



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 11, 2023

The Honorable David Naimon
President
Montgomery County Board of Elections
18753 N. Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Mr. Naimon:

Thank you for your service to Montgomery County residents in your new role as president of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Promoting civic engagement is a critical function of postsecondary education among our students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, community and civic engagement is a key component of our Montgomery College (MC) strategic plan. To support our community and civic engagement efforts, I am writing to request that Montgomery College receive mail-in ballot boxes on each of our three campuses (Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring) for the upcoming presidential election. In addition, we would like to explore the possibility of becoming an early voting site in the future. In doing so, this could help to enhance the voting participation of our nearly 40,000 students across our campus locations in the county.

Planning for the next election is already underway through our collegewide MC Votes committee, as well as activities across our various operational units including academic affairs, student affairs, community engagement, and with the assistance of our MC Votes student ambassadors.

The College participates in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), which offers colleges and universities an opportunity to learn about their student registration and voting rates. Our data show that Montgomery College has a voter registration rate of 72.7% for students. This registration rate is the percent of our voting-eligible students who registered to vote. However, our voting rate is 58%. The voting rate is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. It is clear that we have more work to do to help our students who registered to vote to cast their ballots on election day and actively engage in their democracy.

Our annual voting plan outlines numerous activities on our campuses for registering students to vote, informing them about key issues through guest speakers or panel presentations, and connecting them to resources such as voter guides as the election cycle nears. Our MC Votes student ambassadors do peer outreach by speaking to classes about the voting process, conducting numerous table events in high traffic areas on campus, participating in post card writing campaigns, and creating videos and other social media posts to promote voting.

Having mail-in ballot boxes and becoming an early voting site would help our efforts to get registered voters who are MC students to cast their ballot. We understand that there are security and accessibility matters that must be addressed. The College is committed to learning more about them and working with you to comply with such requirements.

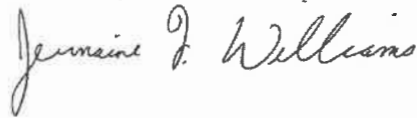
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Thank you in advance for your consideration and for all the support and resources that the Board of Elections provides to Montgomery College. We look forward to continuing and enhancing our voter engagement efforts for the benefit of our students, our faculty and staff, and our community at large. Please contact Gloria Bonilla, our voting coordinator, with any questions or follow-up at gloria.bonilla@montgomerycollege.edu.

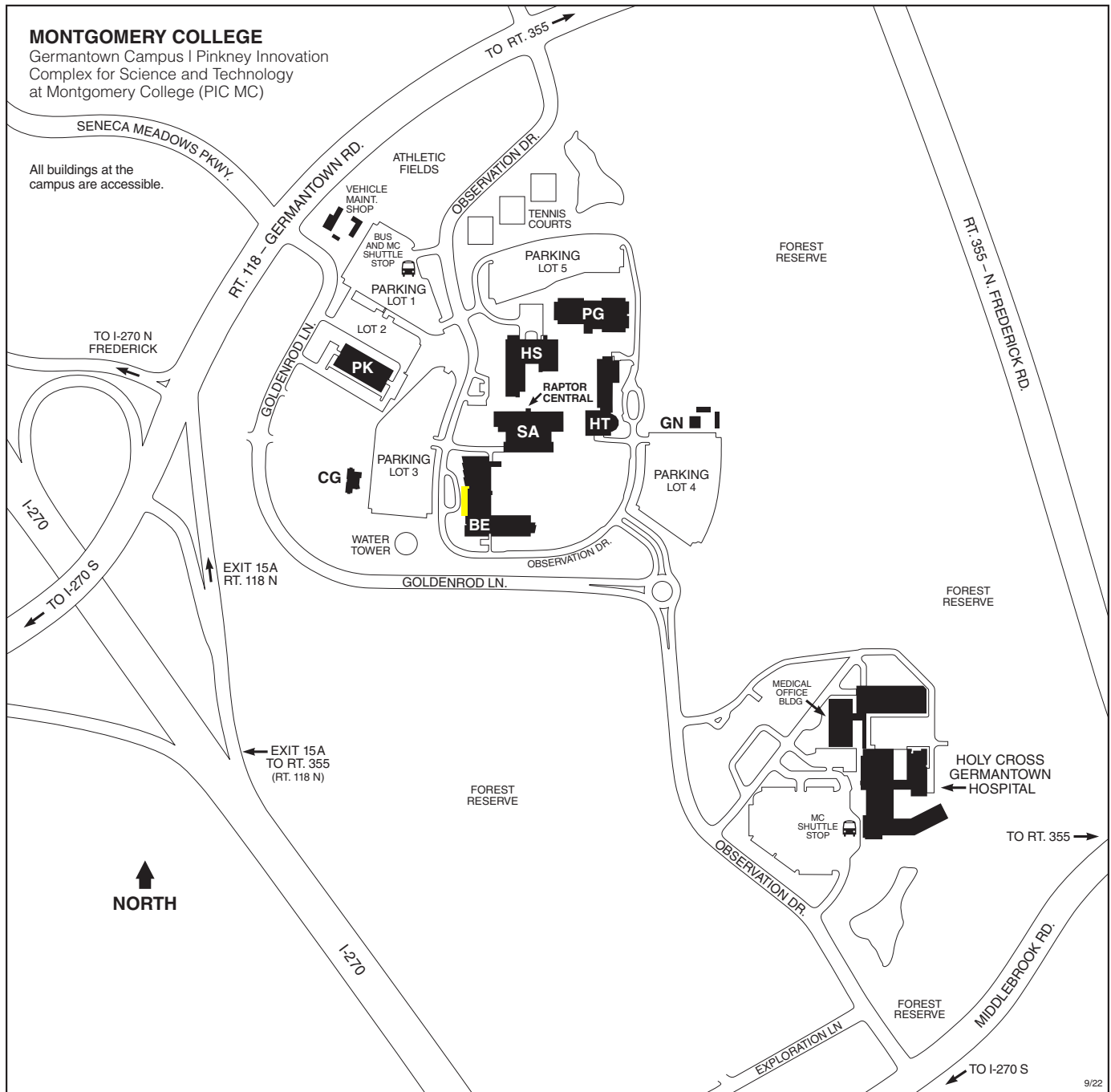
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jermaine F. Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jermaine F. Williams, Ed.D.
President

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Germantown Campus | Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology (PIC MC)



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Legend of Campus Buildings
(as of September 2022)

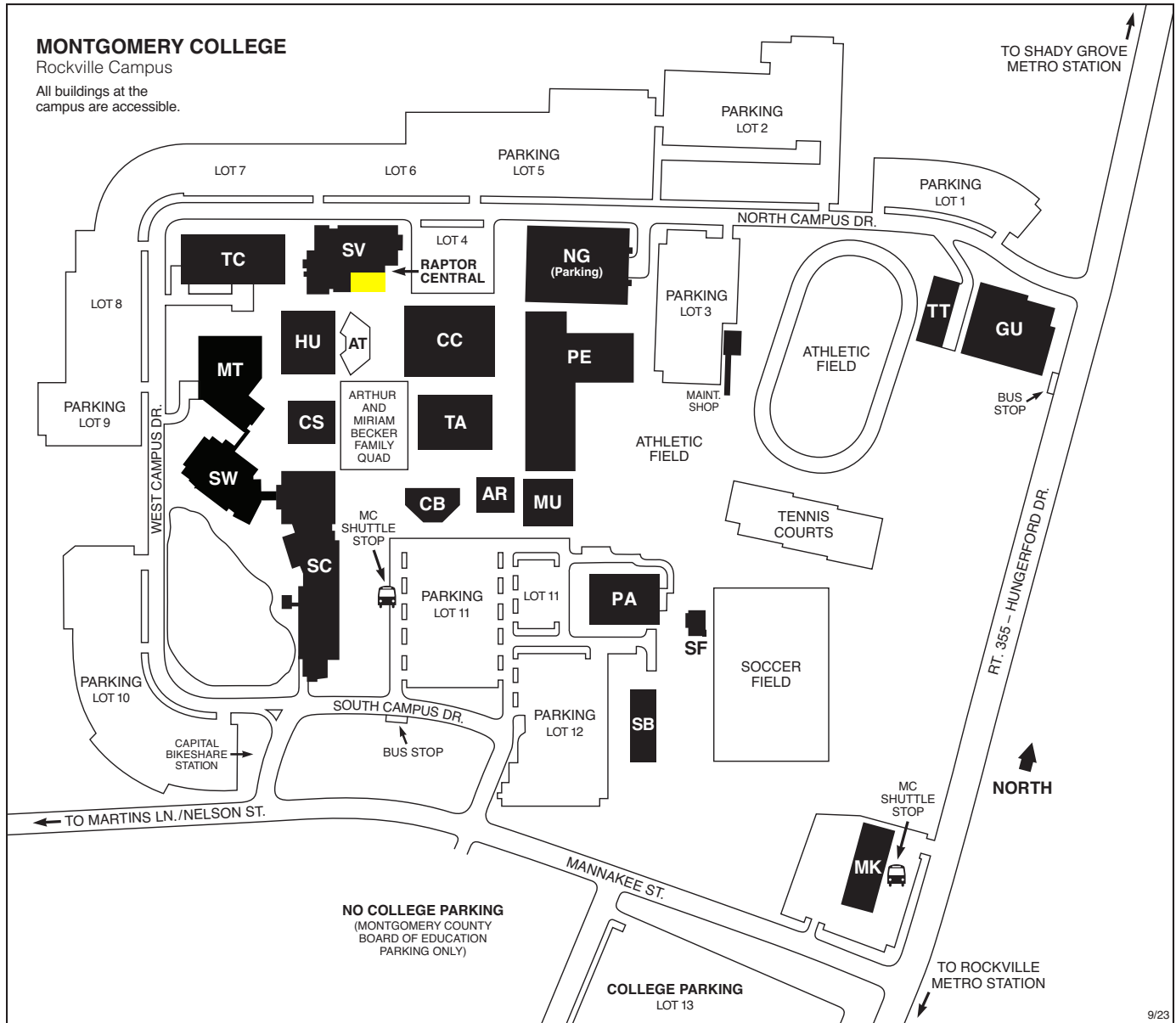
- BE** Bioscience Education Center
 - Conference Center
- CG** Child Care Center
 - Center for Early Education (CEE)
- GN** Greenhouse

- HS** Humanities and Social Sciences Building
 - Bookstore
 - Cafeteria
 - Library
 - Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE)
- HT** High Technology and Science Center
 - Globe Hall
- PG** Physical Education Building

- PK** Paul Peck Academic and Innovation Building
 - Germantown Innovation Center
- SA** Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard Student Affairs and Science Building
 - Counseling and Advising
 - Disability Support Services
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Public Safety Office
 - Raptor Central (Admissions, Enrollment, Visitor Services)
 - Records and Registration Office
 - Student Life Office

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Rockville Campus



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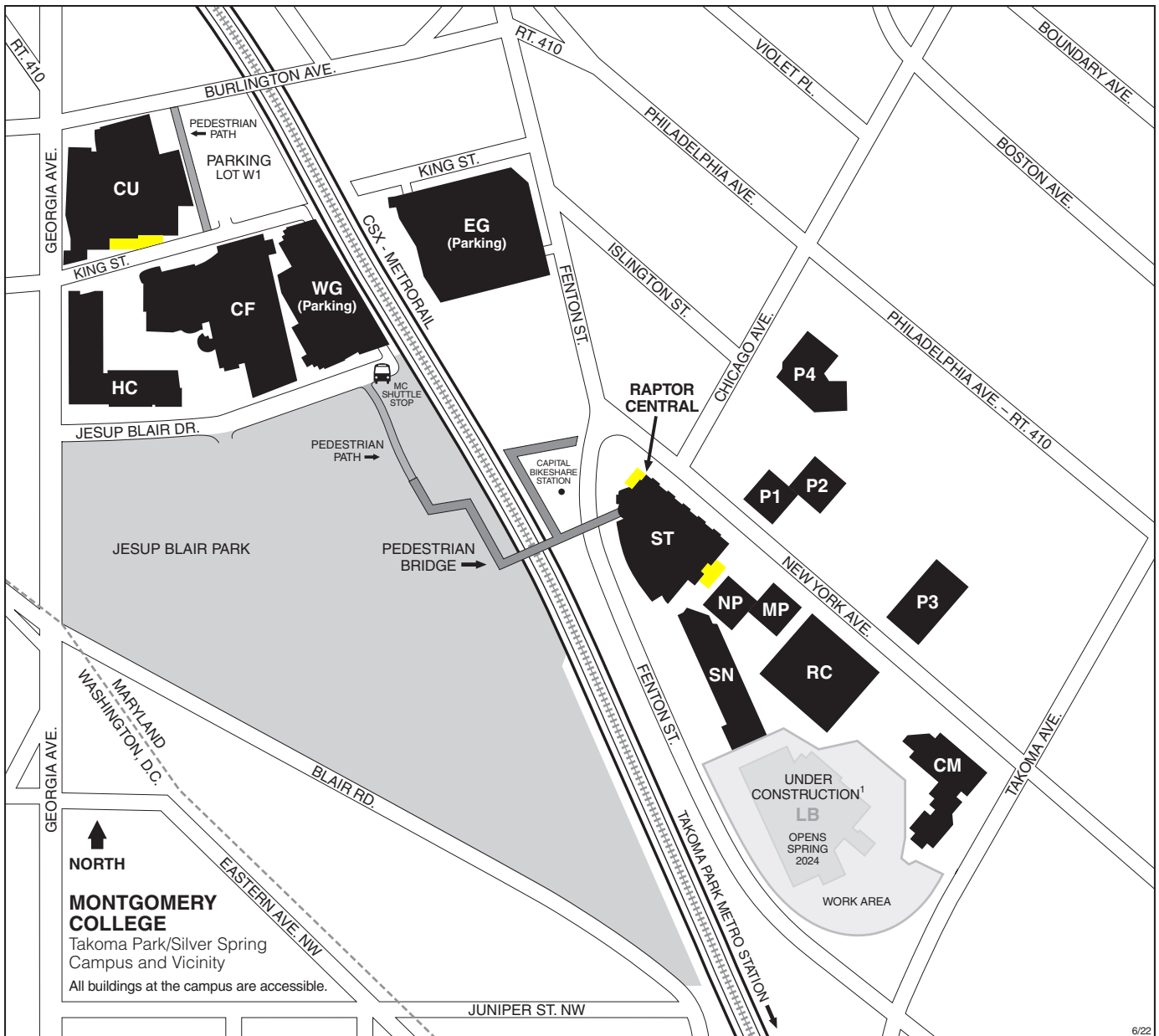
- AR Paul Peck Art Building
- AT Amphitheatre
- CB Academic Annex
- CC Campus Center
 - Bookstore
 - Cafeteria
 - Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE)
- CS Computer Science Building
- GU Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education
- HU Humanities Building

- MK Mannakee Building
 - Center for Training Excellence
 - igniTe Hub
- MT Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Tower
 - Library
- MU Music Building
- NG North Garage (parking)
- PA Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
- PE Physical Education Center
- SB South Campus Instruction Building
- SC Science Center
- SF Soccer Field Concession Building

- SV Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Student Services Center
 - Assessment and Testing Centers
 - Counseling and Advising
 - Disability Support Services
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Public Safety Office
 - Raptor Central (Admissions, Enrollment, Visitor Services)
 - Records and Registration Office
 - Student Life Office
- SW Science Center West
- TA Theatre Arts Building
- TC Technical Center
- TT Interim Technical Training Center

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus and Vicinity



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Legend of Campus Buildings
(as of June 2022)

- CF** The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center
 - Refugee Training Center
 - Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE)
- CM** Catherine F. Scott Commons
- CU** Cultural Arts Center
- EG** East Garage (parking)
- HC** Health Sciences Center

- LB** Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building¹
(under construction)
- MP** Mathematics Pavilion
- NP** North Pavilion
- P1** Pavilion One
- P2** Pavilion Two
- P3** Pavilion Three
- P4** Pavilion Four
- RC** Resource Center
- SN** Science North Building

- ST** Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center
 - Bookstore
 - Cafeteria
 - Counseling and Advising
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Public Safety Office
 - Raptor Central (Admissions, Enrollment, Visitor Services)
 - Records and Registration Office
 - Student Life Office
- WG** West Garage (parking)

¹ Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building under construction; opens spring 2024. For information, visit montgomerycollege.edu/tpss-design.

Good afternoon all and thank you for having me. My name is Patrick Sasu Jr. I am a Junior at the University of Maryland taking courses at The Universities at Shady Grove. This summer I graduated from Montgomery College with my associate's degree. While a student at Montgomery College I was an MC Votes Ambassador. During my time I learned Montgomery College holds a very diverse student body. This also means student's schedules are unique.

My experience voting last year reflected difficulties for students dependent on public transportation. Leaving home at 6 a.m. to go to class was a 90-minute commute. Then from class to my internship, it was 90 minutes again. Finally, after a two-hour commute by 7, I was home. I then had time to go to a voting poll station next to my house. As a student who relies on public transportation with just an internship, this was a lot. I can't imagine the process for somebody with children who uses public transportation and has classes. Or somebody working a full-time job during the day and then has classes during the night.

There is early voting and we need to promote that more but the reality is that many do not place their vote until the last day.

The way to accommodate college students is to allow ballot boxes to be held at Montgomery College. A quick drop-off before or after classes allows students to be efficient with their time. Better accessibility allows more diverse and inclusive voting participation. This is something I truly believe is within reach. Thank you.

20231016 Comments to Montgomery County BOE

My name is Michael Fletcher. I live in Derwood, and I have the following concerns regarding the election process in Montgomery County.

In May of this year, I gave your Election Director information from the NCOA database that showed 27,813 people were on the county registration list although they had moved out of Maryland. During subsequent discussions of that list, I stated that these moves had all occurred prior to January 2023. I have since reviewed the NCOA data and determined that over 6,000 of these registrants had moved during calendar years 2018 and 2019. There was sufficient time between December 2019 and the 90-day period prior to the 2020 General Election to conduct the NVRA notification process and designate these people as "inactive.". Since mid-2020, two Federal Election cycles have occurred; therefore, it appears that these registrants should have been removed from the registration list in early 2023. The fact that they are still on the registration list appears to illuminate a weakness in the list maintenance process.

My second concern deals with blank ballots. I have attached an excerpt from an EL45A, "Election Summary with Group Detail" report showing that 20,098 blank ballots were cast in the 2022 General Election in Montgomery County. I find it hard to believe that 1,878 voters who were motivated to vote early, 8,676 voters who went to the polls on election day, 8,159 voters who requested mail-in ballots, and 1,385 voters who took the time to sit with an election judge to vote a provisional ballot would deign to cast ballots without voting for any candidates or issues. It defies logic. This concern could be easily investigated by hand counting the ballots from a few tabulators and comparing the results to the blank ballot count registered by the machines. By the way, there were 41,680 blank ballots cast in Montgomery County in the 2020 General Election.

Excerpt from EL45A Report

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By Canvas

Gubernatorial General Election
Montgomery County, Maryland
November 8, 2022

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	EV	ED	MIB1	Prov	MIB2
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 258)	258	100.00					
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	673,373						
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	346,763		55,948	159,390	41,604	13,595	76,226
BALLOTS CAST - BLANK	20,098	5.80	1,878	8,676	3,001	1,385	5,158
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		51.50					
VOTER TURNOUT - BLANK		2.98					
Governor / Lt. Governor							
(VOTE FOR) 1							
Cox-Schifanelli (REP)	64,507	18.79	10,610	40,164	4,503	2,255	6,975
Moore-Miller (DEM)	269,072	78.36	43,861	112,838	35,596	10,723	66,054
Lashar-Logansmith (LIB)	3,993	1.16	502	2,101	417	144	829
Wallace-Elder (GRN)	2,948	.86	370	1,460	318	144	656
Harding-White (WCP)	1,936	.56	248	1,141	167	99	281
WRITE-IN	915	.27	114	471	91	39	200
Total	343,371		55,705	158,175	41,092	13,404	74,995
Over Votes	468		29	220	75	51	93
Under Votes	2,924		214	995	437	140	1,138