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Hunterdon Freeholder: Hunterdon Election Officials Ensuring That Vote By Mail Is Safe, Secure And Counted

Hunterdon County voters are assured their vote by mail ballots will be safe, secure, and accurately counted by County election officials, Freeholder John E. Lanza, reported at the October 6th Freeholder meeting.

Lanza, the Board liaison to the County Clerk's Office and the Board of Elections, reported, "While this Board and many citizens have objected to being denied the opportunity to machine vote on Election Day, it remains imperative for voters to cast their ballots in the current fashion approved by the state – which is vote by mail. And County Clerk Mary Melfi and the County Board of Elections are ensuring all ballots are secured and counted."

There are numerous methods to return completed ballots – via the mail, or at one of twelve secure vote by mail drop boxes, conveniently situated around the county, or ballots can be dropped off at the Board of Elections in Flemington.

"Drop box locations are available on the county's election website and Hunterdon County's secure drop boxes are totally safe for voting. Drop boxes will be available until 8pm, close of polls, Election Night, on November 3rd.

All boxes are monitored by video surveillance and ballots are picked up daily by county Sheriff Officers in a sealed carry case and delivered directly to the Board of Elections," Lanza said.

"The Freeholders greatly appreciate all involved in mailing out the ballots, a herculean task, requiring a significant labor force and great attention to detail. The County Clerk and her staff, along with the Board of Elections, deserve our congratulations for ensuring that Hunterdon County residents are able to vote safely and securely, and that our votes will be accurately counted," Lanza concluded.

For more information, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Election2020.htm> or <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/electionboard.htm>.

You may also call 908-788-1190 or email elections@co.hunterdon.nj.us with any voting questions.