

Guide to filling out your mail-in ballot

General Election: Nov 3, 2020

First, know the key components of your mail- in ballot

1 **Ballot** - the ballot is where you fill in your vote in pencil or blue or black ink

2 **Certification envelope** – the smaller envelope into which you place the completed ballot

3 **Return envelope** – the larger postage-paid envelope into which you place the completed certification envelope

Now let's go step-by-step on how to complete each component


Correctly completing all the components of your mail-in ballot is critical to ensuring your vote counts!


1. Fill out the ballot

- Use pencil or blue or black ink
- Fill in the oval to the right of your choice
- To make a write-in choice, fill in the oval and clearly print the name of the candidate

Official Ballot
Primary Election, Tuesday, July 7th, 2020, Essex County, New Jersey
Papeleta Oficial
Elección Primaria, el 7 de Julio de 2020

17 Township of Montclair CD10
Democratic

 Choice for President Vote for One Selección para el Presidente Votar por Uno	Choice for President and Delegates to the Democratic National Convention A vote for Joseph R. Biden is for the delegates to the Democratic National Convention.	For United States Senator Vote for One Para Representante de la Cámara de los Estados Unidos Votar por Uno	For Member of the House of Representatives Vote for One Para Representante de la Cámara de los Estados Unidos Votar por Uno	For County Clerk Vote for One Para Secretario del Condado Votar por Uno	For Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders at Large Vote for Three Para Miembros del Consejo de Proprietarios Elecciones en General Votar por Tres	For Board of Chosen Freeholders at Large Vote for Three Para Miembros del Consejo de Proprietarios Elecciones en General Votar por Tres		
A	Joseph R. BIDEN Delegates: Christopher Torres, Nicholas Pina, Araceli Clark, Maryameh Gholami, Abigail Callahan, Thomas Gallo, Abnerman Delegation, Sharonda Simpson	Chris BOOKER Donald M. PINE, Jr.	Christopher J. DURKIN	Patricia SEBOLD	Richard JOHNSON	Benjamin W. GILL	Christopher GRAHAM	Charles M. POMARES
B		Lawrence HAMM 2B ()		Subro BURROUGHS	Anthony DIAZ 6B ()	Simone JEISBRUNN 7B ()		
C	Bernie SANDERS 1C ()	Bernie 2020. Not Me, Et. Delegates: Victoria Buchanan, Michael Garcia, Lorraine Harmon, Ingrid S. Hill, Miriam Spector, Safiyah A. Muhammad, Abnerman Delegation, Angeneta Robinson	Enrique D. MAZO 3C ()					
D	Uncommitted	Delegates: Mona Nevak, Abner Akhig, Habiba Rahman-Khalil, Anshu Singh, Quella Tatumaja, Laila Cruz	Julia F. FLORA 3D ()					
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PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS BALLOT. 
VEA EL REVERSO DE ESTA PAPELETA PARA INSTRUCCIONES.

Ballot

2. Insert ballot into the certification envelope

- Place ballot in the certification envelope and seal it*
- Fill in the blanks on top portion of the certification envelope
 - Print name, street address, state and zip code
- Sign at the X

*Do not detach any portion of the certification envelope

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL-IN VOTER

FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT, YOU MUST SEAL YOUR BALLOT IN THIS ENVELOPE AND COMPLETE & SIGN THIS CERTIFICATE.

I, _____, WHOSE HOME ADDRESS IS _____
(Print your name clearly) (Street address or P.O. number) (Avenue/Highway/County/State/Zip)

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING, THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE _____, FOR WHICH I HAVE MARKED AND SEALED THIS BALLOT AND CERTIFICATE IN SECRET. HOWEVER, A FAMILY MEMBER ASSISTED ME IN DOING SO.

X _____
(Signature of mail-in voter)

ANY PERSON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE SHALL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THIS VOTER AND DECLARE THAT I WILL MAINTAIN THE SECRECY OF THIS BALLOT.

(Signature of person providing assistance) (Address of person providing assistance)

(Print name of person providing assistance)

Certification envelope

3. Only if someone helps you fill out your ballot

- The person who helped* you must complete the bottom portion of the certification envelope
 - Signature of helper
 - Print address & name of helper
- If you fill out your ballot yourself this step does not apply

*Candidates are not allowed to help fill out ballots

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I, _____, WHOSE HOME ADDRESS IS _____
(Print your name clearly) (Street address or P.O. number) (Apt/Spa/ty / town / city)

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING, THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE _____ FOR _____, MARKED AND SEALED THIS BALLOT AND CERTIFICATE IN SECRET. HOWEVER, A FAMILY MEMBER ASSISTED ME IN DOING SO.

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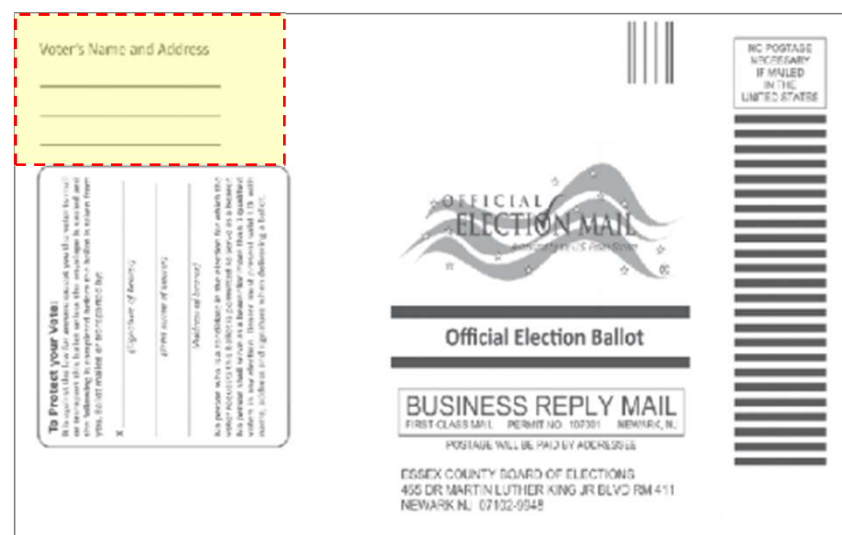
(Signature of person providing assistance) (Address of person providing assistance)

(Print name of person providing assistance)

Certification envelope – bottom portion only needs to be completed if someone helps fill out the ballot for you

4. Place certification envelope into return envelope and deliver

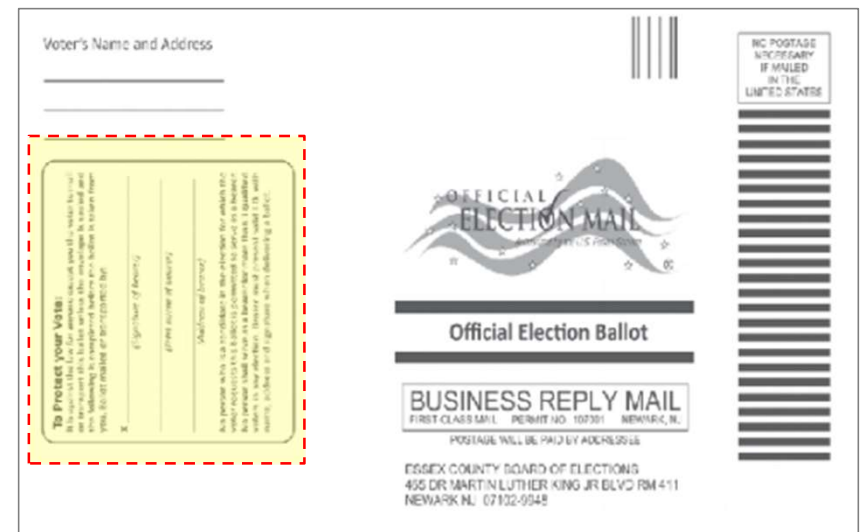
- Place the certification envelope into the return envelope and fill in name and return address
- If sending by USPS mail
 - No postage necessary
 - Must be postmarked on or before Nov 3, 2020
- If delivering in-person
 - Must be delivered by Nov 3 and must present ID when surrendering return envelope



Return envelope – postage paid; no postage necessary

5. Only if someone else is delivering for you

- If someone mails or delivers your ballot for you, they must complete the bearer portion of the return envelope in your presence before the ballot leaves your possession
- Candidates may not serve as bearers
- A person may serve as bearer for up to 3 voters



Return envelope – postage paid; no postage necessary

Still have questions?

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Vote-By-Mail FAQ click**