



City of Baltimore

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Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Let's Get the Word Out - Making Your Mail-In Vote Count

For the purpose of calling on the City of Baltimore, the League of Women Voters, and the ACLU of Maryland to publicize important facts to avoid confusion and to make every vote count on June 2, 2020 (Primary Election Day).

Recitals

On June 2, 2020, Baltimoreans will be casting their primary ballots for their choice for Mayor, City Council President, Comptroller, City Councilmember, and more. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this primary election was re-scheduled from April 28, 2020 and will now be conducted mainly through mail-in vote.

Because of this change, there are several important things for Baltimoreans to know in order to make their vote count. First, due to printing issues at the State level, the ballots will contain the old primary date, but it is still a valid ballot for June 2, 2020! Second, a ballot is not valid and will not be counted, unless, under the oath language on the return envelope, the voter includes their signature, their printed name, and the date in which they are signing. Further, the ballot itself needs to be completed in black pen, and the envelope needs to be properly sealed - not licked!

Mail-in voting is novel concept to many Baltimoreans, and it is critical that we do everything we can to prevent confusion and ensure that every intended vote is a counted vote. This is a critically important election, and we cannot allow anyone to get disenfranchised. Let's get the word out.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council calls on the City of Baltimore, the League of Women Voters, and the ACLU of Maryland to publicize important facts to avoid confusion and to make every vote count on June 2, 2020 (Primary Election Day).

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mayor, the Election Director for the Baltimore City Board of Elections, the League of Women's Voters of Baltimore City, the ACLU of Maryland, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.