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Introduced: July 8, 2025
Adopted: July 15, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Fourteen Early Voting Centers in Montgomery County

Background

1. Under Chapter 281 of the 2025 Laws of Maryland (Senate Bill 259), each local board of elections must submit to the State Board of Elections an election plan, including an early voting center plan, for the State Board's approval. The local board must submit its plan to the State Board at least 7 months prior to each statewide primary election. The early voting center plan must designate the locations of each early voting center in the county.

2. On June 16, 2025, the Montgomery County Board of Elections met to discuss, and unanimously recommended, continuity of service for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary and General Elections by approving the same 14 early voting centers for the County that had been used in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

3. On June 17, 2025, the Montgomery County Board of Elections transmitted a letter to the County Executive and Montgomery County Council requesting support to maintain continuity of services and to designate 14 early voting centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary and General Election.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Montgomery County Council supports the Montgomery County Board of Election's recommendation to approve 14 early voting centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle. The list of the early voting centers is attached to this resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

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RE: Request for Approval to have 14 Early Voting Sites in 2026

Dear County Executive Elrich, Council President Stewart, and Members of the County Council:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, I am writing to seek the support of the County Executive and the County Council to establish fourteen (14) early voting centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary and General elections. As you know, this is the same number of early voting centers that we had - with your support - for the 2022 and 2024 elections.

As you may recall, in 2021, the Maryland General Assembly enacted changes to the Election Law that adjusted the requirements for the number of early voting centers in each county, based on its number of registered voters, requiring Montgomery County to establish thirteen (13) early voting centers. Additionally, the statute also allows for the establishment of one additional early voting center if "*the local board and the governing body of the county agree to establish an additional early voting center*" and then "*the State Board approves the establishment of the additional early voting center.*" (Election Law §10-301.1. (b) 10). The statute also requires the local board, subject to the approval of the State Board, "*to designate each early voting center in that county.*" (EL §10-301.1. (c) 1).

At its meeting on June 16, 2025, the Montgomery County Board of Elections considered the early voting centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary and General Elections and unanimously recommended continuity of service by approving the same 14 early voting centers that were used for the 2022 and 2024 elections, subject to your anticipated approval of our having 14 early voting centers. As you know, allowing voters to return to the same locations where they voted during the last election facilitates voter turnout. As in the 2024 elections, we also plan to utilize gymnasiums within the buildings for part or all of early voting in several locations. (Please see the attached list of the 14 recommended early voting centers.)

The Montgomery County Board of Elections would appreciate your prompt consideration and support for 14 early voting centers, subject to the Maryland State Board of Elections' approval. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other election-related matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David A. Naimon

David A. Naimon
President
Montgomery County Board of Elections

cc: Members of the County Council
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Mr. Boris Brajkovic, Election Director

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List of recommended Early Voting Centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle

On Monday, June 16, 2025, the Montgomery Board of Elections voted unanimously to approve the following Early Voting centers for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary and General Elections:

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg
- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, Rockville
- Nancy H. Dacek Community Recreation Center, North Potomac
- Damascus Community Recreation Center, Damascus
- Isiah 'Ike' Leggett Executive Office Building, Rockville
- Germantown Community Recreation Center, Germantown
- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center, Chevy Chase
- Mid-County Community Recreation Center, Silver Spring
- Potomac Community Recreation Center, Potomac
- Marylin J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, Burtonsville
- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Station 4, Sandy Spring
- Silver Spring Civic Building, Silver Spring
- Wheaton Community Recreation Center, Wheaton
- White Oak Community Recreation Center, Silver Spring