



Dear Voter,

Given the recent actions by the President and the US Supreme Court regarding Absentee and Mail Ballots, this letter is to help ensure your ballot is counted. In summary, it is possible that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will create a list of all adult US citizens, which would then be compared to lists compiled by the individual states of people requesting mail ballots.

The US Postal Service would be authorized to compare the two lists. As a result, the USPS could gain discretionary power in determining whom to send mail ballots to. The purported intent here is to prevent ballots from being sent to non-citizens. However, a brand new system is likely to also impact the delivery of mail ballots to citizens. A final decision on this will be made by the Supreme Court in the near future.

Your ballot will be mailed on September 18th. With guidance from the Ulster County Commissioner, we are recommending the following steps for voters who have already requested a mail or absentee ballot:

- **Track your ballot** using information at the Ulster County Board of Elections website voteulster.com. If you need help tracking your ballot contact Olive Democrats olivedemocraticparty@gmail.com.
- **Be Prompt** in returning your ballot. Follow all instructions to complete your ballot. Seal, sign and return using one of the following methods:
 - You or any person can bring your sealed ballot to the Board of Elections at 79 Hurley Ave, Suite 112, Kingston, New York 12401, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm from September 21 - November 3.
 - You or any person can bring your sealed ballot to one of Ulster County's 6 Early Voting locations from October 24 - November 1. (see the *Voter Information Page* for Early Voting locations and times.)
 - You or any person can bring your sealed ballot to any Ulster polling location on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd.

- If you are delayed in mailing your ballot until October 24, consider using USPS Priority or Next Day service or FEDEX/UPS to send your sealed ballot to the Board of Elections (79 Hurley Ave, Suite 112, Kingston, NY 12401.) Also, you or a friend may hand deliver it to the Board of Elections by November 3 or an Early Voting Site until November 1.
- If you mail your sealed ballot at a Post Office as described in instructions, ask the Post Office to hand postmark your envelope with that day's date. This is sometimes called "hand cancelled." Your ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by November 10th to be counted.
- With the link from the voteulster.com website, track that your ballot was received by the Board of Elections.
- Note: Hand delivery may be the more reliable option this year.

What to do if there is an issue:

Contact the Board of Elections at 845-334-5470, Monday through Friday 9am-5pm or email elections@co.ulster.ny.us for any of the following issues:

- If **you have not received your ballot** by October 2, regardless of what the tracker states.
- If the ballot tracker is not indicating that the Board of Elections has received your ballot 2 business days after it was hand delivered to either the Board of Elections, an early voting location or an election day polling site.
- If the ballot tracker is not indicating that the Board of Elections has received your ballot 2 business days after it was delivered by Priority Mail.
- If the ballot tracker is not indicating that the Board of Elections has received your ballot 14 days after it was hand postmarked and mailed at a Post Office.

All of us at Olive Democrats are grateful for your commitment to our democracy. Enclosed is information on the Democratic endorsed candidates with links to more information. We are eager to help you be a successful voter. Don't hesitate to reach out with any question on the 2026 candidates, the ballot or ensuring your ballot is received by the Board of Elections.

Sincerely,

Olive Democrats