

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 _____