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**PASSAIC COUNTY CLERK DANIELLE IRELAND-IMHOF
ANNOUNCES COVID-19 BRIEFING FOR
CERTAIN UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

Paterson, NJ – Clerk Danielle Ireland-Imhof advises residents of the City of Passaic, the Borough of Totowa and the City of Paterson important information regarding their upcoming elections. Out of an abundance of caution, Governor Murphy recently signed Executive Order No. 105 which mandates that certain upcoming elections be conducted solely via vote-by-mail ballots. These are temporary changes which were instituted in order to help further mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while also ensuring that voters maintain their constitutional right to vote without worrying that they may risk their health and safety during the public health crisis. Specific changes are as follows:

- City of Passaic School Board Election originally scheduled for April 21, 2020 will now take place on May 12, 2020. Registered voters will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot to the address linked to their voter registration record. There will also be a prepaid postage return envelope to use when mailing back the completed ballot. There will be no sample ballots sent and no voting on machines at the polling locations.
- Borough of Totowa School Board Election originally scheduled for April 21, 2020 will now take place on May 12, 2020. Registered voters will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot to the address linked to their voter registration record. There will also be a prepaid postage return envelope to use when mailing back the completed ballot. There will be no sample ballots sent and no voting on machines at the polling locations.
- City of Paterson Municipal Election scheduled for May 12, 2020 remains on May 12, 2020. Registered voters will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot to the address linked to their voter registration record. There will also be a prepaid postage return envelope to use when mailing back the completed ballot. There will be no sample ballots sent and no voting on machines at the polling locations.

The deadline for residents of Totowa, Passaic and Paterson to register to vote in the above listed elections is Tuesday, April 21, 2020. For information on registering to vote, please call the Office of the Passaic County Superintendent of Elections at (973) 881-4515.

Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 105 also temporarily allows June 2, 2020 Primary Election candidates the option to submit their petitions electronically using an online form created by the New Jersey Secretary of State. This is in an effort to limit unnecessary person-to-person contact. The online petition form and its instructions are available at: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/candidate-information.shtml>. Petitions may also be submitted by fax to (973) 742-5744 or left in a sealed envelope in the drop-off box located in the lobby of Room 130 of 401 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey, 07505 Monday through Friday between 8:30AM and 4:30PM. The deadline for June 2, 2020 primary election candidates to submit petitions remains March 30, 2020.

Governor Murphy did not make a decision to postpone the June Primary Election or shift that election to Vote-by-Mail at this time.

Additional information as well as any updates or announcements will be posted at www.passaiccountyclerk.org. Please direct questions to Passaic County Clerk, Election Division at (973) 881-4127.

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