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Chairman's Comments

Fellow Republicans –

The coronavirus pandemic has created unique and unprecedented issue within our State and County. My hope is that you are all safe, healthy and “hunkered down” during this health crisis. The pandemic has ushered in dramatic change and economic hardship. I know as Hoosiers that we will persevere and come out of this crisis stronger.



Our Governor, Eric Holcomb, continually reminds all Hoosiers, “Social Distancing is the best tool we have to flatten the curve.” As Hoosier we all must support, promote and practice “Social Distancing.”

As for our primary and general election, the primary has been moved to Tuesday, June 2nd and the general election date remains the same, Tuesday, November 3rd. Speaking of the primary, I’m encouraging all of you to consider voting by mail. Voting by mail in this primary election will ensure social distancing and work to lessen the possibility of transmission/infection. Further down in this newsletter are the details and links.

Please support and encourage our Republican Candidates and promote the offices that they’re seeking. The success that we have as a party will be based on getting our message out to the voters and making sure folks come out and vote in the May Primary and November General Election. Our communities deserve the very best and we need to continue the success that we’ve had over the last several years.

Please join us in continuing the effort to Social Distance, Wash Our Hands, Cough/Sneeze into your Sleeve, Stay Home if you’re Sick! Let’s “Hunker Down”, flatten the curve and keep our Families, Friends, Communities, and State and Nation a place to raise our families in safety and comfort. A place where opportunities exist for economic expansion, wage growth and job opportunities for everyone. Thank you.

Michael Simpson, Chairman
Porter County Republicans



[Click here to see Governor Holcomb's Stay at Home order](#)

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Welcome to Voting Mobile!

COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU SOON!



PORTER COUNTY MOBILE VOTING VAN

In an effort to assure that all Porter County residents who wish to vote will have ready access to an operational polling place, Porter County has purchased a van and has announced the following mobile voting dates and locations:

- May 13—Jamestown Apartments
- May 16—Kouts Library
- May 23—South Haven Library
- May 27—Oak Tree Par
- May 30—Burns Harbor TBA

Further information and updates will be available at the Porter County Voter Information site which you can access by clicking on the icon below:



[Click here](#)



Absentee and Early Voting Options

June 2, 2020 Primary

Absentee By Mail

Indiana Primary is now June 2nd!

Skip The Lines!



Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail!

Go online to porterco.org/elections to print your Absentee Ballot by Mail application



Call 219-465-3485 to have an application mailed to you



come see us at
155 Indiana Ave. STE 105
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Monday thru Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Absentee mail applications must be received by 11:59 pm on May 21st, 2020

Early Voting

May 5th, 2020 thru Noon on June 1st, 2020

hours:

- Monday - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Tuesday - 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
- Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Thursday - 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
- Friday - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Saturday, May 23rd & Saturday, May 30th
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Locations:

Chesterton Town Hall Meeting Room
790 Broadway, Chesterton

Hebron Community Center
611 N. Main, Hebron

Portage North County Building
3560 Willowcreek, Portage

Porter Co. Admin Building, STE. 102A
155 Indiana Ave.
Valparaiso

Union Township - Fire Station #2
267 N. 600 W.
Valparaiso



mobile voting:

Locations will be announced soon!
Visit us at porterco.org/elections for more information.



Republican Candidates U.S. Congressional District 1

DION BERGERON



Dion Bergeron is a 46 year old father of 5 children ranging in age from 23 to 12. He and his wife, Elizabeth, a Medicaid Waiver Case Manager that works with the developmentally disabled, have been married for 10 years and live in Michigan City. Their 3 teenage boys live with them, while his 2 adult daughters live on the East Coast. He is a former truck driver/trainer, former Correctional Officer, and lifelong Patriot.

MONT HANDLEY



Mont Handley is the Entrepreneur in Residence and Associate Director of Purdue University Northwest's Commercialization and Manufacturing Excellence Center in Hammond. Mont oversees a facility dedicated to commercializing innovative, new products and mentoring early stage startups in the region. He is a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Military Police Corp from 1982-1984 after graduating from Merrillville (Indiana) High School. He graduated from Purdue University in 1988 on the G.I. Bill.

SPENCER T. LEMMONS



I have grown up and lived in Northwest Indiana my entire life. After graduating from Hobart High School in 2008, I joined the Marine Corps serving four years. I then began a career as a 911 dispatcher at the Hobart Police Department and have also served in the Munster and Hammond Police Departments as well. As a Police Officer, I have seen first-hand what 35 years of Democratic Policy has done to our community. While the rest of the state thrives, our district still remains with a higher unemployment than both the state and national average. I will bring a conservative voice to Northwest Indiana and take it all the way to Washington, D.C.

MARK LEYVA



I am a lifelong resident of Lake County Indiana since 1959. Grew up in East Chicago and went to grade school at Holy Trinity Croatian. My family moved to Highland and I graduated from Highland High School. My father Anthony D. Leyva was a school teacher for over thirty-five years in the school system of East Chicago and finished his career at West Side. My grandmother moved to East Chicago in 1923 from Mexico and remarried to my grandpa Roque. I have one son that is currently in the U.S. Army for 18 years. I am very proud of Staff Sgt. Mark Leyva. I am currently self-employed as a carpenter. My previous employment prior to caretaking of my father before he passed was a steelworker, non-union home carpenter and then a union carpenter from IL local 434.

WILLIAM F. POWERS (BILL) — Mr. Bill Powers has directed us to post his telephone number in the *Eagle Eye* so that constituents can call and speak with him personally with regard to his qualifications and goals for the Congressional District 1 seat. He may be contacted at (219) 309-7214.

DELANO M. SCAIFE



Delano Scaife, a Porter County resident, has resided in Indiana's 1st Congressional District for over a decade. He is a proud father and husband, and is currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff for the Lake County Sheriff's Department. He was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff to the Lake County Sheriff's Department in November of 2011. Delano is a Purdue Alumni, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with a concentration in Marketing. He is also a DePaul Alumni from DePaul University where he received a Master of Public Administration degree in June of 2018. From his educational background and community involvement, Delano was selected to be a Mayoral Fellow for the City of Chicago in the summer of 2017, where he worked as a policy analyst for the former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. In addition, he joined various groups including the Lake County Right to Life, Working Families United for Tradition Values, The Share Group, F.O.P. Association Chris Anton Lodge #125, and Planted Seed Ministries Inc.



June 2, 2020 Primary Election Calendar

June 2, 2020 Primary

Saturday, April 18, 2020

DEADLINE for the county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have previously filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

Monday, May 4, 2020

voter registration application online.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, May 8, 2020

End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, May 14, 2020

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Friday, May 15, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports for primary candidates.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Thursday, May 21, 2020

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Monday, June 1, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.



Election June 2, 2020 How it will work

INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION UPDATE: MARCH 20, 2020 FAQs

Will other deadlines such as voter registration, campaign finance, and all absentee options change as a result of moving the primary election to June 2, 2020?

Yes. The Indiana Election Division is working on updating its brochures, publications, and forms to reference these new dates. However, dates related to candidate filing, at this time, remain the same. Please see revised 2020 Election Calendar brochure.

If an individual supplied an absentee ballot application and the form is changed, will the old version of the form be OK to use?

Yes. Old versions of the 2020 forms will be grandfathered for use in the June 2, 2020, primary election.

If our county began mailing absentee ballots out already, must we continue doing so?

Yes. State law requires that the absentee ballot be mailed to the voter the same day the application is reviewed and approved. (IC 3-11-4-18) We understand staffing levels may be limited at this time and it may not be possible to approve an application the same day it is received.

If our county did not mail absentee ballots out already, do we need to do so today, March 20, 2020, or tomorrow, March 21, 2020?

Out of an abundance of caution, IED suggests any military and overseas voter who submitted a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) should have their absentee ballot sent to them by Saturday, March 21, 2020. For voters applying to vote-by-mail using the ABS-Mail application **and** the county has not yet mailed out their absentee-by-mail ballots, then this deadline to mail the first batch of absentee ballots will extend to a later date.

Do the deadlines for finding staff – absentee voter boards, central count teams, and poll workers – extend, too?

Yes. However, if your county has begun its absentee-by-mail process, then you will need to continue to make use of the absentee voter boards assistance, when practicable.

How can we manage traveling board in nursing homes when only their essential personnel has access to the site?

The Indiana Election Commission will be considering a proposal to allow for medical personnel inside the facility to act as a travel board team to assist a voter who cannot personally mark their own ballot. The IEC is scheduled to meet at 10AM, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in the Statehouse Atrium. More information will be forthcoming after this meeting.

Are elections workers considered essential personnel?

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security added elections workers to its list of essential government personnel on March 19, 2020. This is not a mandate, as our office understands, but may be helpful in gaining access to your workspace or to travel, if there are travel restrictions. Here's a link to the US DHS list <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA-Guidance-on-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure-Workers-1-20->



Join the Team!

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the Porter County Republican Party!



GOP Stars & Stripes Donation

\$25.00

The Porter County Republican Party as a grassroots political organization exists to elect Republican candidates to government offices at all levels, and strives to promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party. We proudly serve our Stars & Stripes. Help support the Porter County Republican Party with a \$25 donation today.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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GOP Liberty Donation

\$50.00

Become a Liberty donor and help our GOP members become a strong voice at the table at all levels of government. Join our members, who work hard to protect our rights, freedoms and liberties. Help support the Porter County Republican Party with a \$50 donation today!

Thank you in advance for your support!

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GOP Eagle Donation

\$75.00

Become an Eagle donor and help the GOP develop and equip strong individuals, who can soar like eagles high above the rest of the crowd. Help support the Porter County Republican Party with a \$75 donation today!

Thank you in advance for your support!

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GOP All-Star Donation

\$100.00

Become an All-Star donor and join us on the Republican team as we continue to strive toward winning more future elections. Help support the Porter County Republican Party with a \$100 donation today!

Thank you in advance for your support!

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