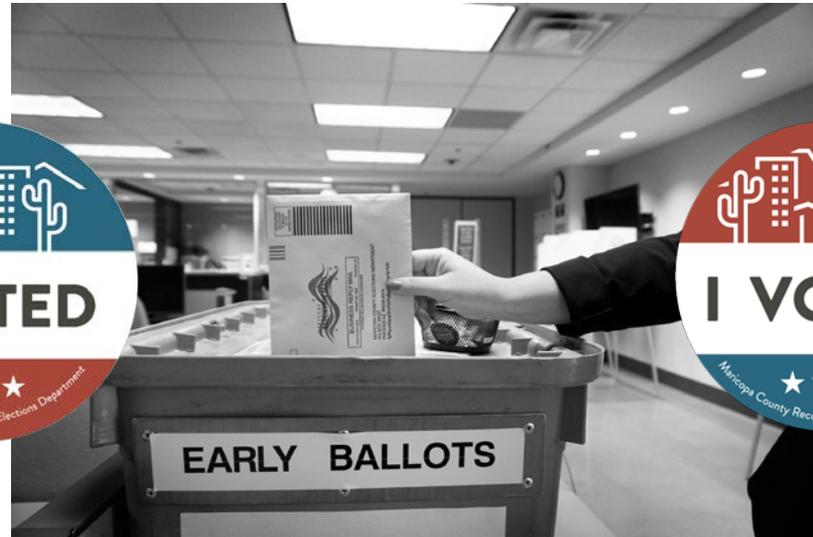




Early Voting, Election Day & Emergency Voting Plans

# 2020 AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

Maricopa County Elections Department



# 2020 August Primary Election

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## COVID-19 Response

### Maricopa County is providing voters with safe voting options

It is critical that Maricopa County provide voters with a safe and secure primary election. When developing our plan for the primary election, our top priority was to provide voters safe voting options so they can cast their ballot in the manner in which they choose.

Voters will be able to cast their ballot by mail, dropping their early ballot off at a drop box locations, or by visiting an in-person voting location. *These options will provide accessible, secure, reliable and safe voting options.*



# FACTORS IMPACTING THE 2020 ELECTIONS

## BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES

- Order lead time of 3 ½ months
- Paper shortages
- Over 8,000 ballot styles in August

## EXISTING POLLING LOCATIONS

- Non-responsive
- Not available
- Too small for physical distancing

## POLL WORKERS

- Prior election experience is required & needed
- Traditional Model: 3,600 vs. Revised Model: 1,000
- Physical Distancing Training Considerations (Classes begin in June / 10 attendees)
- PW Correspondence: *"Will only work if voting locations are safe"*

## PERSONAL SAFETY AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

- We need masks, gloves, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer
- Products are in short supply, however, some of our back orders are being fulfilled.



# KEY DATES

## August 2020 Primary Election

**JUNE 15**

Military and  
Overseas  
Ballots Mailed

**JULY 6**

Voter  
Registration  
Deadline

**JULY 8**

Ballots mailed,  
in-person voting  
available

**JULY 24**

Last Day to  
Request a Ballot  
in the Mail



**JULY 25**

Weekend  
Voting  
Available

**JULY 29**

Last Day to  
Mail Back  
Your Ballot

**AUGUST 4**

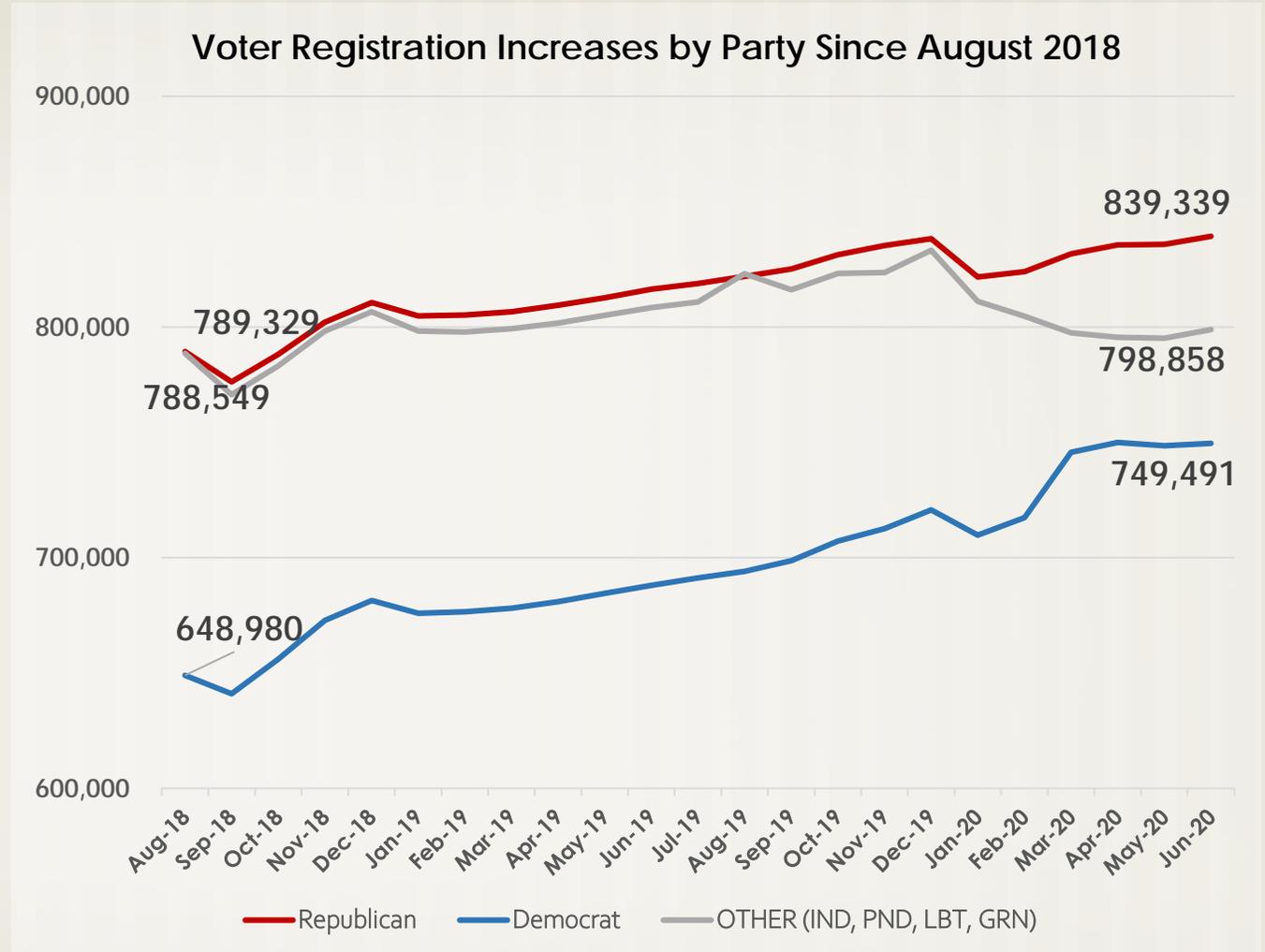
Election Day!



# Voter Registration & Early Voters

- Registration Deadline: 7/6/2020
- Open partisan primary (except for Libertarians)
- Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL)\*
  - 74.3% of all active voters
  - 78.4% of all active Republicans
  - 81.6% of all active Democrats
  - 40.6% of all active Libertarians
  - 62.92% of active Other Voters

\*PEVL Percentages as of 6/16/2020



# STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN SECURITY/INTEGRITY

August 2020 Primary Election

## VOTING BY MAIL

- Only verified registered voters receive a ballot
- Early Ballots are tracked to the voters mailbox – and all addresses are pre-verified (NCOA, ACS, Return Service Requested, etc.).
- 100% Signature verified / multiple checks
- Staff trained by forensic experts

## IN-PERSON VOTING

- Bipartisan poll workers
- Secure transportation of equipment
- Partnerships with ACTIC/MCSO/FBI/Homeland Security

## TABULATION

- Shared Oversight
- EAC & SOS certified
- Party observers
- Badge access, tabulation employees only
- Hardwired isolated network (not connected to the internet)
- Live camera video feed (24 hours a day / 7 days a week)
- Logic & Accuracy tests before and after an election
- Hand count audit

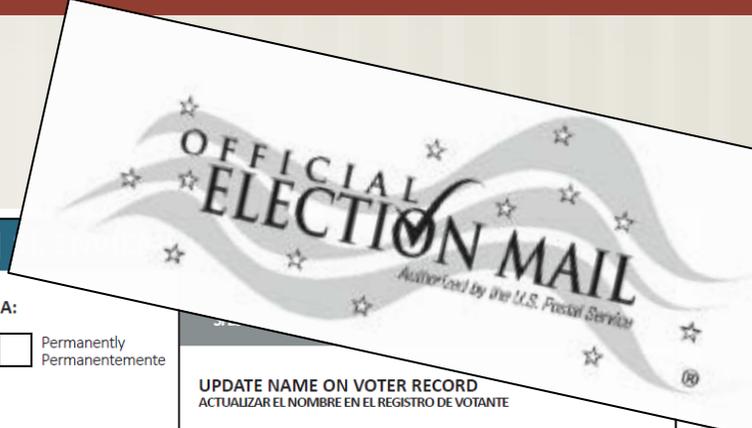


# STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS

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## INCREASING ACCESS TO VOTE BY MAIL

- Sending mailers to non-PEVL Voters
- Easier to request an early ballot
  - One-time or permanently
  - Request.Maricopa.Vote / Solicitud.Maricopa.Voto
- BeBallotReady.Vote
  - New notifications



**YES, MAIL ME A BALLOT |**

**MAIL ME A BALLOT FOR: | ENVIEME UNA BOLETA PARA:**

August 4 Primary  
4 de agosto Primaria

November 3 General  
3 de noviembre General

Permanently  
Permanente

**VERIFY INFORMATION | VERIFIQUE INFORMACIÓN**

Name  
Nombre

Residence Address  
Domicilio

Mailing Address  
Dirección de Correspondencia

Date of Birth  
Fecha de Nacimiento REQUIRED | OBLIGATORIO

**BALLOT LANGUAGE PREFERENCE | PREFERENCIA DE IDIOMA DE LA BOLETA**

English  
Inglés

Spanish  
español

For alternative format ballots, such as Braille, call 602-506-1511.  
Para boletas de formato alternativo, como Braille, llame al 602-506-1511.

**UPDATE NAME ON VOTER RECORD  
ACTUALIZAR EL NOMBRE EN EL REGISTRO DE VOTANTE**

ONLY FILL IF NAME LEGALLY CHANGED | SÓLO LLENE SI EL NOMBRE CAMBIÓ LEGALMENTE

**UPDATE PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS  
ACTUALIZAR DOMICILIO PERMANENTE**

RESIDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE | CAMBIO DE DOMICILIO

**USE OR ADD MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS  
USAR O AÑADIR DIRECCIÓN DE CORRESPONDENCIA PARA LAS SIGUIENTES ELECCIONES**

Primary Election  
Elección Primaria

General Election  
Elección General

Permanent\*  
Permanente\*

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE | CAMBIO DE DIRECCIÓN DE CORRESPONDENCIA  
\*A permanent mailing address must be within Arizona. La dirección de correspondencia permanente debe estar dentro de Arizona.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN LEGAL NAME | FIRME CON SU NOMBRE LEGAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*PHONE NUMBER | NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO

\*\*We will only use your phone number if we need to contact you about your ballot. Sólo usaremos su número de teléfono si necesitamos contactarlo acerca de su boleta.



# STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS

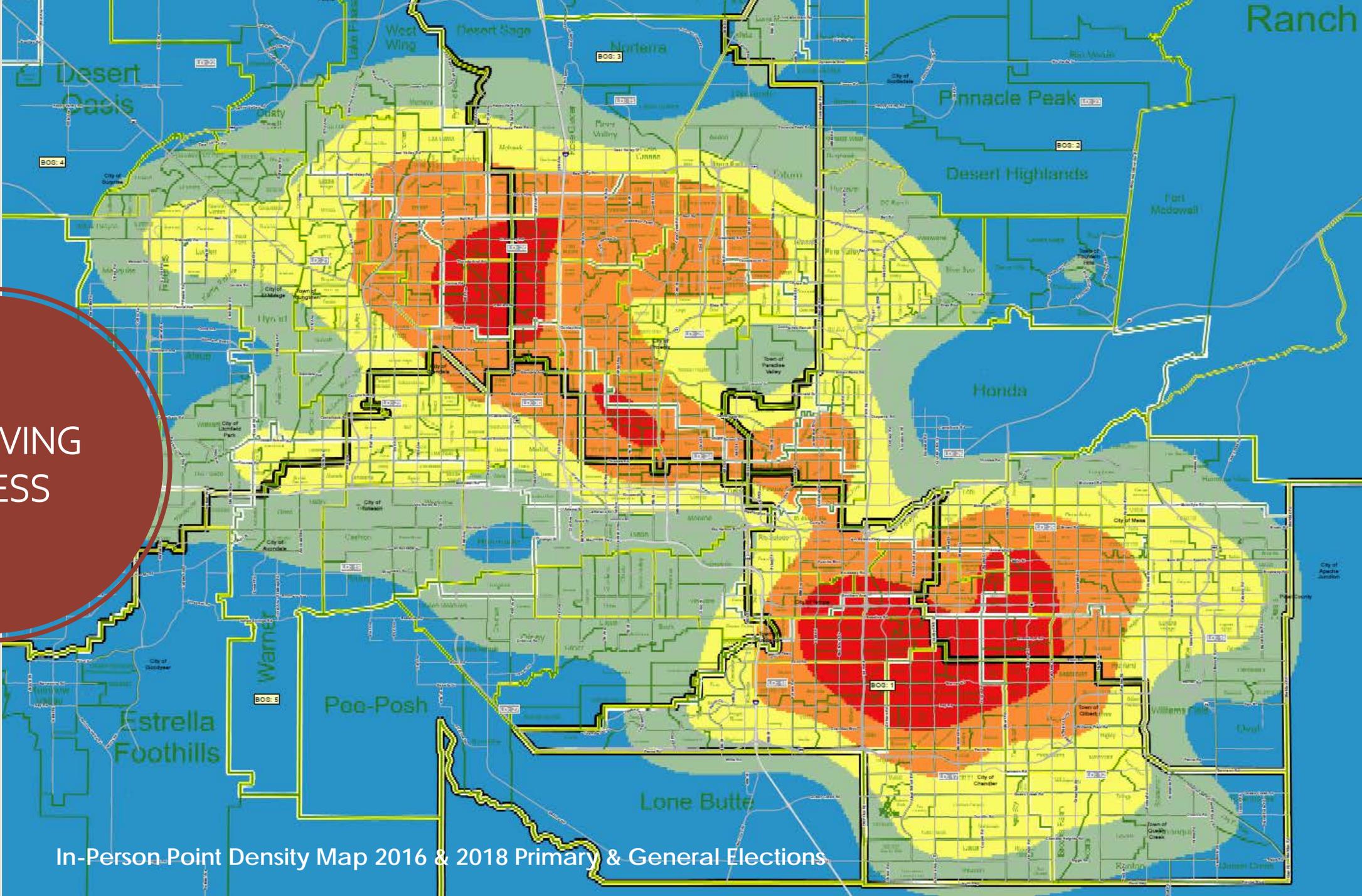
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- ✓ More Early Voting Centers
  - Phased openings (27, 14, 7, 1 day)
  - Includes Weekends and Evenings
- ✓ “Vote Anywhere” Vote Centers
  - Ballot on Demand Printers
  - 41 vs 90 - 100
- ✓ Located along light-rail / bus routes
- ✓ Located in high density and includes locations that serve Native American & Rural communities



IMPROVING ACCESS



In-Person Point Density Map 2016 & 2018 Primary & General Elections

# Turnout Forecast

- Three Forecast Models
  - Recent Primary Elections
  - Most recent similar elections (2012, 2016, 2018)
  - In-person voters
- Forecasting Turnout helps us:
  - Determine resource needs
  - Implement wait-time reduction strategies

Forecast Model Item	2016	2018	2020 (Estimated Range*)
Active Registered Voters	2,056,458	2,229,718	2,395,738 – 2,450,000**
Turnout Percentage (Active Voters Only)	27%	31.4%	29.2 – 31.4%
Total Turnout	483,047	699,636	623,797 – 760,429
Election Day - Eligible Voters Only	84,581	101,464	96,577 – 114,197
Election Day – Provisionals (not Counted)	1,681	2,178	2,026 – 2,178
Election Day Turnout (Election Day & Provisionals)	86,272	103,642	98,603 – 116,375

\*Estimated range is was developed for planning purposes only.

\*\* Voter Registration as of 6/16/2020 – 2,402,874



# TURNOUT & WAIT TIMES

Preliminarily Forecast

**2,450,000**

Registered Voters

*As of 4/10/2020: 2,381,279:*

**116,000**

In-Person Ballots Cast

*2016: 70,601 / 2018: 103,642*

**4.75%**

In-Person Turnout

*2016: 3.4% / 2018: 4.65%*

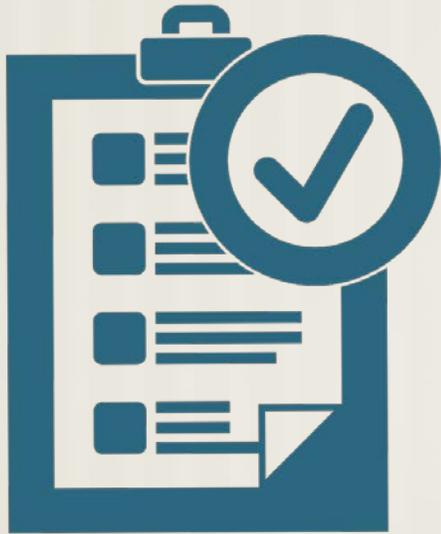
Amount of Voting Locations	Average wait-time 5-7pm	Revised based on strategy*
75 Vote Centers <i>Estimated Voters Per-Site 5pm – 7pm: 295</i>	31.6 Minutes	23.7 Minutes
100 Vote Centers <i>Estimated Voters Per-Site 5pm – 7pm: 221</i>	17.8 Minutes	13.3 Minutes

\* Strategy includes direct mailers, 27,14, & 7 days of continuous voting, encouraging early ballot requests



# STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY

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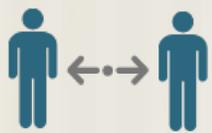


- ✓ Stress Testing (BOD Printers, Tabulators)
- ✓ Ensuring we have sufficient paper to meet demand for early ballot requests
- ✓ Leasing retail spaces, convention centers, mall store fronts
- ✓ Recruiting, training, and retaining poll workers and central boards
  - 10 poll workers per site
  - 30 additional inspector level poll workers
  - Moving to online training, while still providing small, in person classes
- ✓ Cleaning, sanitizing, and safety supplies and equipment
- ✓ Vote-Anywhere Vote Centers



# Strategies to Improve Safety

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## ○ IN-PERSON VOTING

- ✓ Large locations with physical distancing
- ✓ Gloves for all voters
- ✓ PPE for poll workers
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces

## ○ VOTER OUTREACH

- ✓ Direct Mailer(s) go-Day Notice / Early Ballot Request Card / Sample Ballot.
- ✓ Emails to PEVL Independents and Non-PEVL Voters
- ✓ Encourage early & weekend voting (emergency voting)

## ○ SCREENING & PHYSICAL DISTANCING @ MCTEC

- ✓ Temperature Checks
- ✓ Similar Groups / Shifts
- ✓ Physical Distancing & Masks



# RECRUITMENT & LOCATIONS UPDATE

August 2020 Primary Election

## LOCATIONS

- Ample space for physical distancing is our top priority
- Over 60 Locations Close to Public Transportation
- Over 950 Check-in Stations
  - 5 Locations at 27 Days (Goal 5)
  - 54 Locations at 14 Days (Goal 55)
  - 18 Locations at 7 Days (Goal 25)
  - 14 Election Day Only (Goal 15)
  - 92 Total Locations (Goal 100)

**1,000+**  
**poll workers**

- ✓ 1,200 poll workers (Goal – 1,000 – 1,100)
- ✓ Initial outreach included poll workers that were not in high risk categories
- ✓ Overcome 30 – 40% absenteeism

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!



# Strategies to Improve Tabulation

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## New Tabulation Equipment

- Dominion Voting Systems
- \$6.1 million lease
- Counts votes faster
  - 3,000 vs 6,000 – 8,000
- New Ballot Style (ovals not arrows)
- Single vote electronic adjudication capabilities
- Maintains & improves security





# QUESTIONS?

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