

# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF BUDGET & FINANCE

#### Q-24-792 ADDENDUM NO. 3 REQUEST FOR QUOTE

#### SAMPLE BALLOT MAILER

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

QUOTES DUE: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

3:00 P.M. (EDT/EST)

To Bidders:

This Addendum is hereby made a part of the Contract Documents on which all bids will be based and is issued to correct and clarify the original documents.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum at the appropriate space on the Proposal Form. This Addendum consists of two (2) pages and one (1) attachment.

NOTE: All Bidders must enter the Washington County Administration Complex through either the front door at the 100 West Washington Street entrance or through the rear entrance (w/blue canopy roof) which is handicap accessible and must use the elevator to access the Purchasing Department to submit their bid and/or to attend the Pre-Bid Conference. Alternate routes are controlled by a door access system. The general public will be subject to wand search and will be required to remove any unauthorized items from the building prior to entry. Prohibited items include but are not limited to: Weapons of any type; Firearms, ammunition, and explosive devices; Cutting instruments of any type - including knives, scissors, box cutters, work tools, knitting needles, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.; Pepper spray, mace, or any other chemical defense sprays; and Illegal substances.

**ITEM NO. 1:** *Inquiry*: Will the awarded vendor be responsible to front the postage amount upfront?

<u>Response</u>: The awarded vendor may submit an invoice to the Washington County Board of Elections in advance of shipment of the sample ballots. The Washington County Government will expedite the payment of the invoice; however, the deadline for shipping remains the same, regardless of when the awarded vendor receives payment for said invoice.

ITEM NO. 2: <u>Inquiry</u>: Just quickly wanted to ask as we noticed it mentioned something about submitting a first sample ballot by a particular date, but we haven't gotten the template

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to provide that. So, will you choose a company first and then ask for a sample or do you email the templates to everyone to send in a sample?

*Response*: The template is attached (Attachment A) for all prospective bidders to view.

By Authority of:

Rick F. Curry, CPPO Director of Purchasing

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

Washington County Board of Elections 17718 Virginia Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740-7084

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SPECIMEN BALLOT

2024 General Election

Vote Early: October 24 – 31

Election Day: Tuesday November 5



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# Washington County Board of Elections 2024 General Voter Guide and Practice Ballot

#### A Message to Washington County Voters:

- This is **NOT** an official ballot! It is a sample of the ballot you will receive at Early Voting or on Election Day. We encourage you to review and mark this sample ballot before you go to vote. You can bring your marked sample ballot with you when you vote and refer to it when you are marking your official ballot.
- Your Election Day polling place may have changed. Please refer to the box on the front of this mailing that says, "On Election Day you vote at:" for your correct polling place.

#### **Election Day Information:**

- Pay careful attention to your polling place as several have changed:
- Those voters who voted at Emmanuel United Methodist Church and Emma K. Doub Elementary School will be voting at Girls, Inc., 626 Washington Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
- Those voters who voted at Boonsboro Middle School will be voting at Boonsboro High School, 10 Campus Avenue, Boonsboro, MD 21713.
- Those voters who voted at E. Russell Hicks Middle School and the Washington County Technical High School will be voting at South Hagerstown High School, 1101 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Those voters who voted at Maugansville Ruritan will be voting at Maugansville Elementary School, 18023 Maugans Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740
- Those voters who voted at Potomac Heights Elementary School and Northern Middle School will be voting at North Hagerstown High School, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

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- Those voters who voted at Hickory Elementary School will be voting at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
  - Those voters who voted at Valley Grace Brethren Church will be voting at Lincolnshire Elementary School, 17545 Lincolnshire Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

#### When do I vote?

- Vote Early: October 24 31 from 7am–8pm every day
- Election Day: Tuesday November 5 from 7am-8pm
- Request a mail ballot by Tuesday Oct. 29

## Have questions? Ask us!

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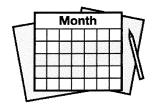
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### You have 3 ways to vote

#### Have you moved?

If you moved and haven't changed your address, you can update it during early voting. An election judge will help you change your address and give you the ballot for your new address.



#### Vote early in person

You can vote early **October 24 – 31** from 7am–8pm every day. The best time to vote during early voting is on Saturday and Sunday.

You can vote at any early voting center in your jurisdiction:

#### **Washington County Election Center**

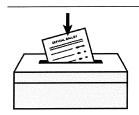
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#### Washington County Free Library, Smithsburg Branch

66 W. Water Street Smithsburg, MD 21783

#### **Clopper-Michael Post 10**

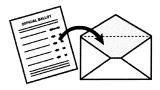
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### **Vote on Election Day November 5**

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. Anyone in line at 8pm will be allowed to vote.

Your polling place location is on the cover of this guide.



#### Mail-in voting

All registered voters can request a mail-in ballot:

- Online at vote.md.gov/NeedBallot before 5pm on Nov. 1.
- Return a paper form by email or fax before 8pm on Oct. 29.
- Return a paper form in person before 8pm on Nov. 5.
- If you want to print your ballot from a link we email to you, the deadlines are different.
   Find them at: vote.md.gov/MDvotes

Return your mail-in ballot:

- By mail postmarked on or before Nov. 5 and received by your board of elections by 10am on Nov. 15.
- To a ballot drop box in your county before 8pm on Nov. 5.
- In person to any early voting center Oct. 24 through Oct. 31 from 7am to 8pm.

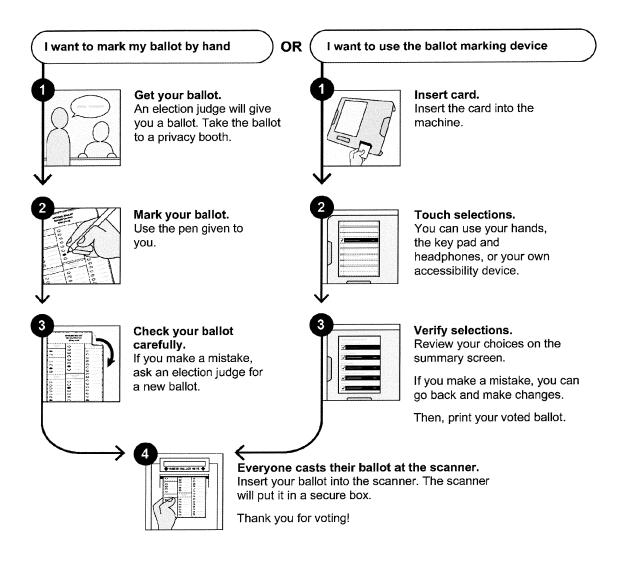
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- In person to any polling place by 8pm on Nov. 5.
  In person to your Board of Elections office by 8pm on Nov. 5.

#### How to vote in person



Would you prefer to mark your ballot using the ballot marking device, or by hand using a pen?



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You have a right to vote privately and independently. Read about accessibility options and more at **vote.md.gov/VoteAccess** 

All voting locations have an accessible touch screen ballot marking device with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistive device, like a sip and puff

- large print
- high contrast

## **Your Practice Ballot**

Use this practice ballot to get ready to vote. This is not your real ballot, but it includes everything you will vote on. You can bring this practice ballot with you to your polling place to help you vote.

This is a specimen ballot in accordance with election law §§ 8-102 & 9-214.



# **Ballot question summaries**

Ballot questions are opportunities to vote directly on proposed changes to your state and local government. If you vote 'yes', you approve of the proposed change. If you vote 'no' you want it to stay the way it is now.

#### Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Freedom Chapter 245 of 2023 (House Bill 705)

This constitutional amendment would amend the Maryland Constitution to confirm an individual's right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end the individual's pregnancy. Additionally, the State would be prohibited from denying or burdening the right to reproductive freedom unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Under current Maryland law, the State is prohibited from interfering with a woman's decision to terminate a pregnancy prior to viability or at any point in the pregnancy if the procedure is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman or the fetus is affected by genetic defect or serious deformity or abnormality. The Maryland Department of Health may adopt regulations consistent with established medical practice if they are necessary and the least intrusive method to protect the life and health of the woman.

Additionally, current Maryland law prohibits a person from being required to perform, participate in, or make referrals for a medical procedure that results in artificial insemination, sterilization, or termination of pregnancy. Similar protections are also provided to licensed hospitals, hospital directors, and hospital governing boards.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Constitution generally protected a right to obtain an abortion. However, in a subsequent ruling in 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned this prior ruling. As a result, the right to obtain an abortion is no longer protected under the U.S. Constitution and the regulation of abortion is largely left to individual states.



# How to vote for a write-in candidate

In a general election, you can vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot.

#### On the paper ballot:

To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the candidate's name clearly on the line.

#### On the ballot marking device:

To vote for a write-in candidate on the ballot marking device, select the oval that says 'Write-in'. A keyboard will appear. Type out the full first and last name.

#### Qualified write-in candidates as of September 19

There may be additional qualified write-in candidates. The final list of qualified write-in candidates will be posted in all polling places and early vote centers.

President & Vice President Of the United States	Party
Ralph Jaffe	Democratic
Paij Boring & Jaimey Rutschman	Republican
President R. Boddie	Unaffiliated
Susan Maude Buchser	Unaffiliated
Shronda Irving	Unaffiliated
Douglas Jenkins	Unaffiliated
Brian Larry Kienitz	Unaffiliated
Andre' Ramon McNeil, Sr.	Unaffiliated
Benjamin L. Schwalb	Unaffiliated
Lester H. Waller, Jr.	Unaffiliated
Carol Asher	Other Candidates
Jokie Beckett, Jr.	Other Candidates
U.S. Senator	Party
Patrick J. Burke	Other Candidates

Mayor, City of Hagerstown	Party
Whitney Nicole Burnette	Non-Partisan
A. Mark Wilks	Non-Partisan