

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

September 1, 2020

“Working to Ensure Everyone Can Vote in 2020”



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RECENT VOTER TURNOUT HISTORY

AV BALLOTS	AUG Ballots Issued	AUG Ballots Returned	AUG Return Rate	NOV Applications	NOV Ballots Issued	NOV Ballots Returned	NOV Return Rate
2016 - Presidential	1859	1647	89%	\\ \\ \\	4769	4604	97%
2018 - Governor	2517	2328	92%	\\ \\ \\	4934	4569	92%
2020 - Presidential	8004	5925	74%	9567			

Voter Turnout	AUG AV	AUG Polls	TOTAL	Primary Voter Turnout	NOV AV	NOV Polls	TOTAL	General Voter Turnout
2016 - Presidential	1647	2287	3934	8.54%	4604	15539	20143	43.73%
2018 - Governor	2328	6066	8394	18.22%	4569	11178	15747	34.18%
2020 - Presidential	5925	3008	8933	19.39%				
Number of Registered Voters in Pontiac – 46,061								

THINGS TO KNOW

- The City Clerk will begin mailing Absentee Ballots on September 24, 2020 in compliance with state law (40 days before Election).
- The City of Pontiac will have 8 drop boxes. There will be a drop box located inside and outside of City Hall. The drop box located outside of City Hall will serve as the District 7 drop box. The remaining 6 drop boxes will be located in voting districts 1-6. One box will be placed at each district.
- Voters can drop their ballots in any of the drop boxes.
- Drop boxes will be available in October.



- In light of the pandemic, the City Clerk will be mailing an absentee voter application to every voter who has not already requested one approximately 35,000 voters
- Absentee Voting Days

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Extended Hours**
- **The Clerk's Office will have extended hours beginning October 5th - October 29th**
 - Monday – Thursday 8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
 - Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
- **Weekend Hours (Open the Last Two Weekends Before the Election)**
 - Saturday, October 23rd 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
 - Sunday, October 24th 10:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.
 - Friday, October 30th 8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
 - Saturday, October 31st 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
 - Sunday, November 1st 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
- **Election Newsletter**

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- The Clerk's Office is establishing the Pontiac City Clerk Service Team. Team members will be deputized so they can pick up ballots from the elderly or residents who are unable to make it to a dropbox. The Service Team will also be responsible for retrieving ballots from the dropboxes. They will be available to deliver ballots to voters if necessary as well.

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Clerk in the Community

- The City Clerk and staff are available to make presentations at your church, civic or community event (virtual) about the upcoming election.
- To request the Clerk to speak, please complete the speaker request form at <http://pontiaccityclerk.com/clerk-in-the-community>
- The City Clerk made a presentation on August 24, 2020 at the Northern Oakland NAACP Membership Meeting.

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WHAT IS THE PONTIAC VOTES CHALLENGE?

The Pontiac Votes Challenge is a nonpartisan initiative of the Pontiac City Clerk's Office and the 2020 Elections Advisory Committee. Its goal is to increase voter engagement and turnout.

HOW DOES IT WORK? **As a friendly competition...**

This will encourage districts to compete in hopes of increasing voter turnout throughout the city.

Each Pontiac Council district will compete to increase voter turnout in two categories

- **% increase in voter registration** (based on the 2016 election)
- **% increase in voter turnout** (based on the 2016 election)

The winner in each category will be formally recognized by the City Clerk's Office.

The campaign will kickoff on September 14th.

The logo consists of a dark blue square on the left containing a white checkmark. To the right of the square, the word "VOTE" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

VOTE

A horizontal red banner with the text "PONTIAC MATTERS!" written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

PONTIAC MATTERS!

The campaign is a voter outreach effort to communities of color & minorities in Pontiac.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Sign Up to be a Poll Worker**
The application can be found on our website
<http://pontiaccityclerk.com/elections>
- **Training Sessions begin on September 21st**
- **Invite the Clerk to Speak at your Church or Community Event**
<http://pontiaccityclerk.com/clerk-in-the-community>
- **Join our growing number of nonprofit and nonpartisan civic partners ACLU, Northern Oakland NAACP and Oakland Forward**

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