Montgomery County Board of Elections
Election Director's Report – March 2024

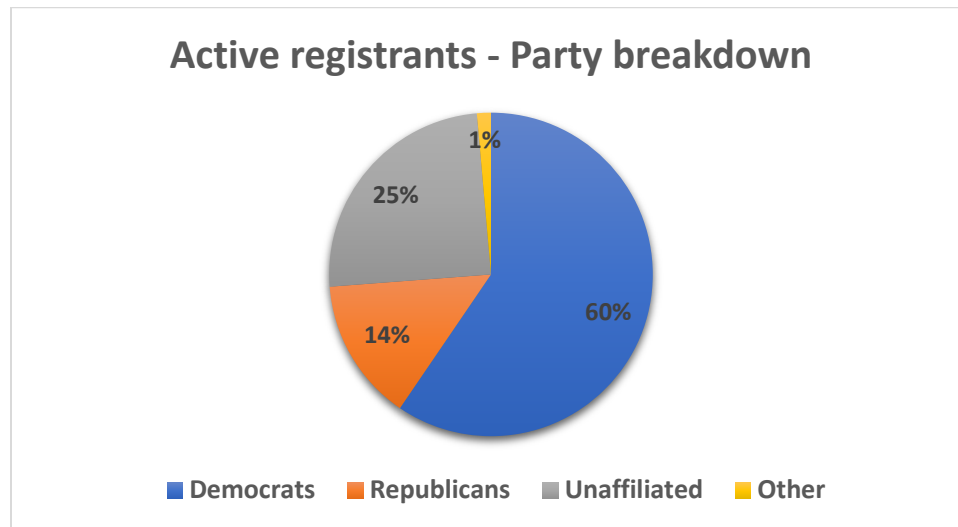### Notice and Distribution of Materials

Draft minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting were distributed to the Board on March 11, 2024.

The Agenda for the March 18, 2024, meeting was shared with the Board and posted on the Board of Elections website on March 12, 2024.

The Director's Report, the Expenditure Tracking Report, and meeting materials were shared with the Board and posted on the website on March 14, 2024.

Voter Registration Statistics:

The Monthly Statistical Report for February 2024 was distributed to Board members on March 1, 2024, and published on the BOE's website. As of the end of February 2024, there were 682,349 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 67,109 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 749,458.

State Board of Elections (SBE):

The State Board of Elections finalized draft ballots for the 2024 Presidential Election and forwarded them to the local boards for proofing. Montgomery County Board of Elections proofed 771 ballot styles (both English and Spanish versions) of paper ballots, Ballot Marking Device ballots, audio ballots, and 11-inch ballots. All the Montgomery County ballots for the upcoming primary election are available on our website 777vote.org, under Quick Links.

Personnel
Permanent positions:
The staff completed interviews for the Voter Services Manager position. Onboarding of the selected candidate is underway by the County's Office of Human Resources.

The ad for the Deputy Election Director position remains open until filled.

Temporary positions:
As we are getting closer to the election, we are finalizing the onboarding of the temporary team members. Currently, BOE has 55 temporary team members on site. Onboarding of other temporary team members will take place through the end of March, and it will be driven by election processes that require temporary staff support.

Budget

The attached Expenditure Tracking Report reflects the approved Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and the Department's spending through the end of February 2024.

Sections' Activities

Board of Elections voter communication efforts
Staff, with the support of the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) Department, sent out over 16,000 emails to voters who have requested to receive by email their print-at-home mail-in ballots. The email serves as a reminder to our voters of all the necessary steps that they would need to undertake to print, complete, and return such a mail-in ballot.

Voter Services
The Voter Registration team continues its daily processing of paper and electronic voter registrations, and list maintenance activities which includes processing all incoming records provided directly by the voters or received from DHMH, the Jury Commission, Courts, or through ERIC. Online voter registrations and updates to voter registration amounted to 17,850 records in February alone. The Voter Registration team continues to process daily around 700 new registrations or voter registration updates.

Mail-in Voting team is processing incoming requests for mail-in ballots for the 2024 election cycle or all future elections. The State Board of Elections mailed applications on January 17, 2024, to all registered Democrat and Republican voters who did not have a request for a mail-in ballot on file. Applications for mail-in ballots will be sent next week to all Unaffiliated voters, and Democrat and Republican voters who registered since data was prepared for the initial mailing of the applications.

As of March 13, 2024, the Montgomery County Board of Elections has 116,186 requests for mail-in ballots for the 2024 Primary election, which also include 101,171 permanent requests for mail-in ballots. For comparison, we have surpassed the total number of mail-in ballot requests that we had received for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election (115,751 requests were received for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election and 142,472 requests were received for the 2022 Gubernatorial General Election).
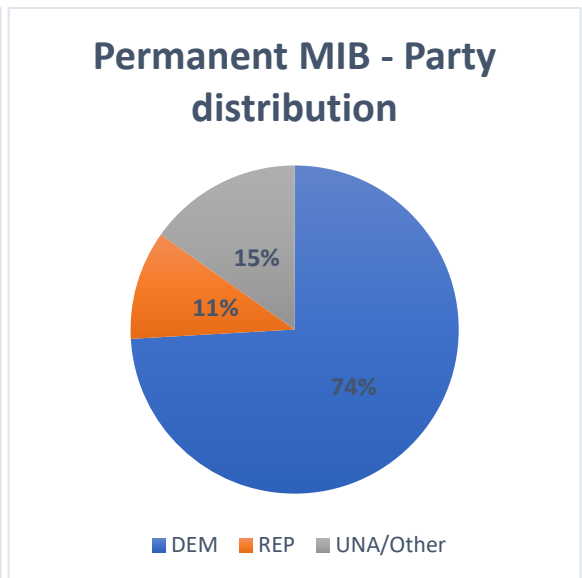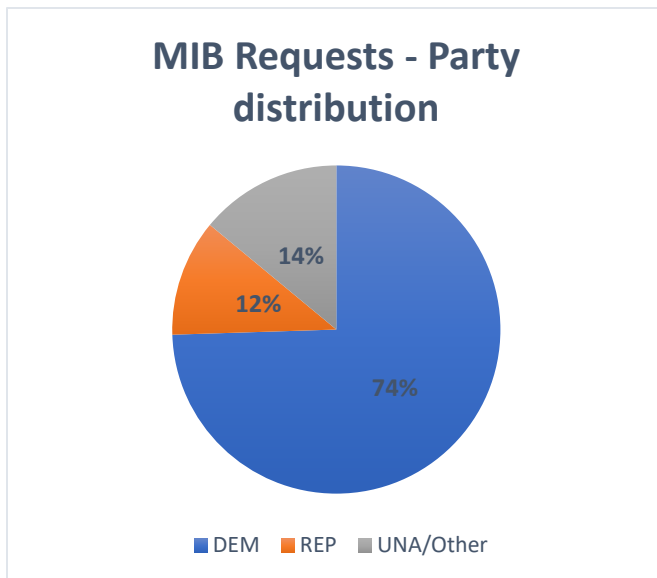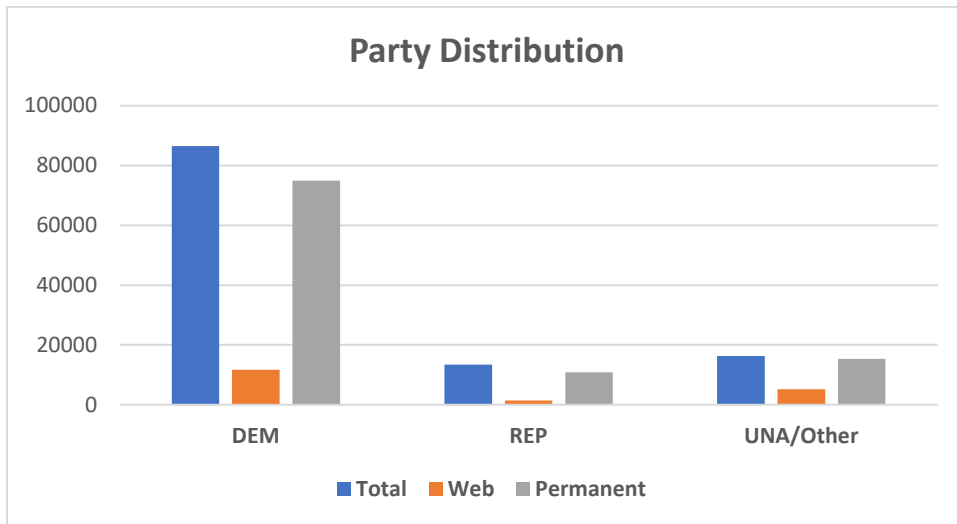
Number of web delivery ballot requests is 18,337 (16% of total requests), including 16,075 permanent requests. Staff will be up to date with processing received applications by March 15, 2024.
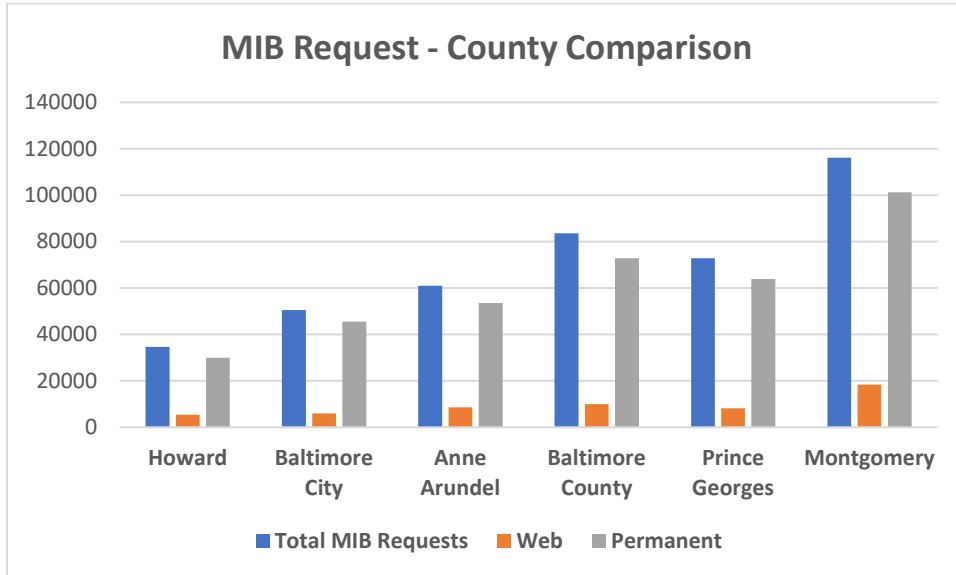
As per current legal requirements, all voters whose application was received 60 days before the election day will be sent a mail-in ballot 43 days before the election day. In other, words, all voters whose applications have been processed will have their mail-in ballot in USPS mail stream or in their inbox

starting April 1, 2024. UOCAVA mail-in ballots are required to be sent 45 days before the election day (we have 2,237 UOCAVA requests for the 2024 Primary Election).

	Total	Web	Permanent
DEM	86557	11667	74962
REP	13370	1454	10868
UNA/Other	16259	5216	15341
	116186	**18337**	**101171**

Party Distribution

MIB Requests - Party distribution

Permanent MIB - Party distribution

MIB Request - County Comparison

IT / Training Section

IT Staff is continuing to prepare the equipment and set up the warehouse to begin Logic and Accuracy testing.

The IT Manager is continuing to work with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) department on the implementation of the replacement Future Vote portal. TEBS and BOE Staff are completing functionality testing of the Future Vote software. The new Future Vote portal application is scheduled to be open to the Future Vote students on March 20, 2024.

Training classes began on February 20, 2024. Training Section has conducted 113 classes and trained 993 election workers as of March 13, 2024.

Operations Section

The Operations Team continues to prepare and stage supplies and carts for the Primary Election Day polling places and the 14 early voting centers (labeling, collating, packaging, etc.). Additionally, the team is working with the County's print shop to process orders and materials on a timely basis.

The 2024 Primary ballot order was finalized and submitted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and staff are preparing the warehouse for ballot delivery and allocation.

Drop box delivery dates have been finalized and a meeting with the moving contractor for box drop box and equipment deliveries took place on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Final preparations for drop boxes are underway and staff are preparing for drop box delivery on March 26, 2024.

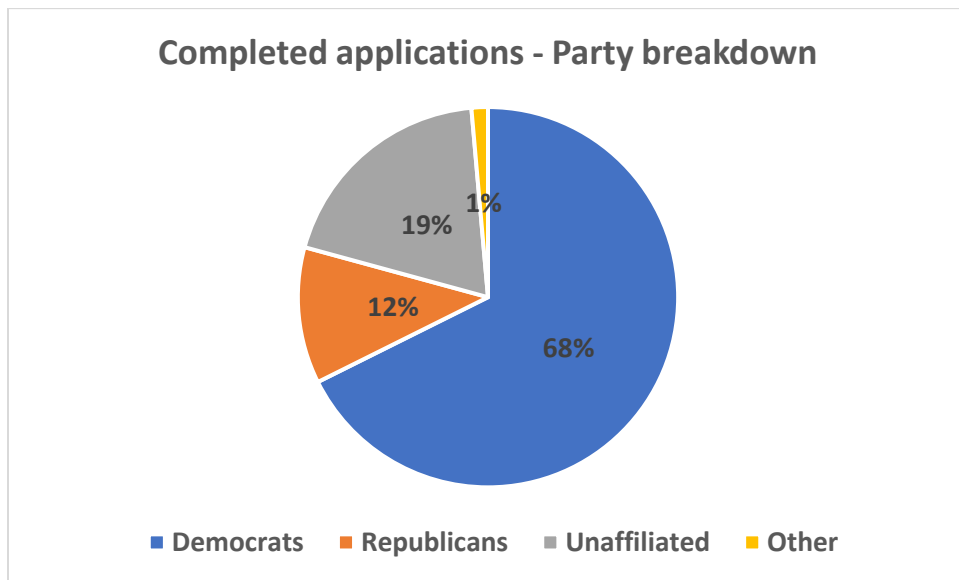**Recruitment and Election Support**

In addition to supporting outreach events, the Recruitment Team is processing received applications, assisting workers with the new EJ Connection Portal, processing online training results, and building precinct rosters for Election Day and Early Voting of trained workers.

- 3,078 prospective volunteers renewed or submitted their application.

- 2,143 prospective volunteers have completed the online quiz.

- 993 have completed in-person training by March 13, 2024

- 776 have signed up to attend in-person training sessions by March 29, 2024.

Party affiliation breakdown of those who renewed or completed an application:

- Democrats – 2082

- Republicans – 357

- Unaffiliated – 596

- Other – 43

Completed applications - Party breakdown

Meetings / Events

On March 12, the Election Director and Operations Manager met with the President of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters Ms. Susan Albertine, and the League's Treasure Ms. Lynn Strosnider regarding the Polling Place Evaluation and Support program.

The Election Director is scheduled to speak at the League of Women Voters virtual event on March 26, 2024, on the importance of trusted sources of election-related information.