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Public Notice: Registered Voters to Receive Absentee Ballot Applications

WOODBINE, Ga. – March 26, 2020 – In an effort to protect the health and safety of local residents, the Camden County Board of Elections & Registration (BoER) is supporting Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in his effort to mail absentee ballot request forms to every Georgia Voter. This will allow all registered voters to request a mailed ballot for the May 19, 2020 General Primary/Nonpartisan General Election/Special Election and Presidential Preference Primary.

"Secretary Raffensperger has provided a safe and secure option to help protect our citizens from exposure to COVID-19," said Camden County Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles. "Please return your application for an Absentee Ballot as soon as possible."

This step seeks to increase voter access and protect the public health of voters and poll workers during the COVID-19 emergency through increased mail-in voting. In the 2016 and 2018 November elections, approximately 95 percent of Georgia voters opted to cast their ballot in person versus the 5 percent who did so by mail. With social distancing as the most important tool for limiting the spread of coronavirus, providing alternatives to voting in person is crucial. All Georgia voters can request and vote an absentee ballot for any reason.

All 32,695 registered Camden County voters should receive absentee ballot request forms to provide them with the option of exercising their right to vote without leaving their homes. Interested voters will simply have to fill out and return the application to vote by mail in the upcoming elections with no in-person risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Camden County voters over age 65 and those with a disability can request absentee ballots for the primary and general election as well as all elections through the 2020 election cycle with this one application. Other voters will need to submit another application for future elections.

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DEBORAH FELIX Assistant Elections Supervisor In-person voting will still be available to interested voters. Statewide, poll workers will take extra steps to limit the threat of COVID-19 at the polling place with additional resources to clean the equipment regularly. Also, in-person voters who show up to vote in person will be instructed to maintain a safe distance when waiting to vote.

More information is available on the BoER website, camdencountyga.gov/vote, or by contacting the office at 912-576-3245 for more information. Visit the Georgia My Voter Page (MVP) to view personalized election information.

About Camden County Board of Elections & Registration (BoER): Formed January 1, 2019, the Board of Elections & Registration is comprised of five members, one from each district, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board has the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the elections superintendent of Camden County; the municipal election superintendent of the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Marys, and the City of Woodbine; and the Board of Registrars of Camden County, which is provided for under Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

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