## **Optical Scan Advance Ballot Instructions**

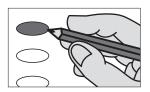


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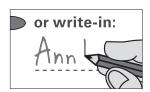
Enclosed is your official advance voting ballot and an envelope addressed to the county election officer for the return of your ballot.

The ballot contains a unique mark in the box printed at the bottom of the ballot to ensure that no fraudulent ballots are returned. This unique mark is the same on every ballot and will not identify any individual ballot.

Read the instructions carefully and review the ballot before making any marks on it.



To vote for a candidate, darken the oval to the left of and on the same line with the name of the candidate. Use ink or pencil when marking your ballot. If applicable, vote both sides of the ballot.



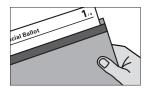
Write-in votes are allowed only if a blank line is provided under the specific office. A name must be printed clearly and the oval darkened that corresponds to the write-in name.

To vote for a question submitted, darken the oval that corresponds to the word "Yes." To vote against a question, darken the oval at the left of the word "No."

Do not place any marks on the ballot which would in any way identify it as your ballot. Any such marks will invalidate your ballot.

Check your ballot to see that you have voted for all offices and questions for which you wish to vote. If you vote for more choices than allowed, your vote will not be counted on that portion of the ballot.

## **Submitting your Completed Ballot**



When you have finished marking your ballot, seal it securely in the ballot envelope. Complete and sign the form printed on the ballot envelope.

The ballot envelope must be mailed or delivered to the county election officer and must reach that office no later than the close of the polls on election day. You may ask another person to mail or deliver your ballot.

Do not allow any person to intimidate or coerce you into voting a particular way or to exercise undue influence on your vote. No one should handle your ballot unless you request their assistance.