



## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration

**FROM:** Tyrell Golden, Registrar Manager

**RE:** Operations Report for March - 2022

**DATE:** April 12, 2022

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The following report represents a summary and recap of major operations and activities that we have completed or are ongoing within Elections and Registration for the month of March 2022 and activities since the last Board meeting.

The key tasks performed within the office included processing voter registration applications, open record requests, confirmation notices, state-wide voter registration system trainings, poll worker recruitment, redistricting, candidate qualifying, voter outreach and education, and other various pre-election activities associated with the 2022 election cycle.

## ELECTIONS

### **2022 Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference:**

The 2022 conference was March 20, 2022 – March 23, 2022 and will be held in Athens, Georgia. Clayton County was represented by board members and office management. Elections Each day was filled with trainings that covered a range of topics including:

- New Legislation
- Poll Worker Training
- Reconciling Absentee & Early Voting and Tabulation
- UOCAVA & Rank Choice Voting
- Absentee Ballot Verification and Absentee Request Verification
- Early Voting
- Poll Waters, Observers, and Election Safety
- Election Night reporting (ENR) and 10:00 PM Reporting
- CES Ballot Proofing
- Provisional & Provisional Reconciliation

### **REDISTRICTING**

Redistricting has been completed

**2022 Election Calendar:**

As of this date the 2022 Election Calendar will remain as established. Below are the 2022 Election Year dates. These dates are subject to change and all do not necessarily yield an election in Clayton County. This information has been placed on our website.

| <b>ELECTION</b>                                   | <b>REGISTRATION CUTOFF</b> | <b>ELECTION DATE</b> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| General Primary                                   | April 25, 2022             | May 24, 2022         |
| General Primary Runoff                            | April 25, 2022             | June 21, 2022        |
| General Primary Election Runoff (Federal Offices) | May 23, 2022               | June 21, 2022        |
| General Election                                  | October 11, 2022*          | November 8, 2022     |
| General Election Runoff                           | October 11, 2022*          | December 6, 2022     |
| General Primary Election Runoff (Federal Offices) | November 7, 2022           | December 6, 2022     |

*NOTE: These dates reflect the scheduled elections dates for the State of Georgia. Clayton County may not have a scheduled election on the above dates. Subject to change.*

**2022 General Primary Highlights:**

- Absentee Ballot Application acceptance period: March 7, 2022 through May 13, 2022
- Early/Advance In Person Voting period: Mary 2, 2022 through May 20, 2022
- Election Day: May 24, 2022 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Election Certification Date: May 31, 2022
- Subsequent Primary Runoff (if necessary): June 21, 2022

**2022 Poll Worker Training Dates:**

Advanced Voting Poll Worker Training courses are scheduled for April 25 – 29, 2022. Currently we have 42 seasonal staff ready to work the Advanced polling locations. Each Early Voting location needs an average of 7 staff members for continuous operations. With 10 Early Voting locations, that would call for a need of around 70 staff members.

We have 44 scheduled Poll Worker Training classes for Election Day Poll between April 2, 2022 and May 9, 2022.

- 738 Poll Workers
- As of 4/8, 233 registered for class

**2022 Poll Worker Recruitment and Staffing:**

Currently we have 42 seasonal staff ready to work the Advanced Polling locations. A total of 42 staff members is enough to staff 6 Advanced Polling locations. The recommendation is to (1) aggressively recruit additional staff with a stipend increase of \$2.00 dollars per hour, or (2) use a temporary staffing agency to fill the staffing deficiency with a stipend increase of \$2.00 dollars per hour, or (3) reduce the total of 10 Advanced Polling locations to 6.

**2022 Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing Dates:**

L&A was scheduled to start 4/4/2022. Due to a delay in ballot proofs, testing will begin as soon as we receive the files from the state. A new public notice and legal advertisement will be submitted for approval.

## REGISTRATION

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

As of April 1, 2022, there are 203,721 (174,097 Active: and 29,624 Inactive) Voters.

- This represents an increase of 987 voters since the last reporting period

### **FELON LIST**

Number scheduled for April Hearing:     None

### **NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS CONFIRMATION NOTICES (NCOA):**

On January 4, 2022 the Secretary of State will be conducting an NCOA mailing as part of our list maintenance processes. Our county office is responsible for paying postage for mailing the notices. The estimated number of notices Clayton mailed:

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| OUT OF COUNTY | 4,897  |
| OUT OF STATE  | 2,282  |
| WITHIN COUNTY | 4,219  |
| GRAND TOTAL   | 11,398 |

The 40-day clock expired on the NCOA process on February 14, 2022. Voters mailed within county notices who did not respond were processed and moved to their new addresses according to the NCOA data. Out of the 11,398 NCOA mailed in the county, the Election and Registration Department processed 11,348 as of April 12, 2022.

### **VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH:**

All in-person events have been adjusted for reduced contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH:**

Reminder, April is High School Voter Registration Month across the State of Georgia.

### **SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES NEW STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM:**

During the month of January, Secretary Raffensperger announced via press conference Secretary of State Elections Systems team has partnered with Sales Force and MTX to develop the new statewide voter registration system: Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS). The launch date of GARViS was March 29, 2022. On April 5, 2022 SOS held a Statewide Call to update counties on the project and informed that we'll return to using eNet for the May Primary/June Runoff, and resume daily registration processing and other election preparation activities. Our office processed all work that we conducted in GARViS since the launch date into eNet. The new public facing My Voter Page (MVP), Absentee Ballot Portal, and Online Voter Registration (OLVR) applications were not impacted by going back to eNet and voters should not see any changes in their online experience. However, any Absentee ballot applications submitted through the online portal will continue to flow to GARViS. We have assigned staff in our office to login to GARViS daily to print any absentee applications submitted through the portal and process in eNet. Advanced Voting Poll Worker Training will reflect this change and will

not be introduced to GARViS for the May Primary. SOS indicated that GARViS will be used for the November General Election and this includes Advance Voting.

**DEPUTY REGISTRAR ACTIVITIES:**

All trainings associated with Deputy Registrar activities will be conducted via Zoom Meeting due to COVID 19. For future events, please submit request to [elections@claytoncountyga.gov](mailto:elections@claytoncountyga.gov).

**TASKS TO BE PERFORMED FOR FUTURE REPORTING PERIODS:**

- Street Audits
- Preparing for 2022 Post Election Events
- Redistricting Activities
- Open Records Request
- List Maintenance Preparations/Confirmation Notices
- 2022 Elections Planning
- Plan Voter Education/Outreach Events
- Poll Worker/Seasonal Staff Recruitment
- Poll Worker Procedural Writing and Training
- GARViS Training

**NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

The next scheduled Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted.