

Election Judge Newsletter – December 2020



Statement of thanks made on behalf of the Board members – James Shalleck

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all the Election Judges for your great teamwork and long hours of work to prepare and successfully conduct this unprecedented Election during COVID -19. The personal time commitment to the democratic process that provided every voter the opportunity to vote in the method of their choosing and worked is gratefully acknowledged. We applaud the election judges who braved potential exposure to Covid-19 while you all ensured that the democratic process ran with integrity. For the staff, there were daunting challenges, and all rose to the occasion so that voters could exercise their right to vote. The conduct of this election effort was massive, with full commitment by the County, the numerous departments within the County, Public Safety, the School system and other governmental and non-profit entities to ensure the election was conducted fairly, and which instilled public confidence in the election. The Board praises the heroic efforts for these essential workers who contributed to our community which ensured the security and integrity of the election process for a free and fair election. Thank you, Election Judges for your commitment in this election year. We are deeply grateful and wish you and yours the best in the upcoming year.

Jim Shalleck – President
Nahid Khozeimih – Vice President
David Naimon – Secretary

Dianne Nash Dillon
Elisse Barnes PhD
Jacqueline Phillips
Alan Banov



A word from County Executive Marc Elrich . . .

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters who served as Election Judges in the Presidential Election of 2020. I am humbled by the commitment to our community to the preservation of the voting process that was provided to enable everyone the opportunity to vote this election year. The success of this election is based on the hard work, commitment to the democratic process and determination to educate yourselves on the election procedures that was demonstrated by each of you. The voters were provided many opportunities to exercise their right to vote and they did successfully. The voter turnout exceeded the previous three Presidential Elections and was a record number of voters served in this community. On behalf of the County and its many voters, thank you for your commitment to the democratic process and your deeply appreciated service to the voters of Montgomery County.

I begin with thanking the most valuable and heroic element of the voting process in the election this year, the year of the pandemic -- the citizens who contributed their valuable time to conduct a successful election as election judges, whether it was for in person voting or the individuals assisting in the opening of hundreds of thousands of returned voted ballots. I thank all our election judges for the outstanding service that inspired public confidence and treated all voters fairly to exercise their right to vote.

Our community served 536,706 voters. The voter turnout of 79.52% exceeded the turnout of 2008 of 79.04% and was close to the General Election of 2000 record of 80.8% voter turnout.

The Board of Election staff wishes you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous and Safe New Year! With much appreciation,

Margaret Jurgensen and the Staff of the Montgomery County Board of Elections



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We have a winning set of Pals!!!

Congratulations to **Kathryn Penn** and **William Hochman**
Of the 162 Pick-A-Pal entries there were 19 new Pals that applied new in 2020 and served in the 2020 General Election. We want to give an honorable mention to the following Pals that qualified to have their names thrown into the hat:

Katherine Mangan	<i>and</i>	Barbara Zellers
Jennifer Gold	<i>and</i>	Sara Bhatia
Jennifer Gold	<i>and</i>	Sarah Skolnik
Matthew Satterfield	<i>and</i>	Lisa Satterfield
Martha Young	<i>and</i>	Marci Frye
Bianca Triner	<i>and</i>	Lucciana Villiers
Paula Bawer	<i>and</i>	Stacy Menendez
Marquita Kouyate	<i>and</i>	Ousmane Kouyate
Stella Spears	<i>and</i>	Vincent Incarvite
Helen Sanders	<i>and</i>	Rekha Baral
Helen Sanders	<i>and</i>	Lina Ghanawi
Richard Nidel	<i>and</i>	Christopher Nidel
Sarah Birnbach	<i>and</i>	Deborah Bloch
Sarah Birnbach	<i>and</i>	Debra Goldberg
Lauren Lehman	<i>and</i>	Liza Ford
Halima Thomas	<i>and</i>	Shamla Nazeel
Ann Fondi	<i>and</i>	Keith Speidel
Angelique Andrae	<i>and</i>	Marthe Lattinville-Pace
Marnika Garner	<i>and</i>	Andre Jackson



Election Judge stipend payment:

The payments of the stipend for the Election Judges are expected to be sent out as planned so that it arrives no later than six weeks after the November 3, 2020 General Election. In addition to the stipend for the various positions of Chief, Voting Operations Judge, etc., the Board agreed to provide a Covid-19/Hazard payment as follows:

1. Full day serving the Voting Public at a Voting Center during Early Voting or Election Day at \$100.00 per day/diem. A full day was defined as 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. or until closing.
2. Part-time position serving the Voting Public at a Early Voting Center or Voting Center as an Election Judge between five to nine hours at \$50.00 per day/diem.
3. Canvass Election Judges assigned to canvass the Vote by Mail Canvass receiving and opening all Vote by Mail and Provisional Ballots are to receive \$20.00 per day/diem.

The Board of Elections members and staff are deeply grateful for the commitment you have shown to the election process and applaud all participants for their service to the Montgomery County Voters.



新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year