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To: # Board of Elections
Subject: Elections in PA

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I Would like to see voter id required to vote in our county. Last falls presidential election was handled differently at two of Plum Borough's sites. One site required a voter id and another did not ask at all.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Public comment to BOE 4/13/21
Attachments: Allegheny County Elections November 3, 2020.pdf

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I am asking the Board of Elections and the County to tell the public how they are responding to the elections management issues outlined in the report "Election System Problems, November 3, 2020 General Election, Allegheny County, PA, Management Issues to Address."

Members of the Board of Elections received this report in January as did county officials who oversee elections. Repeated inquiries got no response. The County Executive's office indicated that it is "taking the report to heart," but there has been no response or update.

A copy of the report for the public record is in the attached file. The first page with the table of contents is copied in below for quick reference.

At each Board of Elections meeting it is stated that all public comments will get a response, yet neither I nor anyone I know who has submitted a comment has ever gotten one. This lack of transparency and accountability is yet another example of management problems documented in the report that need to be addressed.

**ELECTION SYSTEM PROBLEMS
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA**

MANAGEMENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

*The Elections Task Force
January 24, 2021*

While we respect the work of conducting the November election, we cannot declare an election a success simply because poll workers and voters overcame barriers put in their way. We should celebrate the perseverance of poll workers and voters with indignation at conditions that made perseverance necessary and with determination to redesign the systems that create these barriers.

These systems problems cost the County and the taxpayer. More than 29,000 incorrect ballots were sent to voters. Correcting this took money, time, and resources as did addressing problems created by poor poll worker training and inadequate staffing. This report covers management system problems and recommends improvements. Many of these systems problems are chronic. While the County is responsible for some and the State for others, all must be addressed.

The question is how to get the County to address these system problems in a transparent process that engages the public and incorporates feedback?

The Allegheny County Board of Elections did not respond to an invitation to comment on this report.

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1. FLAWED PROCESS FOR RESOURCE NEEDS: DERAILS CUSTOMER SERVICE

The phrase “Customer Service” is frequently used by elections officials in other states to describe any interface with the public. It clearly guides election administration. Many of the management systems issues in this report are customer service problems.

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Allegheny County Board of Elections Public Comment,

How many permanent voters failed to respond to a mailed renewal application and what is their current status? Were they removed from the mail-in ballot list so they can vote at the polls or must they vote by a provisional ballot if they attempt to vote at the polls? Was the mailing conducted so that voters with undeliverable mail were identified and will they be removed from future mailings and put on the inactive voter list?

Will sample ballots be mailed to candidates for their review prior to ballot printing?

Thank you.

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Subject: Board of Elections Meeting Comment April 13, 2021

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Hello BOE,

Allegheny County voters do not know what is planned for the primary election. I have formulated the following questions based on what I've personally experienced or from questions that neighbors, friends, family, and other voters have relayed to me. For instance, when I was canvassing/calling Allegheny County voters last fall, I spent a disproportionate amount of time listening to questions and concerns about HOW, where and when to vote. Sometimes I barely got around to talking about the candidate I was endorsing. That is NOT an exaggeration.

What can voters expect to see implemented to correct these on-going issues in the next 5 weeks?

- Will there be **greater transparency**?
 - Will there be **more BOE meetings** to address voters ongoing questions and concerns? Will there be ample notice of the meetings to address questions, such as:
 - Will there be **drop boxes**? How many? Where?
 - Will we have **satellite Locations**? How many? Where? When?
 - Will there be **extended hours** at the County Elections Office?
 - What **Covid precautions** are in place for the public?
 - Will there be **frequent communications** to keep the public fully informed of any/all voting procedures/rules/deadlines/problems/accommodations?:
 - a **user-friendly website** that is **updated every single day** with pertinent information
 - **Regular public announcements** via email, mailers, radio, tv, social media, etc...
- Will the **Elections Division office** be **prepared to handle voter inquiries**?
 - Will it be **appropriately staffed** to handle an increased volume of calls/questions and be able to return messages within a day?
 - Will staff be armed with **timely and accurate information** to answer questions. Will staff have resources to get information if they are not sure.
- Will there be a system to deliver **thorough/timely poll worker volunteer follow up and training**. Will the training address **COVID precautions** and will ample supplies to follow these precautions be present at all polling locations? Will All poll worker volunteers be fully versed in machinery operations so that the polling place is open and ready to function exactly at 7 am?
- Will all **Polling places** be checked for **accessibility**? Will machinery/physical plants be **fully operational**?
- What is in place to ensure that the **correct ballots** are mailed to each voter? What is in place to make sure that Mail in Ballots are being handled correctly?

I look forward to hearing these issues addressed at the meeting and would like a response to my concerns.

Thank you.

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Dear Board of Elections,

Thank you so much for convening this meeting to address concerns and questions about the upcoming mayoral election. At a time when we see efforts around the country and here in Pennsylvania to alter voting rights, the county government must take every step possible to provide the people of Allegheny County with options to exercise their right vote whether in-person, by mail or early at a satellite location. As Covid-19 is still a concern for many individuals, having options to participate in the electoral process is a necessity for this election.

As an organization, 1Hood stresses to our constituents how important every election is from President down to a school board, eliminating satellite voting and other key reforms from last year undermines our ability to maintain public confidence in our election process. We call on the election board to ensure the variety of voting options that were available in the November election, are also made available for this year's May Primary as well as future elections to ensure people who want to participate in the democracy process have every opportunity to do so.

Schedule a meeting with me via <https://calendly.com/miracle-2>

In Solidarity,

Miracle Jones (She/Her)

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