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Clerk Hanlon Advises Voters of New Ballot Format for the 2024 Democratic Primary Election

Change does not apply to Republican Primary

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising Democratic voters that the ballot in this year's Primary Election will appear in a new format.

As a result of a federal court order, the new Democratic ballots are in "block" ballot design, in which candidates for each individual office are listed in random order in separate ballot boxes.

This is a change from the past "bracketed" ballot design, where candidates for different offices were grouped together in a column and appear as a "ticket." This change does not apply to the Republican Primary Election, as it was not affected by the court order.

“It is always recommended for all voters to review their sample ballot prior to voting to become familiar with the ballot as well as the names of the candidates. This allows for a smoother process at the polls,” Clerk Hanlon said.

Sample ballots for all 53 Monmouth County municipalities will be sent to voters according to New Jersey law and will also be available online at MonmouthCountyVotes.com and on the County Clerk's free Monmouth County Votes mobile app.

For questions about the Primary Election, please contact the County Clerk's Elections Office at 732-431-7790.

About the Monmouth County Clerk

The Office of the Monmouth County Clerk is comprised of five divisions handling property recordings, elections, archives, passports and records management. The County Clerk's Office also provides resident, veteran and Gold Star Family identification cards to county residents, administers oaths to notaries and public officials and performs wedding ceremonies. The Monmouth County Clerk is a constitutional and administrative officer elected to a five-year term by the voters of Monmouth County. Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. was elected Monmouth County Clerk in November 2015 and was re-elected to a second term in November 2020.

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