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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ANNOUNCES CANVASSING DATES

The Anne Arundel County Board of Elections has announced that it will canvass mail-in (“Vote by Mail”) and provisional ballots received for the 2022 Gubernatorial General Election on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 10th (Mail-in Ballots)
- Tuesday, November 15th (Mail-in Ballots)
- Wednesday, November 16th (Provisional Ballots)
- Thursday, November 17th (Mail-in Ballots)
- Friday, November 18th (Mail-in Ballots)

The Board has also reserved Monday, November 14th as an additional, optional canvassing day if necessary. Election results are required by law to be certified by the Board on Friday, November 18th. All election results are considered “unofficial” until all ballots have been counted and audited, and the Board provides its certification.

The Circuit Court for Montgomery County recently issued an emergency order, since affirmed by the Court of Appeals, which will allow mail-in ballots received prior to Election Day to be opened and canvassed by the local election boards -- although no vote tallies may be announced until after the polls have closed on Election Day. The court issued its order in response to concerns that given the anticipated number of mail-in ballots that will be received, several jurisdictions may not be able to meet the November 18th certification date.

The Anne Arundel County Board has determined that, based on its experiences in the most recent elections (including the July 19th Gubernatorial Primary), it has the appropriate resources available to canvass all mail-in and provisional ballots within the 10 day window between Election Day and the November 18th certification date and therefore early canvassing of mail-in ballots will not be required. In compliance with 11-401(c) of the Maryland Election Law article, the Board of Elections plans to transmit certified election results the second Friday after the election (November 18th).

The Board made the determination that in the run up to Election Day the efforts of the Board staff are better directed to other critical functions of the election process, including voter registration, issuance of mail-in ballots to those who have requested them, preparing for and conducting Early Voting (Thursday 10/27 thru Thursday 11/3), hiring and training over 2500 Election Judges to staff polling places on Election Day, and assembling and delivering the necessary supplies and equipment for 195 precincts.