

# Department of Community Services



## Elections Division • Tim Scott, Director

Dear Military or Overseas Voter:

Enclosed is your ballot for the August 11, 2020 Special Runoff Election. The City of Portland has called for a Special Runoff Election to fill the vacancy for Commissioner, Position 2. All voters in the City of Portland will receive a ballot for this Special Election for Commissioner, Position 2. More information on this Special Election is available at [mcelections.org](http://mcelections.org).

The United States Post Office (USPS) has announced widespread disruptions with international mail service due to COVID-19. Please see your options on returning your ballot below.

- Oregon law allows military and overseas voters the option of returning their ballot by mail, fax or e-mail and you have the option of marking the enclosed paper ballot or using the online ballot-marking tool.
- If you wish to use the online ballot-marking tool, please see the My Vote instructions at [OregonVotes.gov](http://OregonVotes.gov). Please note the online tool is not available in some countries. If you cannot access the online tool, you will need to e-mail [elections@multco.us](mailto:elections@multco.us) to request the ballot packet be sent to you by e-mail.
- If you wish to mail your ballot back using the prepaid postage on your ballot return envelope, you must mail the envelope at a U.S. post office, an overseas U.S. military post office, an American Embassy, or an American Consulate. Visit [Travel.State.gov](http://Travel.State.gov) for more information. Otherwise, you will have to pay the postage to return your ballot.
- If you wish to fax or e-mail your enclosed ballot you **MUST** complete all of the following 4 steps:
  1. Complete your ballot **AND**
  2. Sign your return envelope **AND**
  3. Complete and sign the SEL 531 form on the back of this letter **AND**
  4. Fax or e-mail back **the SEL 531 form**, the **signed return envelope** and the **ballot** to 503-988-4559 or [elections.ballot@multco.us](mailto:elections.ballot@multco.us) by 8:00 PM, August 11, 2020. Your ballot cannot be counted unless you sign the form and return envelope.
- Voted ballots **MUST** be received by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, August 11, 2020**, to be counted. **POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT!**

For confirmation that your ballot was received, log into My Vote (link above) or sign up with our program that allows you to track and receive status updates about your ballot at <https://multco.us/track-your-ballot>.

If you have any questions, you can contact our office by phone, e-mail or Skype. See the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections

E-Mail: [elections@multco.us](mailto:elections@multco.us) Skype: multnomah.county.elections



**Facsimile or Electronic Mail Vote Secret Ballot Waiver Form****SEL 531**

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**County Information** to be completed by County Elections Official**County** for returning completed ballot:**Fax Number****County Email Address**

**Instructions for Elector:** This form must be completed by the military and overseas elector and returned by fax or electronic mail along with the voted ballot and return envelope. All materials must be received in the office of the county clerk **no later than 8pm** on the day of the election.

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*Please type or print legibly in black or blue ink***Voter Information** please print**Last Name****First Name****Middle Name****Oregon Residence Address, Street/Route****City****State****Zip Code****Home Phone****Work Phone** optional**Cellular Phone** optional**Fax****Email Address** optional **Mailing****Address** required if different than residence address, **Street/Route****City****State****Zip Code****Country and/or APO/FPO/DPO**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) **acknowledge that by casting my voted ballot using a facsimile machine or electronic mail, I have waived my right to a secret ballot. All information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.**

**Elector's Signature****Date Signed**

The elector's ballot **will not be counted** unless the elector has complied with the following:

- The residence address provided is the same as the current Registration and Absentee Ballot Request - FPCA
- The ballot facsimile or an electronic mail is received in the office of the county clerk not later than 8pm on the day of the election:
  - is accompanied by a facsimile or an electronic mail scan of the return identification envelope containing the signature of the elector **and**
  - the signature of the elector is verified by the county elections office using the elector's current registration record

**Warning**

Any person who supplies information contained on this form knowing it to be false, may be subject to penalties.

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