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General Election- November 3, 2026
Notice to Candidates and Party Chairs

This correspondence will serve to advise you that you or your representative may attend any or all of the Board of Elections activities described below.

1. **Public Inspection and Pre-Election Testing of Machines:**
   NYS Election Law §§7-128(3), 7-207 & NYCRR §6210.2(d)(e)
   You will have an opportunity to inspect voting machines and ballot marking devices to be used in the upcoming General Election and view the conduct of the logic and accuracy testing required to be performed on such voting machines and systems.
   The inspection and pre-election testing will take place on see attached and will take place at 1961 Transit Rd., Burt, NY 14028 where the county test decks will be run and machines may be viewed. Pre-election testing will continue daily, between the hours of see attached, until all pre-election testing has been completed.

2. **Inspection of Sample Ballots:**
   NYS Election Law §7-128(2)
   You will have an opportunity to inspect the ballots to be used in the General Election.
   This ballot inspection will occur on September 18th and will take place at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094 where the ballots may be viewed. Please also see enclosed a sample ballot.

3. **Post-Election Audit for Election Day and Early Voting:**
   NYS Election Law §9-211 & *NYCRR §6210.18*
   The post-election audit of randomly selected voting machines will begin on November 4th and will take place at 1961 Transit Rd., Burt, NY 14028 where the county audit will occur. This audit will continue daily (if needed), with at least two teams conducting the audit, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, until all selected voting machines have been audited.

   The drawing which will randomly select the voting machines that must be audited will take place on November 4th at 9:00am and will occur at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094 where the county drawing will occur. The audit shall commence on the same day as the random manual selection process.

   a. **Scanners Used to Count Absentee Ballots Prior to Election Day (Audit):**
      NYS Election Law §9-211(2)
      The scanner(s) will be audited from three percent of Election Districts within three days after any Election Day (Early Canvassed Ballots). This audit will take place on November 4th and will occur at 1961 Transit Rd., Burt, NY 14028.

4. **Recanvass:**

NYS Election Law §9-208

The recanvass of all voting machines will begin on November 4th and will take place 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094 where the county recanvass will occur. This recanvass of these ballots will continue daily, with at least one team conducting the recanvass, between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM, until all voting machines have been recanvassed.

5. **Rolling Canvass of Absentee, Special and Military Ballots:**

NYS Election Law §9-209(1)(2)

The rolling canvass of absentee, special and military ballots will begin within 4 days of receipt. The canvass starting date is on September 24th at 10:00am and will take place at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094. The canvass of these ballots will continue daily Mondays and Thursdays. There will be 1 team conducting the canvass, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, until all ballots have been canvassed. On or after Election Day, the canvass will be conducted within one day of receipt.

   a. **Scanning of Canvassed Ballots Prior to Election Day:**

   NYS Election Law §9-209(6)(b)(c)

   Ballots canvassed during this time period will be scanned on October 23rd at 10:00am. Absentee ballots received after this date will continue to be canvassed daily/Mondays and Thursdays, and those ballots will be scanned after the close of polls on the last day of early voting will be scanned on Monday, November 2nd at 10:00am).

   b. **Scanning of Canvassed Ballots Post Election Day:**

   NYS Election Law §9-209(6)(b)(iii)

   The scanning of ballots canvassed after Election Day will continue on November 10th at 10:00am and will take place at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094.

6. **Review Invalid Absentee, Military, Special, Undeliverable and Defects Not Cured Timely:**

NYS Election Law §9-209(8)(a)

Within four business days after Election Day, the county will review the Absentee, Military and Special Ballots found to be invalid, undeliverable or containing defects that have not been timely cured. This review will take place on November 9th and will occur at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094.

7. **Canvass and Casting of Affidavits:**

NYS Election Law §9-209(7)(a)

The county will canvass the Affidavits four business days after Election Day. This canvass will take place on November 9th at 10:00am and will occur at 111 Main Street, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094.

8. **Manual Recount:**

NYS Election Law §9-208(4)

Following the completion of the canvass of all ballots, the Board of Elections will conduct a full manual recount of all ballots for a particular contest if the margin of victory is twenty votes or less or 0.5% or less. You will receive notice by mail of the date, time, and processes for the manual recount should the office you are running for fall into this category.