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## **Bilingual Voters Needed for 2018 Gubernatorial Election**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial General Election to be held on November 6, 2018.

- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are also 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 speakers be available at the polling places.
- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county; particularly in the areas of Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac, and Rockville.
- Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election 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 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position all election 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 class room training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. We offer several different positions, all-day and part day, as advertised at <u>www.777vote.org</u>. To apply online, or for more information, visit <u>www.777vote.org</u> and select the Election Workers' link.

For other election information, call **240-777-VOTE**, visit <u>www.777vote.org</u> or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <u>https://elections.maryland.gov</u>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter (@777vote) and Instagram@777vote.

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