

## LWVMD Vote By Mail Consensus Report Form

League Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# of members participating \_\_\_\_\_ # of guests \_\_\_\_\_

Resource Person \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion Leader \_\_\_\_\_

### **General**

Should LWVMD support the use of vote by mail (ballots automatically mailed to all qualified voters) for all elections in Maryland?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

For each of the following questions, what importance do you assign to each one?

### **Actions Before An Election**

1. A postage paid envelope should be provided for voters to return their ballot.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

2. Ballots should be mailed to voters at least 3 weeks before an election.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

3. Voter education and outreach must be a priority during a transition to VBM.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

### **Actions During An Election**

4. Available technology should be used to enable tracking the ballot throughout the process of its mailing, return and counting.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

5. Mailed ballots should include a privacy envelope, so voters can seal their completed ballot in an envelope that goes inside the mailing envelope.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

6. Drop boxes that are appropriately secured, equitably distributed, and clearly identified should be available for voters to return their ballots.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

7. The limited in-person polling places should be available, conveniently and equitably located, and easily accessible, with at least one in every county.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

**Actions After An Election**

8. Ballot counting should begin before Election Day and final results released only after all certified votes have been counted.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

9. Voters should have an opportunity to sign the oath on a ballot envelope that has been rejected due to a missing signature.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

10. VBM should include signature verification procedures that include prompt notice to the voter of any challenge and an opportunity to resolve it.

Essential \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

Other issues or comments noted that do not fall under one of the consensus questions:

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_