October 2020 Community Council Update

Absentee Ballot Applications — The Division of Elections announced that they will begin sending out absentee ballots on October 2 to ensure that voters have adequate time to complete and return their ballots.

Absentee Ballot and Voter Registration Dates & Deadlines:

- 10/4/2020 Deadline for voters to register to vote or update their registration.
- 10/24/2020 Deadline for Division of Elections to receive absentee by-mail applications.
- 11/2/2020 Deadline for Division of Elections to receive absentee by electronic transmission ballot applications.
- 11/3/2020 *Election Day—Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by 11/3.

For information on the absentee ballot, visit: [http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php). You can contact the Alaska Division of Elections Absentee and Petition Office for assistance by calling 907-270-2700 or emailing akabsentee@alaska.gov.

You can track the status of your absentee application at [myvoterinformation.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php).

Early Voting — The Division of Elections (DOE) announced that early voting will begin on October 19 at over 150 locations throughout the state. This is an option available to you if you want to vote in-person, but you do not want to vote at your polling place on Election Day. To view the full list of polling locations and the dates and hours that each location will be in operation, visit DOE’s Early Voting page. Here are some things you can expect to see voting early or at the polling places on Election Day:

- Election officials will be wearing provided PPE, such as facial coverings and gloves.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for you to use before checking in, when using voting equipment and upon exiting the polling place.
- Facial coverings will be available for you, as well as disposable gloves.
- DOE will promote CDC recommended social distancing.
- Every effort will be made to space voting booths six feet apart.
- Election officials will be disinfecting the voting area throughout the day.

For detailed information about voting, visit [https://elections.alaska.gov/](https://elections.alaska.gov/).

Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Visit to Alaska — As we honor the legacy and life’s work of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, I recently sat down to share some personal memories from her visit to Anchorage to speak to the Alaska Bar Association Annual Convention. To view the video, go to my [Rep. Claman Facebook page](http://facebook.com/repclaman) or visit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9Khm_c-tQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9Khm_c-tQ).

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