



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **BILINGUAL ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2022 GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as bilingual election poll workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county, particularly registered Republicans and Unaffiliated voters.

Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak Amharic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages are needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speaker be available at the polling places.

Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn up to 25-185 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the \$210-\$1,650 stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position all election poll workers must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read, and write the English language, and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz, and in-person classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working during Early Voting and/or Election Day. We offer several different positions, all-day and part day, as advertised at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

To apply, text SERVE to 77788 or online at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select Election Workers, then Getting Started. For poll worker information, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select the Election Workers' link, call 240-777-8533, or email [election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For election related information, call the 240-777-8500, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org), the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <https://elections.maryland.gov>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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