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Bureau of Elections Alerts Voters of Misleading Election Mailers

Cumberland County Bureau of Elections does not send voters unsolicited political mailers.

Carlisle, PA – Recently, the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections has received numerous complaints from county voters who have received mailers addressed for deceased family members or ‘current residents.’ The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections reminds voters that they have not sent, nor will they send, any unsolicited political mailers for any election or the Nov. 3 General Election.

To date, the mailers include Pennsylvania Voter Registration Applications, and applications for mail-in ballots that state erroneous information, “...county election officials encourage everyone to use mail-in ballots in upcoming elections.” The Bureau of Elections is not affiliated with these, or any other political mailers.

“The Bureau of Elections does not encourage one method of voting over another. The information in these mailers indicates that the bureau is encouraging voters to use a mail-in ballot to vote in the November election, that simply is not true,” said Director of Elections, Bethany Salzarulo. “Voters can go to our website to apply for mail-in or absentee ballots and we will send them one, or they can go to the polls on November 3 to vote.”

The Bureau of Elections maintains current voter rolls for the county. It receives monthly reports from the Pennsylvania Department of Health listing all the deaths in Cumberland County. Those who have died are removed from the election voter rolls. Twice a year, the bureau completes a Voter Maintenance Program, checking registrations for correct addresses with the U.S. Postal Service. If an address is incorrect, or a resident may have moved, bureau officials contact the registered voter.

“Anyone who fills out an application for someone who is deceased is committing voter fraud,” added Salzarulo. “An investigation into the action will be submitted to the District Attorney.”

Polls will be open for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. To ensure everyone’s safety at each polling location, the county will be abiding by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC guidelines, wiping down all voting machines and common areas, and providing hand sanitizer for voters. The county will be enforcing social distancing and recommending that all voters wear masks while at polling places.

The Bureau of Elections will announce any changes in polling places within six weeks. For more information contact the Bureau of Elections at 717.240.6385, or visit www.ccpa.net/elections.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.