope to see a drop box convenient to our largest Jewish population in the county, in Squirrel Hill.

The current plan for drop boxes is much better than nothing, but we should have ballot drop boxes available in more locations, on weekdays as well as weekends, and over longer hours.

Sincerely,

Janet Lunde
Pittsburgh

Voye, David

From: Dorit Sasson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:37 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: RE: ballot boxes for mail in ballots

Dear Board of Elections,
I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with politics present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, of writing or using electronics on Election Day.

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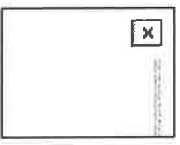
Thank you,

Dorit Sasson

Dorit Sasson,
SEO Speaker, Strategist, Writer. Author of Sand and Steel: A Memoir of Longing and Finding Home, SEO Business Magic

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Voye, David

From: Gina Johnson [mailto:gina.johnson@alleghenycountypa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Expressing support for voting dropboxes, extended hours and locations

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive; Bethany Hallam, member County Council; and Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

As an Allegheny County resident, I'm writing to express support for the five new staffed ballot dropoff locations that the Innamorato administration recently announced. I'm in strong favor of efforts to make voting more accessible for all of our county's residents, regardless of their work, family, transportation, or other constraints.

I'd like to encourage the Board of Elections to please adopt and approve this plan to add dropoff locations, increase hours and locations for voting -- ideally in locations that improve access for BIPOC communities and including more weekday hours, especially during commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm).

Thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Gina Johnson (she/her/hers)

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March 20, 2024

Hon. Sara Innamorato
Hon. Bethany Hallam
Hon. Sam DeMarco
The Allegheny County Elections Board
The Allegheny County Court House
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Allegheny County Election Board Members:

One of the goals of the Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) since its inception of May 21, 1986 has been that 'African Americans VOTE in EACH and EVERY Election'. B-PEP encourages *all* people to "VOTE in EACH and EVERY Election. In our opinion, one of the methods by which that goal is met is that voters be provided with additional locations where, in the waning days of the opportunity to vote by mail, voters can submit their mail in ballots. Voters throughout Allegheny County should not, ever, be limited to only the option of having to go to the Allegheny County Elections Division located in downtown Pittsburgh to submit their mail in ballot, which for many voters is extremely inconvenient. We certainly agree that such drop boxes be totally secure so as to protect the integrity of the voting process, but such security guarantees appear to be included in the proposal of the Allegheny County Executive as to how the additional drop boxes will be provided. It also appears that there has been no evidence of any widespread fraud with drop boxes in Allegheny County in the past and we see no reason to expect the future use of drop boxes to be different.

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We are happy to learn that the controversy around which the proposal for additional drop boxes was initiated has been resolved by all parties with the intervention of Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Judge Arnold Klein. As strong advocates of the use of additional drop boxes in "each and every election" we are encouraged that the head of the Republican Party of Allegheny County, the Hon. Sam Demarco, is not ruling out supporting an expanded use of drop boxes in Allegheny County, and indeed supported such use during the pandemic. Our theory is that an expanded use of drop boxes should not be limited to periods of a pandemic, but should in fact be used as a 'lifetime commitment' of providing additional opportunities for the voters of Allegheny County to utilize one of the greatest rights of American citizens, that being the right to vote.

We look forward to a *unanimous* vote today on the efforts to expand the use of drop boxes in Allegheny County and strongly recommend that such a decision set the stage for a permanent commitment for such use in the months and years ahead.

Thank you for your anticipated full cooperation and support for our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Tim Stevens

Tim Stevens, Chairman & CEO

The Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP)

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Public Comment for Allegheny County Board of Elections

Ron Bandes 2024-03-20


I'm Ron Bandes. I live in Squirrel Hill. I've been a Judge of Election here for 13 years. I was the League of Women Voters' Election Integrity Director for two years. I have briefed the Secretary of the Commonwealth on election security. I briefed the National Security Agency for two hours on election security with 45 agency employees in attendance.

I wish to speak about two things today.

The first, is that I'm glad that the County has decided to put the question of ballot drop-off location to the full Board of Elections. This is as it should be. That said, I believe that the resolution before the board needs adjustment with respect to the proposed locations for ballot drop-off. While it is very convenient for me to have a drop-off at the Squirrel Hill library, which is the polling place where I vote, I note that this area has very high turnout, and has little need for this benefit. When Act 77 had just been passed, the County had a ballot drop-off at CCAC in Homewood. This is a much better choice, as the 13th Ward has some of the lowest turnout election districts (although it also has some good ones).

The second matter that I wish to address is transparency. The Elections Division could stand much improvement in this area. First of all, when attending Logic & Accuracy tests, I've been told twice by David Voyer that I was there to observe, not to ask questions; another person reported the same experience to me. Anyone who has attended a canvassing of ballots knows that you can't see much on the closed-circuit TVs, and that it's hard even to understand what is going on. When a member of VoteAllegheny asked for the written procedures that are followed in canvassing ballots, he was told there were no written procedures. If these procedures exist, then the law requires the County to provide them upon request. If the procedures do *not* exist, then this demonstrates incompetence on the part of the Elections Division. I worked in Information Technology for half a century, and I earned a Master's degree in Information Security and Policy from CMU. Just as a policy is not a policy unless it is written down and published, so is a procedure not a procedure unless it is written and people are trained with the written procedure. Without a written procedure, the canvass is extremely vulnerable to error and worse. Without a written procedure, there can be no meaningful observation of the canvass. Without a written procedure, there can be no meaningful audit of the procedure. And today, I call for an audit of the procedure to canvass ballots, to be conducted by a disinterested party: perhaps the County Controller, or better yet, a party outside the County government that possesses actual expertise in election integrity, such as the Election Verification Network. EVN is the preeminent decades-old organization whose members are the top names in election integrity. They include government officials, computer scientists, lawyers, NGOs and other activists, all with expertise in election integrity.

Voye, David

From: Michael Lewis 
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:45 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support for dropboxes & increased hours & locations for voting

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Dear Mr. Voye,
Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I regret that I cannot attend today's meeting of the Board of Elections but am writing to urge you to support the use of drop boxes and extended hours and locations for voting in this year's elections. It is vitally important that we ensure the right to vote remains accessible to all residents of our county especially those who confront difficulties with transportation or must work multiple jobs making it difficult to take time out to vote.

Michael Lewis
300 S Dallas Ave, Pittsburgh, PA
ml@sis.pitt.edu

Voye, David

From: Todd, Azzie
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:54 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: message regarding additional ballot box

Dave,

I received a call from Sherry Sweeney while you were in your meeting a few minutes and didn't want to disturb you with your phone ringing for voicemail. She wanted to let you know that she is opposing the plan for having additional ballot drop off boxes. She said that, if people can get to the store or anywhere else that they want to go, then, they can make sure that their ballots get dropped off in the mailbox or back to us. She can be reached at 412-292-6875 should you need to contact her.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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Voye, David

From: Eileen Arthurs <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:09 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop Boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,
Please distribute this email to those involved in the decision to increase the number of drop boxes available to voters, including Sara Innamorato, Bethany Hallam, and Samuel De Marco III.

I fully support the addition of convenient drop boxes to ensure accessibility for voters in Pennsylvania. Please act accordingly.

Respectfully,
Eileen Arthurs
edarthurs@hotmail.com

Voye, David

From: Ethan Rhabb
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:23 AM
To: Voye, David
Cc: Miracle Jones
Subject: Public Comment: Board of Elections Meeting, 3/20

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Good Morning and Happy Wednesday!

My name is Ethan Rhabb and I am a Pittsburgh resident of 6 years, and the Reflective Democracy Associate at 1Hood Media.

I am reaching out this morning to discuss the importance of having drop boxes and satellite sites, and their power to ensure our communities' access to the ballot box.

Drop boxes at satellite sites make it easier, safer, and more comfortable for voters to access the ballot during election days. They're secure in their maintenance and a timely option in the face of election deadlines. A study from MIT supports the notion that additional drop boxes can increase voter turnout, depending on the election-type, particularly among low-income voters, who have the most compromised access to the polls. In a primary election year, laden with strife and a community calling to be heard, everyday voters deserve to exercise their civic duty with more ease than the rest of life is affording them. Furthermore, the primary elections is an apt time to set this precedent of just, streamlined, access.

In sum, it is in our city's best interest to support the implementation of these drop boxes and satellite sites moving forward, particularly in more diverse areas to cast as wide a net as possible for those in our community who may need more bolstered, ballot box, access.

I thank you for your time, and looking forward to your appraisal of this proposal.

Best,
Ethan Rhabb, MSc
He/They
Reflective Democracy Associate at 1Hood Media

www.1Hood.org
460 Melwood Ave, Suite 207

Voye, David

From: Brooke C <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:29 AM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Comment

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Allegheny County Board of Elections,

Please accept this email as my support for early voting drop-off sites. These sites are necessary because early voting is already so limited in the county, and the State of Pennsylvania generally. As someone who has also voted out of state, in the State of Florida, I was appalled by the lack of early voting sites in this County. For all the flack that Florida gets, it properly manages several early voting locations in every county for at least 10 days prior to the election--as well as allowing drop-off ballots at all sites. This pales in comparison to the single early voting location Downtown which is not very accessible.

In light of the above, drop-off ballot locations help fill the gap that is created by lack of multiple early voting locations. This makes voting more accessible for people who are disabled, work multiple jobs, suburban voters, and those who may have to travel for work or family around election day.

Please support greater access to voting.

Best,

Brooke Christy
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
(352) 361-8971

Voye, David

From: David Hartigan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:55 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting location of drop boxes

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Mr. Voye

"Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council."

I am located in the 14th ward, 20th district in Allegheny County. During a 4 year period I worked the polls at Maxon Towers on Forbes ave.

I would like to see more drop boxes for voting. My recommendation is to located them at Police or Fire stations .

Looking forward to your reply.

David O. Hartigan
412-651-1044

Voye, David

From: shelia hanlon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop box question

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Mr. Voye,

First thank you for your service to the county.

I want to express that, as an Allegheny County voter, I do not approve or want ballot drop off boxes for security purposes. However, if they are approved and put in, will there be cameras to watch and record 24/7 activity associated with them to avoid cheating?

Respectfully,
Sheilia Hanlon
Gibsonia

Voye, David

From: Carole Popchock [mailto:carolepopchock@alleghenycountypa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Expanding voter participation

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Please make sure this message reaches all members of the Allegheny County Board of Elections.

I am 100% in favor of as many ballot drop boxes, in as many locations, for as long a time as they can be secured. We should always move in the direction of encouraging eligible citizens to vote and increasing voter participation in every election, not just presidential years. Drop boxes seem a simple and cost effective way of doing that. I have grown increasingly alarmed at GOP efforts to suppress voting. If that's not how Republicans want to come across, they should change the way they act. I'm waiting for them to propose poll taxes and literacy tests any day now. In the meantime, give us the drop box option for elections.

Carole Popchock
Ross Township

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Voye, David

From: Kate Garfinkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:01 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support for proposal to add new ballot drop off locations

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am writing to express my strong support for Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato's proposal that five new staffed ballot drop off locations be available in the county for the Primary. The five drop off locations would be open the two weekends before election day (Saturday, April 13 and April 20, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Sunday, April 14 and April 21, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm) and would be distributed geographically.

I encourage the BOE to adopt and improve this plan with expanded weekday hours— especially during commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm).

Adopting the proposal with expanded hours will provide a more inclusive and accessible democratic process for the citizens of the County, which

ensures that the government is more reflective of the diverse views and interests of the population, leading to better representation and decision-making.

Inclusivity and accessibility in voting are fundamental democratic values, essential for ensuring that governments are truly "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Catherine Garfinkel



Pittsburgh 15215

Voye, David

From: Elizabeth Seamans [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:32 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes

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Mr. Voye,

It is crucial to ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

In a democracy we must work to INCREASE voter participation, not to stymie it.

What kind of patriot would limit drop boxes for ballots or limit biting in minority / BIPOC communities. Or limit hours for voting?

That's ludicrous.

Please do not fall into the trap of "voter fraud" fear.

There is almost no voter fraud, especially not in Allegheny County.

The fraud is with people who want to "win" by preventing voters from voting.

They want to stifle the voice of the people.

Please add hours and drop boxes, especially in minority communities.

Do the right thing, for heaven's sake.

Sincerely yours,



Pittsburgh, PA.

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: nancy karason [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:28 PM
To: Voye, David
Cc: Karason G1
Subject: Members of the Board of Elections - To be distributed March 20, 2024

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

- All of us, no matter where we are in PA or what we do to provide for our families, need access to cast a ballot in a way that is convenient and secure. Hundreds of thousands of PA voters have used drop boxes without incident. There should be more, not less, help for voters to exercise their freedom to vote.
- Drop boxes provide voters with a **secure** way to submit their ballot directly to the Elections Bureau, especially in the days right before the Election Day when there is **uncertainty as to whether the postal service will deliver their ballot on time.**
- Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location to drop off mail ballots that only operates during business hours. This makes it more difficult for some voters to cast their ballots, especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, voters who have to travel long distances and voters who are not available during regular business hours.
- In addition to adding more drop boxes, the BOE should offer longer hours, more days, and provide additional drop boxes in more **BIPOC communities** throughout the county, as well as for voters who celebrate **Passover**, which begins the day before Primary Day.

- Thank you, County Executive Innamorato for working to expand voting access but more needs to be done. Placement of these five proposed locations does not improve access within BIPOC communities in Allegheny County. Additionally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm)

Thank you,
Nancy Karason
Downtown Pittsburgh Resident

Voye, David

From: Jana Thompson [mailto:ajtsmith@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:31 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting boxes, ballot drop off

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I am in support of increasing the ability of voting through more drop off locations staffed or otherwise.
Jana Thompson

1240 Resaca Pl Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Voye, David

From: Kate Rothstein
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:59 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: We Need Ballot Drop Boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye and Allegheny County Board of Elections Directors:

Mr. Voye, please ensure that all Board of Elections members receive a copy of this email, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am writing to express my support for the currently planned 5 drop box locations. I would also like to see even more drop boxes added and additional hours of access expanded. This year, in particular, many Jewish voters like me and those who vote at precincts located in Jewish facilities will need increased access to voting methods outside of in-person voting since the upcoming Primary falls on one of the most observed holidays in the Jewish Community.

Of course I want voting to be easy for me, but I also want it to be easy for all eligible voters. Having voting boxes increases access, especially for people who may not be able to leave work to vote on election day, students, people out of town for work, emergencies, school, etc. Often, the people who most need more expansive access are also those who are most vulnerable or whose voices may not be heard other than through voting. We live in a representative democracy. It is vital that eligible voters be able to participate fully and easily in our governance.

I have voted in every election since I've turned 18. I have served as a polling site observer, and I have been a poll worker. I am invested in voting and in ensuring that systems are in place so that we continue to have elections we can trust. I am confident that election drop boxes fit within these systems and that voting integrity can be maintained *while* increasing voting access. I encourage you to adopt not only the proposed 5 drop boxes but to add more in places so more communities have access.

Thank you,

Kate Rothstein

[The primary is not secondary: Make a plan | The Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle \(timesofisrael.com\)](#)

Voye, David

From: peggy schmiedecke [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: ACTION REQUEST prior to 3/20/24 BOE Meeting

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To BOE Members in care of David Voye,

Member: Sara Innamorato (County Executive)

Member: Samuel DeMarco III

Member: Bethany Hallam

Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am a constituent of Allegheny County and I support the Board of Elections adoption of a policy to establish ballot drop off locations in the previously announced locations, as well as additional locations within the BIPOC communities in Allegheny County.

Currently, the placement of these five announced locations does not improve access within BIPOC communities in Allegheny County. Additionally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9am and 5-7pm).

Counties should be doing everything in their power to make it easier for voters to cast their ballot in 2024.

➤ Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location that only operates during business hours to drop off mail ballots – the limited number of places to drop ballots means it will be more difficult for some voters to cast their ballots, especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, or voters who have to travel long distances.

➤ Ballot drop boxes can also provide more access for people who have family responsibilities that keep them from being able to get to a county office during business hours.

Voye, David

From: Jennifer Jenkins 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:46 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support the addition of new staffed drop off locations

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am asking that the Board of Elections support the five new staffed ballot drop off locations will be available in the county for the Primary. The five drop off locations will be open the two weekends before election day (Saturday, April 13 and April 20, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Sunday, April 14 and April 21, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm) and (according to Innamorato) would be distributed geographically.

I am asking the BOE to adopt and improve this plan. (As a side note, currently, the placement of these five locations does not improve access within black, indigenous, and other communities of color (BIPOC communities) in Allegheny County and the hours are too restrictive. Ideally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm).)

We should be making it easier and more accessible for people to vote.

Jennifer Jenkins

Voye, David

From: Ellen Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:49 PM
To: Voye, David
Cc: Webmaster Communications
Subject: Ballot Drop Boxes

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Dear David Voye:

Please ensure that this email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including County Executive Sara Innamorato, County Council member Bethany Hallam, and County Council member Sam Demarco.

I am writing to ask the Board of Elections to carry out Sara Innamorato's plan to distribute staffed ballot boxes for two weeks before the April 23 primary. These ballot boxes should be distributed in such a way that they improve access to voting by communities that have traditionally found it difficult to turn out or make their voices heard.

Democracy is the voice of the people; there is no morally acceptable reason to make voting difficult.

Thank you.

Ellen Wilson
Member, League of Women Voters

Voye, David

From: Mark Knobil [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:53 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: In Support of the New Secure Drop Boxes

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Mr. Voye, please distribute this message to all members of the elections council. Thank You !!

There is no legitimate reason to oppose the addition of safe, secure, manned drop boxes throughout the county.

Everyone should be able to vote, even if they are a working single parent, or have mobility or health issues. Opposition to the dropboxes seems to be motivated by the same toxic partisanship that is ripping our country to shreds. Please be on the side of more democracy not less.

Thank you for your attention.

Mark Knobil
Polish Hill Pittsburgh
BigBuilding LLC
Pittsburgh? Pittsburgh!
Sent from my iPhone 19s

Voye, David

From: Jane Butler [mailto:jbutler@macomnc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:03 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: I am in support of dropbox installations and increased hours and locations...

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Mr Voye,

I support the Dropbox installations and increased hours (commuter hours 7-9am and 5-7pm) and locations (areas within communities of color). Voting access must be easily accessible to all.

Please make sure this email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato-County Executive, Bethay Hallum-County Council member, and Samuel Demarco III, member County Council.

thank you,
Jane Butler

Voye, David

From: Deb Walrath dwalrath@pa.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes and related matters

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Mr. Voye, Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Pittsburgh and want to ensure that voting is accessible and convenient for all registered voters of Allegheny County. I am writing in support of County Executive Innamorato's plan to support greater access to drop boxes, especially in traditionally underserved communities with large populations of people of color, and for expanded hours. Thanks for your consideration.

Deborah B Walrath
1942 Rosewood St
Pittsburgh PA 15208

Voye, David

From: Karen Galor 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:09 PM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop box in squirrel hill

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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you,
Karen Galor

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Karen Galor <kaalor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:09 PM
To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Drop box in squirrel hill

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Thank you,
Karen Galor

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Voye, David

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:10 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Secure ballot drop boxes

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am a resident of Allegheny County and I am proud to participate in every election. However, it is difficult for me to get into downtown Pittsburgh to drop off my ballot. Because of this, I end up mailing in my completed ballot, then waiting nervously to find out if it was delivered. I want to be sure my vote counts, and having more locations and increased hours of secure drop boxes would really help. Every voter in Allegheny County deserves the right to drop off their ballot in a secure way. Therefore, I am completely in favor of adding more secure drop box locations, as well as increasing hours of availability.

*Thank you,
Gina Villella*

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Voye, David

From: Karey Jo Kluesner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Expand drop box locations and hours

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am a resident of Allegheny County and am writing to express my strong support for the addition of drop boxes for the April and November elections to make it easier for citizens to vote in Allegheny County. I support County Executive Innamorato's proposal but feel there should be expanded hours and locations, and especially locations more convenient to minority communities.

Thank you.

Karey Kluesner
[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Voye, David

From: Karen Galor <kgalor@q1hall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:46 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support for expanding drop boxes

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Mr. Voye,


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Thank you,
Karen Galor

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Voye, David

From: Margaret Fischer 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:51 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes

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Please ensure that ALL voters get to vote with ease. Please create drop boxes

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Voye, David

From: Carol Frieze 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:21 PM
To: Voye, David
Cc: Alan Frieze; Carol Frieze
Subject: Improving Voting Accessibility in Allegheny County

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Dear Mr. Voye,

We respectfully ask your help in ensuring that our message is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections (BOE), including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

We ask BOE members to do everything in their power to make it easier for Allegheny voters to carry out their constitutional right to cast their ballot in 2024. With this in mind we ask BOE members to support Sara Innamorato's plan to establish 5 new ballot drop-off locations in the county as well as increasing hours and locations for voting.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,

Yours sincerely,

Carol and Alan Frieze

Members of the League of Women Voters of PA

Voye, David

From: Julia Fennell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:44 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Expand Voting Access with Drop Boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I fully support County Executive Sara Innamorato's plan to provide drop boxes for citizens to gain more ready access to voting and encourage you to expand the plan with more hours and access in BIPOC neighborhoods currently under-represented.

Thank you,
Julia Fennell
[REDACTED] Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Voye, David

From: Anna Volkut anna.volkut@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:03 PM
To: # Board of Elections


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Dear Board of Elections,

I am writing to express my support for expanding the number of drop boxes for mail-in ballots. Because these drop boxes are staffed by the county, with police present at all sites, there is no additional risk of fraud with these locations, and will allow for increased voter participation. This is especially important this year because election day is on the first day of Passover, and many members of the Jewish community will be unable to vote in person because of their religious observance, which precludes them from driving to drop boxes or polling locations, or writing or using electronics on Election Day. These additional drop boxes are critical to allowing people the time and flexibility to make a plan to vote, especially those in the Jewish community who need to do so in a way that doesn't conflict with their religious obligations.

Thank you.

Voye, David

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:50 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting dropboxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please share this email with all committee members.

I support the approval of voting drop boxes. We must make voting easier for all of our constituents. The proposed plan is thorough and comprehensive and will NOT contribute to voter fraud.

Please vote to support this plan!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Deborah Allen, Ph.D.

Upper St. Clair

Voye, David

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Additional Ballot Dropboxes

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Mr Voye,

Please, insure that the following email is delivered to all members of the board of elections, including Sarah Innamorato, county executive, Bethany Hallam, member county council, Samuel DiMarco III, member of county council:

1. County should be doing everything in their power to make it easier for voters to cast their ballot in 2024
2. Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location that only operates during business hours to drop off mail ballots- especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, or voters who have to travel long distances
3. Ballot drop boxes can also provide more access for people who have family responsibilities that keep them from being able to get to a county office during business hours
4. The county should work to expand dropbox locations that prioritize serving BIPOC Communities
5. Expanding dropbox locations will allow those who voted by mail or in person in past elections more options and more accessibility in casting their ballots.

In addition:

Voting is a constitutional right

Voting is a responsibility

Voting is what makes America America

Pennsylvania voters have the right to vote and have that vote counted

Drop off locations will help more voters vote

There must be a reliable and accessible method for returning mail, ballots in person

Please increase Pennsylvania's voters' ability to get their ballot counted. Thank you

Sincerely,
Kathleen Croft

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Voye, David

From: Lourdes Castellanos [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:08 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: concerning ballot drop off locations

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Dear Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.”

I encourage the BOE to adopt and improve the placement of more than five ballot drop off locations in the county. Please add locations within black, indigenous, and other communities of color (BIPOC communities) in Allegheny County. Furthermore, the currently listed hours are too restrictive. Ideally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours— especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm.)

Thank you for your dedication to and efforts for our county.

Ms. Lourdes Castellanos

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Lourdes@manyquarks.com

Voye, David

From: Bill Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:15 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: primary election ballot drop boxes

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Mr. Voye,

I would like to express my support for the proposal that Allegheny County should provide expanded access for ballot submittal through additional attended drop box locations and expanded hours of operation. I believe that the drop boxes can be beneficial for greater voter participation without appreciable risk to election security and integrity. I request that you transmit my interests and support for this issue to the members of the Allegheny County Board of Elections for consideration as they evaluate the merits of the proposal.

William R. Kelly

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

bkelly2272@gmail.com

Voye, David

From: Ray Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:01 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Expressing my support for expanding Dropbox voting

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Hi David,

I just learned that Allegheny County will be voting to expand Dropbox voting tomorrow. I wanted to take a moment to pass on to you my wholehearted support for expanding county Dropbox voting. Please include my comment to share with the council members.

Thanks in advance.

L. Ray Roberts L.Ray.Roberts@gmail.com [REDACTED] Citizens Climate Lobby --Pittsburgh Chapter #183 A non-partisan non-profit organization -- Working to build the political will for a livable world. You are invited to learn more about us by going to www.citizensclimatelobby.org and registering to take part in our regular, national Wednesday evening introductory call.

Voye, David

From: Nick Gunther Fedorek [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:01 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Supporting ballot drop boxes

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Hi Mr. Voye,

My name is Nicholas Fedorek and I'm a City of Pittsburgh resident. I'm writing you to express support to the Board of Elections for the voter ballot drop boxes. Allegheny County should be encouraging voting and making the process easy for its residents. These ballot drop boxes are important for enabling that.

Please vote in favor of drop boxes!

Thanks,
Nick

Voye, David

From: Janice Harrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:36 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: In Support of ADDITIONAL voting drop boxes

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, and Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

My name is Janice Harrison and I live in O'Hara Township in Allegheny County. As a resident in my seventies who is beginning to find going to my polling station more difficult to manage, I am very much in support of having drop boxes for mail-in ballots, especially closer to election day. I believe that the more people who vote in an election, regardless of their party, the greater the legitimacy of the election outcome.

I appreciate the efforts of County Executive Innamorato to expand voting access through drop boxes in 2024 but more needs to be done. There should be more, not less, help for voters to exercise their right to vote. Allegheny County currently has just a single downtown location to drop off mail ballots that only operates during business hours. This makes it more difficult for some voters to cast their ballots, especially voters with disabilities, voters who work multiple jobs, voters who have to travel long distances and voters who are not available during regular business hours.

Furthermore, I think that, in addition to adding more drop boxes, the BOE should offer longer hours to include more weekday hours (especially commuter hours, 7-9 am and 5-7 pm), more days, and provide additional drop boxes in more BPOC communities throughout the county, as well as for voters who celebrate Passover, which begins the day before Primary Day.

Thank you for listening to my request to make the voting process more accessible to all legal voters.

Your constituent,
Janice Harrison

Voye, David

From: Laura Gallagher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:24 PM
To: Voye, David
Cc: healey.liz@gmail.com
Subject: Drop-off boxes for voting

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Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that this email is delivered to all members of the Board of Elections: Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I was made aware in an email from the League of Women Voters that our County Executive has a plan to allow greater access to dropboxes for voting, with (hopefully) increased hours and locations.

I am a resident of Scott Township and also have served as a poll worker on three elections. I do so because I am proud of our democratic system - and I'm retired and can do the job, with the expectation that however a person casts their vote, they are doing their duty as a conscientious citizen.

Voting is a right and responsibility in a representational form of government. It ought not be made more difficult because there are those who think that more people voting might mean "the wrong people will be elected", or something of that line of thinking. My vote is my voice and if I cannot get downtown to the one drop-off location within its hours of operation, either because I'm working, have difficulty with transportation, am limited by health issues or have people for whom I have care and cannot leave...in whatever circumstances the citizens find themselves, everyone in the population of Allegheny County should be able to vote with a reasonable amount of ease.

I believe strongly that the five locations proposed by Ms. Innamorato are desirable but that there should be additional locations within BIPOC communities.

Please give sincere consideration to my appeal for support of the proposed drop-box additions and changes.

With thanks,
Laura Gallagher

Voye, David

From: martha isler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:49 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support for Increased Drop Box Locations and Increased Hours

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Greetings,

Increasing voter turnout should be the goal of the Board of Elections. I am a super voter who learned to like drop boxes during Covid. There is evidence that increased installations of voter drop boxes gets some populations in some elections to vote when they are conveniently located. Ballot drop boxes can also reassure voters who mistrust the postal system because of lost or delayed mail. For election officials, ballot drop boxes ensure ballots are received in time to be processed. This is critical since many voters wait until Election Day to return their ballots.

Five additional ballot boxes is a start, but many more are needed in a county the size of Allegheny. I assume there is knowledge in the elections office as to where new locations would help to increase Voter turnout. I urge you to recommend new locations that will increase the number of ballot boxes.

Thank you the opportunity to support additional ballot boxes is Allegheny County, Martha W. Isler

Voye, David

From: Judith Manfredi [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:11 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Support for drop boxes

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Dear Members of the Board of Elections:

I am in favor of the additional drop boxes. For the 2020 Election, the Dropbox at CCAC-South was so convenient. It was safe and secure, with a guard and a locked box. Such a good idea. Please continue with the dropboxes for the Fall 2024.

Thank you,
Judy Manfredi
Jefferson Hills

Voye, David

From: Beverly Weeks [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:38 PM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop off boxes for ballots

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Dear Mr. Voye,
Would you be willing to ensure that the following email is delivered, before the March 20 meeting, to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council?

As a resident of Plum, I write to urge the BOE to support the current plan to open five new ballot drop off boxes in our county. In fact, I urge you to do even more to create opportunities for hard working citizens to exercise their right and privilege of voting. I ask you, as BOE members, to make voting as accessible as possible for every citizen. Personally I think we need more drop off boxes with expanded hours of operation in less-privileged and BIPOC neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration as you work to facilitate our elections.

Sincerely,

Beverly J Weeks

[REDACTED]

Verona

Voye, David

From: George Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:19 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop Boxes

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Mr. Voye,

Please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I encourage you the BOE to adopt and improve the Drop Box plan. Currently, the placement of these five locations does not improve access within black, indigenous, and other communities of color (BIPOC communities) in Allegheny County and the hours are too restrictive. Ideally, the BOE should expand the hours of these drop off locations to include more weekday hours—especially commuter hours (7-9 am and 5-7 pm.)

Sincerely,

George Stewart

Voye, David

From: LL T Pgh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 3:28 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Increasing the number of Ballot Drop boxes

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Allegheny County Board of Elections should vote to endorse the number of Ballot Drop boxes. It is important to increase the access of All Allegheny Voters. I thank County Executive Sara Innamorato for taking the initiative to ensure more Allegheny County Voters can cast their Ballots.

Thank you for sharing this email.

Linda Torres

a Allegheny County Voter

Voye, David

From: Janet Jai janet.jai@vision-and-values.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 4:34 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: In Support of Ballot Dropboxes including in BIPOC communities

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Dear Mr. Voye,
Please ensure that this email is forwarded to all members of the Board of Elections including Sara Innamorato, County Executive; Bethany Hallam, member County Council; and Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

I am writing to urge all members of the Board of Elections to support County Executive Innamorato's plan for Ballot Dropboxes in various areas in Allegheny County. In fact, I urge the Board of Elections to expand this plan to include additional ballot dropboxes within BIPOC communities in the County, and to expand drop-off times at all dropboxes, especially providing more weekday hours during commuter times (7-9 am and 5-7 pm).

I hope that Allegheny County can be a leader in helping insure that all registered voters can cast their votes with ease. Thank you.

Janet Jai, MLA
janet.jai@vision-and-values.com

Voye, David

From: Joanne [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:05 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop off locations for ballots

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

We need to have easy access for ALL voters in Allegheny county. Please make sure that happens with more ballot box locations that are open to accommodate working people!

My experience is that voting can be a hardship for single working moms and families that work two jobs to keep food on the table. Voting needs to be easy and available to all.

*Thank you,
Joanne Letcher
Former Executive Director of the Carnegie Community Development Corporation*

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Catherine Brosky [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:51 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop boxes for Mail In Ballots

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Good Morning,

I am currently registered as a mail in voter and would like to express my support for making it more convenient for people to vote in Allegheny County. I am a resident of the City of Pittsburgh and while able to walk into town, think that the County needs to do more to make mail in voting accessible and available to everyone in the County.

I may be considered "elderly" because I am over 60 but I still work and want the convenience of being able to vote at home and drop my ballot in a drop box. I don't like the pressure of having to remember who is what candidate for what office while I am standing in front of a machine. I don't think I should be penalized for my preference by having access to the ballot box be restricted by having ballot boxes only downtown. How inconvenient that is!

Please do better and have more ballot boxes available in more convenient places at convenient times for those of us who PREFER to vote by mail in ballot. Even better would be to support the League of Women Voter's plan to make ballot boxes more accessible.

I would appreciate receiving a response so that I know you received my email. I would also appreciate it if you would forward my email to all the members of the Board of Elections including County Executive Sara Innamorato, and County Council members Bethany Hallam and Samuel De Marco III.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Brosky
412-251-2454

Voye, David

From: Joseph F McLaughlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:13 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Allegheny Co. voter dropboxes

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As a registered voter in Allegheny County, I am writing in support of dropbox installation, as well as increased hours and locations. It is critical, I believe, to make voting AS EASY AS POSSIBLE, and these measures would be very helpful in that regard.

Please deliver this email to all members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Imamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.

Thank you,
Joseph F McLaughlin
[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh PA 15209

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Voye, David

From: Lynne Porterfield lynneporterfield@wv.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:58 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop box access

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Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III,

I'm a resident of the City of Pittsburgh and am writing in support of drop boxes for ballots that are proposed by County Executive, Sarah Innamorato. Access should be expanded so that commuters can drop off ballots on the commute to or from work.

The drop boxes are essential for people who find it difficult to vote in person.

Thank you.
Lynne Porterfield
Highland Park

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Voye, David

From: Richard Schubert [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:59 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Primary Voting Drop Boxes

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Dear Mr. Voye,

I am writing to support the proposed placement of drop boxes in Allegheny County for the primary election in 2024. Moving or eliminating drop boxes would disenfranchise a significant number of Allegheny County voters and impose hardships on many more. Drop boxes in Allegheny County have been safe and free from any hint of improper activity, while providing a service to those who wish to vote but face transportation issues.

Please advise the entire Board of Election members, including Executive Sara Innamorato, and County Council Members Sam DeMarco and Bethany Hallam.

Thank you.

Richard J. Schubert

AlpernSchubert P. C.

PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Suite 202

Carmegie, PA 15106

[REDACTED]

Voye, David

From: Patricia Taylor [mailto:patricia.taylor@clerk.kc.mo.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:59 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Dropboxes for voters

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Dear Mr Voye,

“Mr. Voye, please ensure that the following email is delivered to all the members of the Board of Elections, including Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Bethany Hallam, member County Council, Samuel De Marco III, member County Council.”

I feel that the need for drop boxes is necessary to encourage voter participation. They should be available for longer periods of time to convenience voters. Voting is a right and we should be doing all we can to encourage voter participation and convenience those who cannot make it to the polls personally.

Sincerely,

Patricia B Taylor

Pat Taylor

Voye, David

From: mark karason [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:36 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Drop Boxes for All

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David

I moved here from Seattle almost two years ago in search of a kinder friendlier city in which to retire. In Seattle I lived 4 blocks from City Hall and a voter ballot drop box. I lived across the street from the public library and there was a box there as well. Please support easy access to voting and the 5 locations proposed by Sara Innomorato, I do.

Best regards

Mark Karason

101 11th Avenue, Pittsburgh
mark.karason@gmail.com

206-886-5973

Voye, David

From: Barry TAYLOR [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Voting boxes

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Please add more drop boxes for the election not less, we are a stronger nation when more people vote. Barry Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

Voye, David

From: Olmsted, John A. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:36 AM
To: Voye, David
Cc: amy.widestrom@palwv.org
Subject: Please vote to install new ballot dropboxes

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Dear Board members,

As a regular voter and member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, I urge you most strongly to approve the five new dropbox installations and would encourage the Board of Elections to go even further, establishing dropbox locations in locations that will improve the ability of persons of color and those with infirmities to vote. Fears of abuse of these locations are exaggerated, and it should not be difficult to monitor these sites if it should be necessary to do so.

John Olmsted

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh 15213

Voye, David

From: Diane Scheuermann [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Voye, David
Subject: Increased drop box locations

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I totally support the expansion of drop boxes to make voting more accessible to the disabled and those whose work schedules make the present system difficult.

Thanks,

Diane Scheuermann