2020 ELECTION UPDATE

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2020 ELECTION PREPARATIONS

Implementation of key initiatives:

– Voter complaint and reporting procedures
  
  ▪ Form and instructions submitting a formal complaint – available on our website or in-person
  
  ▪ Internal procedures and directions for staff
  
  ▪ Using Qscend to track
  
  ▪ Actions taken will depend on the disposition of complaint/report and can include one or more of the following: a resolution through my office or for legal or criminal matters, will be referred to law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, or the Office of the Secretary of State.
Registrar of Voters

- **New:**
  - Electronic, interactive, mobile-friendly, Sample Ballot
  - New Wait Times Application
  - Updated Election Results Reporting
  
  - Both the wait times application and election results reporting tools were built in-house by our GIS Department
2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24th the Nevada Secretary of State, Barbara Cegavske, in collaboration with all 17 County Elections Officials, announced that the primary election will be conducted as an all-mail election. All registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail and are encouraged to use their mailed ballot to vote in lieu of voting in person.

One in-person voting location will be located at the Washoe County Complex in Building A for both early voting and election day.

Note: *This is only for the primary election. At this time the November General Election will be administered as normal.*
- Sample Ballots are already being received by voters
- Website Updates
- Mail-in ballots will be mailed on April 30th
- Fraud Protections for mail-in ballots
  - All ballots that have been issued and mailed to voters have two unique identifiers on the return envelope and a signature is required
  - If the address does not match what the US Postal Services has on record for that voter, the ballot will be returned undeliverable to our office. Ballots cannot be forwarded.
  - Ballots cannot be turned in by anyone other than the voter or a family member.
Same Day Registration (AB 345)

- Passed in the 2019 Legislative Session
- Allows for same day registration or updates to existing voter records during early voting and on election day
- Those who register after the standard close of registration (May 12th) must have a current and valid Nevada driver’s license or identification card and proof of residency
- Any new registrant or update after May 21st will not be issued a mail-in ballot. These voters must appear in-person to vote.
  
  All provisional ballots issued throughout the State of Nevada will be subject to a verification process of eligibility prior to being cast
Fraud Protections for Same Day Registration (SDR)

- SDR: must provide a current and valid Nevada driver’s license or identification card and proof of residency
- Voter who registers in-person must vote at the same location where they registered
- Near real-time data communication between polling locations and our databases
- New registrants and updates will vote a provisional ballot
- State will conduct verification process before a provisional ballot can be cast
Cybersecurity Update

- Working with the Nevada Secretary of State and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
  - Albert sensor installed to monitor traffic and reports questionable activity across the network
  - Participated in the National Table Top Exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with DHS
  - ISO/MFA pilot project to better secure our election infrastructure
- EI-ISAC (Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center)
- MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center)
  - As a member we have access to election-specific threat intelligence products, cybersecurity awareness and training products and webinars, security best practices, and cybersecurity alerts and advisories.
Voter Registration and Elections Administration

Thank You

Questions?