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Information about Write-in Campaigns and Write-in Votes

Before Election Day. Write-in candidates should contact the Office of Voter Services as soon as possible if they intend to raise or spend in excess of \$250 on their campaigns, in order to ensure that they are complying with Pennsylvania campaign finance reporting law.

On Election Day. It is recommended that write-in candidates provide business cards to voters with the contest and the candidate's name clearly printed. The candidate should ask the voter to print the candidate's name on the ballot exactly as it appears on the card.

To cast a write-in vote in a contest, the voter must fill the "Write-In" oval in that contest and write the candidate's name in the space provided.

The use of a sticker or label to mark a ballot is prohibited by state law. A vote cast by means of a sticker or label affixed to a ballot shall be void and shall not be counted.

The Election Night results posted at www.lyco.org/vote after the close of polls are unofficial results that show the number of write-in votes cast in each contest. The names and vote totals of candidates who were successfully nominated or elected by write-in votes will be published approximately 10 days after the election when Official Results are released.

After Election Day. Voter Services cannot answer questions or provide additional information about write-in votes while the official canvass is underway. Write-in candidates and other interested persons should monitor the Voter Services website and wait for Official Results to be posted approximately 10 days after the election. The Official Results will include the names and vote totals of successful write-in candidates.

Successful write-in candidates will be notified in writing by Voter Services.

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