



# DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

JUNE 2, 2020 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY INCIDENT REPORT

## County-Wide Issues:

- Thousands of mail-in ballots never received
- Voters received ballot for the wrong party
- Voters who applied for Mail in ballot received two ballots
- Voters who applied received wrong precinct ballot
- No system for mailing ballots – they were not mailed based on date of request was told they were mailing out by municipality
- Party never received list of people that requested mail-in ballots – last one received was on May 8th
- The 5 days prior to Election day no one was able to get thru to the Election Bureau
- Watchers were never received for some that were requested
- People felt their provisional ballot was not being counted (see attached letter to Editor)
- Election results were difficult to find on the website (Party was told results would be posted the same way they were previously. (as is precinct reports will be over 2500 pages long)
- Results were all scanned at Courthouse by volunteers and employees – live stream was inadequate and process took too long

## Polling Location Issues:

- Lack of PPE at polling places
- Lack of provisional ballots at polling places
- Running out of provisional ballots, delay in getting additional ones to polling places
- Lack of communication with voters regarding the new machines
- Several precincts did not have ADA machine available
- Concerns about ballots not being scanned at polling places
- Lack of staffing to handle consolidated polling places, machines running out of paper, no scanners
- JOE's sitting in their cars for HOURS waiting to deliver ballots at close of polls, some people were not stamped out until 1:15AM (see attached photo)
- Issues/concerns with streamed process for counting the ballots
- Not enough workers at polls
- Concerns about privacy of voting at the polls

- Reports of machines not being wiped down after usage
- Residents reported not knowing about the polling places that changed, lack of signs at old polling places, postcards arriving late if at all
- Election results were difficult to find on the website (Party was told results would be posted the same way they were previously. (as is precinct reports will be over 2000 pages long)
- Mail in ballot boxes were not monitored at drop box locations – multiple ballots were submitted by one person.
- Reports/photos of bags of ballots on the floor of courthouse garage (see attached photo)
- People that requested mail in ballot were not marked properly in book and voted by regular ballot. (meaning they could vote again if they received their mail-in ballot)
- More provisional ballots for one party than the other
- No instructions for closing down Touch Writer
- Cleaning solution bottles arrived almost empty
- Precinct had to make THEIR OWN Ballot Drop Box as none was provided

#### **Mail in Ballot Timing:**

- Over 25,000 ballots were mailed out by the County AFTER the legal deadline of May 28th without Court Approval. Court Approval not secured until election day.

**JUNE 2, 2020**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

**Redacted – Haverford Township**

Received via phone –Received two mail-in ballots on Election Day

**Redacted – Trainer Borough**

Election Board member sat on Baltimore Pike for 4 hours to return materials after polls closed

**Redacted – Haverford Township**

Never received mail in ballot – went and voted provisional tried to verify his provisional was counted and website indicated never received.

**Redacted – Aston Township**

Person who normally votes at Pennell School – Polling location was moved, never received notice and nothing was posted about poll changing

**Redacted – Swarthmore Borough**

Husband and wife applied for mail-in ballots, they received an email on May 28<sup>th</sup> saying it had been processed. They never received ballots and when they called they were told there was nothing that could be done and was told to call the State.

**Redacted – Aston Township \***

Individual received a mail-in ballot on May 28 but chose to vote in person, when he arrived at the polls he indicated he had received the mail-in ballot but chose to vote via provisional. Poll book did not indicate he had applied and therefore was instructed to vote by normal ballot. (Voter could have voted twice)

## **Redacted - Edgmont Township**

Precinct 2 never received PPE materials until 2PM on Election Day.

## **Redacted – Aston Township**

Aston Elementary had wards 1, 2 & 3 located there and only the ADA machine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward was operating until approximately 9:30 am

## **Redacted – Radnor Township**

Radnor 5-2 ran out of provisional ballot twice during the day and were told to use regular ballots

## **Redacted – Radnor Township**

Multiple instances where people were dropping multiple mail in ballots being cast by a single individual. 10 Mail-in ballots were delivered from one nursing home.

## **Redacted – Ridley Township**

Judge of Elections got home at 1AM after waiting in long lines to return materials.

## **Redacted – Tincum Township**

Only were provided 10 pens had to have more delivered later, cleaning solution bottles were just about empty when they arrived and no mail-in drop box was provided.

## **Redacted – Haverford Township**

Voter who applied for a mail in ballot and did not receive it went to the polls to vote provisional and was told they were out of them so she could not vote

## **Redacted – Newtown Township**

Voter indicated according to Election Bureau he was mailed him mail-in ballot on May 19<sup>th</sup> – never received it, he voted provisional but expressed concerns over someone else voting for him

### **Redacted – Haverford Township**

Voter Never received his mail-in ballot was told he had to vote provisional but they had none so he could not vote.

### **Redacted – Haverford Township \***

Online indicated mail-in ballot was sent on May 19<sup>th</sup> – Never received ballot

### **Redacted – Upper Darby Township \***

Precincts 5-8 and 5-9 had no ADA machines

### **Redacted – Brookhaven Borough \***

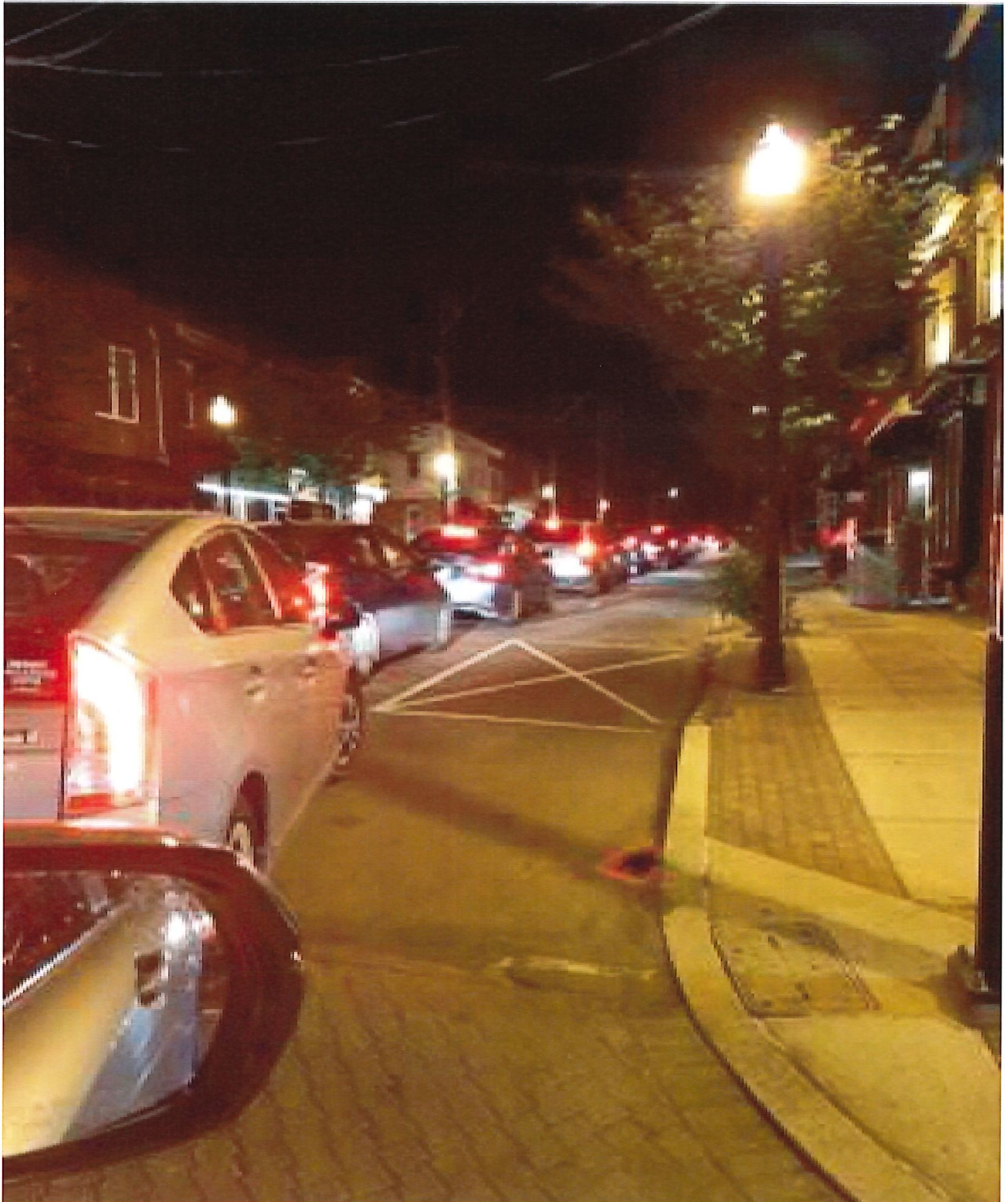
Voter received a ballot the Friday before Election and it was the wrong precinct she lives in Precinct 4 but received ballot for Precinct 2. Could not get through to Election Bureau had to personally go to Courthouse on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> to receive new ballot

### **Redacted – Glenolden Borough**

Voter who was a registered Republican was sent a Democrat ballot attempted to contact Election bureau when she finally got through she was told to call Republican Headquarters.



Council badly missed the mark today.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## What happened to my provisional ballot?

To the Times:  
Something is wrong in Delaware County, that needs to be exposed.

I applied for a mail-in ballot, but never received it prior to the election (it actually showed up the day after the election).

So, on Election Day, I went to my polling place and was told I would have to vote using a Provisional Ballot.

I completed the Provisional Ballot, and all of the information requested and received a tracking #, so the ballot could be tracked.

As of today, there is still no record of my Provisional Ballot, it's like it disappeared.

I emailed the Delaware County Elections Office last Wednesday (eight days after the election) and have not received any response.

I have seen several other people, post in a Re-Open PA Facebook Group, sharing the exact same experience (that their provisional ballot is missing). One person posted that she called the Elections Office and was sent a "full" voicemail box.

Something is not right here - I suspect this may be more widespread than just one or two missing ballots (not that any # of missing votes, is acceptable).

Delaware County Officials, are apparently, trying to hide from the problem and are not addressing it.

Could you please raise public awareness of this problem? Perhaps it will force county officials to take action.

Thank you!

*Thomas Byrne, Haverford*

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## VERIFICATION

CAROL J. MILLER, states that she is the Executive Director for the Delaware County Republican Executive Committee in this matter and the facts set forth in the foregoing report regarding the June 2, 2020 Primary Election are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. 4904 relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

  
CAROL J. MILLER