Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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November 17, 2020 - 10:56 a.m.   **Virtual Meeting**

DISCUSSION

Election Recap   [2020-555](#)

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Request for Board Action

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Attachments
1. Presentation

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County Board Discussion:

Election Recap

November 17, 2020

(Following County Board meeting)

Virtual Meeting

(Board workshop will be a virtual meeting via Zoom pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes § § 13D.021 and 13D.05)

Agenda

1. Introduction

   Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager, Information and Public Records Service Team

2. Election Recap

   Heather Bestler, Deputy Director, Property Tax and Election Services

   David Triplett, Elections Manager, Elections Office

3. Discussion / Questions

   All

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Board of Commissioners
2020 General Election Recap
November 17, 2020

Discussion Topics

- Acknowledgments
- General Election Turnout
- Absentee Voting
- Election Day
- Election Night Reporting
- Community Partnerships
- Efforts to Provide Transparency
- Post-Election Activities

"It Takes a Village"

- Elections Staff
- Many County Departments:
  - Emergency Management, Public Health, Property Management, Communications, CAO, RCSO, RECERT, Assessor's Office, IPR Admin and UT, Finance, Procurement, County Manager's Office, HR, Policy & Planning, Libraries, IS
- 19 Community Partnerships
- SPPD
- Contract municipalities

Countywide Support for Elections

Work of our Community Partnerships

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"It Takes a Village"

- Over 100 permanent, temporary, & intern staff
  - Averaged 55hr work weeks
  - 3,134 hours of overtime
  - Worked every weekend since 9/1/20
  - Does not include the ballot board staff
- 2500+ Election Judges
  - Since May, average age of new election judges is under 40
  - Used the entire Metro Conference Center

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Record Setting Voter Participation

- 297,365 total voters
  - 22,585 more voters than 2016 Presidential Election
    - 88% of total reg. voters in 2020
    - 89% of total reg. voters in 2016
    - 83% of total reg. voters in 2012
    - 87% of total reg. voters in 2008

- Record number of Registered Voters in Ramsey County in 2020
  - 334,734 in Nov. 2020
  - 309,140 in Nov. 2018
  - 305,623 in Nov. 2016

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Record Setting Voter Registration

St. Paul 1-9 (Thomas-Dale Neighborhood)

– 2020: 1,828 total voters (74% of Reg. Voters)

– 2016: 1,657 total voters (72% of Reg. Voters)

– Increase of 181 Reg. Voters since 2016

St. Paul 5-4 (Rice St-North End Neighborhood)

– 2020: 3,192 total voters (81% of Reg. Voters)

– 2016: 2,797 total voters (82% of Reg. Voters)

– Increase of 552 Reg. Voters since 2016

St. Paul 6-1 (Payne-Phalen Neighborhood)

– 2020: 1,350 total voters (87% of Reg. Voters)

– 2016: 1,164 total voters (83% of Reg. Voters)

– Increase of 143 Reg. Voters since 2016

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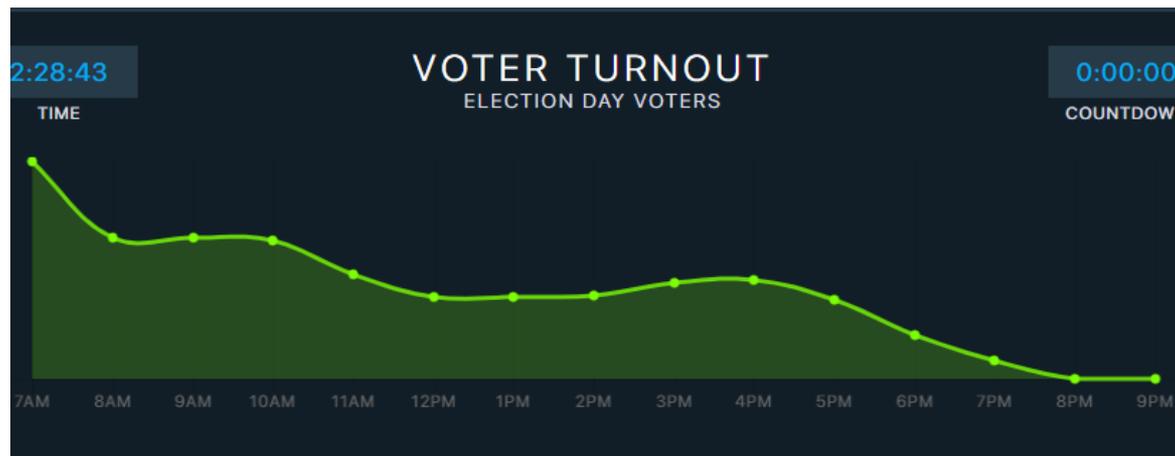# **Dramatic Increase in Absentee Voting**

- Dramatic increase in absentee voting
  - 194,433 absentee ballots (65% of all voters)
    - 145,540 by mail
    - 48,893 in-person
  - 206% increase in absentee voting from 2016
    - 63,384 AB voters in 2016 Presidential Election

- Three in-person absentee voting locations

- Seven early voting locations

- Ten ballot return locations
  - 26% of all mail ballots were returned in-person
  - Average of 3,888 in-person voters per day the final week of voting

- Online wait-time app

- Ballot Board staffed with over 100 persons

Roseville Library

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Quiet, Smooth Election Day

- Very quiet, smooth day. Few reports of any concern
    - 102,714 Election Day voters

- Turnout trends:
    - Very busy at 7am, 14k check-ins
    - Less than 1k check-ins at 7pm
    - Dramatic slow down as day went on. Opposite of August Primary trends
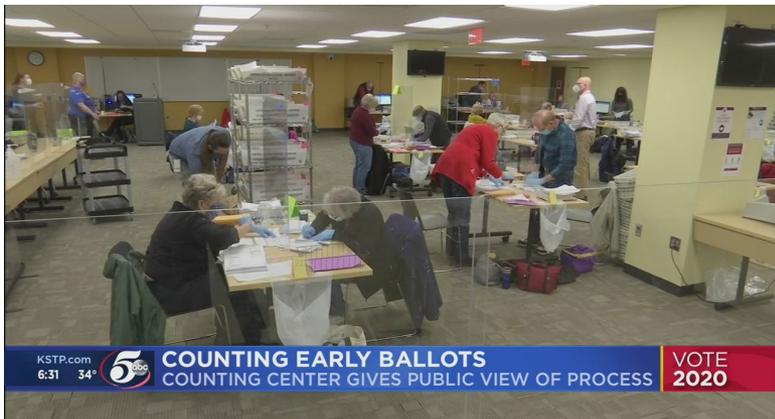
Providing a Transparent Election

- All results reported on Election Night
  - Provides confidence in our vote totals, what you see on election night is 99% final.
  - Some Counties reported partial absentee results on election night and finished on 11/4 & 11/5.
  - Impacts on close races as seen across Minnesota.

- Post-election counting per Consent Decree
  - Counting of all 11/3 postmarked mail-ballots received 11/4 thru 11/10.
    - 193 ballots received in this time period
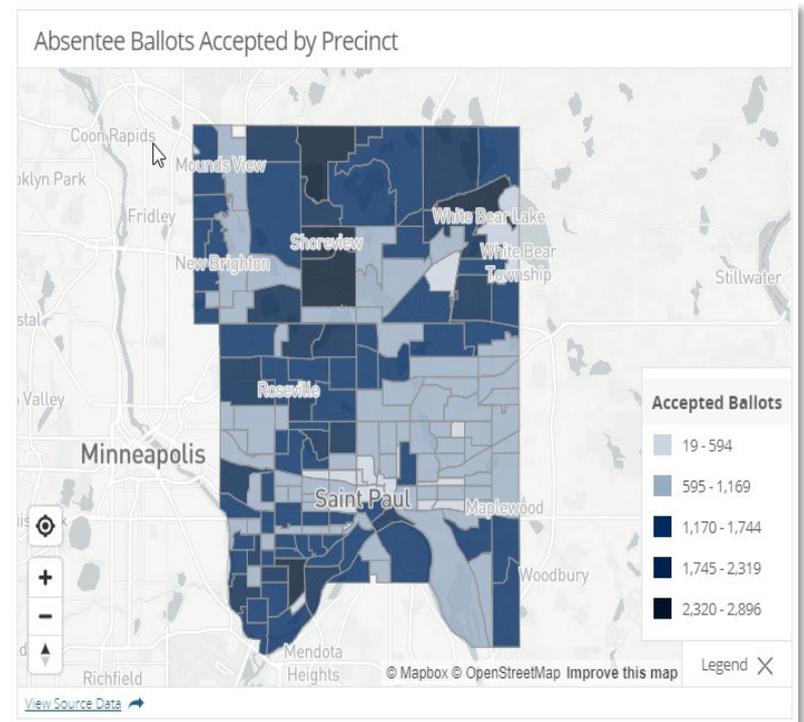   - 69 were UOCAVA ballots

Election Night @ Plato Building

Providing a Transparent Election

- Observers at Ballot Board

- Public Viewing & Livestream

- Media accessibility

- Public Data Portal

Public viewing area at Count Center

Screenshot of Data Portal

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Working with our Community Partners

Community engagement activities:

- Virtual Town Halls

- 19 community partners

  - Translated Videos

  - Promotion using networks

  - Public events

    - Shelters & Community gatherings

  - Recruitment of Election Judges

  - Transportation to Polling Places

- Radio interview & Ads

  - Radio Rey

  - KMOJ

  - KLAY Somali Radio

Community Partners Fall 2020

Post-Election Events

- ## Official Canvass, 11/13/20

  - County Commissioner Carter

  - County Commissioner MatasCastillo

  - Saint Paul City Clerk, Shari Moore

  - Ramsey County Court Administrator, Heather Kendall

  - Deputy Auditor, Heather Bestler

- ## Post Election Review, 11/16/20

  - Hand count review of 5 random precincts selected by Canvassing Board

2020 Canvassing Board Members for August Primary

Post-Election Events

- Recounts
  - Vadnais Heights Council Member – scheduled for 11/20/20
  - State House 38B – possible recount

- February 9th, 2021 Special Election for Gem Lake City Council Member

- Next Scheduled Election, Nov. 2, 2021
  - Saint Paul Mayor
  - Various School District Boards

Questions?