

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD**

**RESOLUTION 2020-063**

**COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MAIL-IN  
BALLOTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey will be holding a General Election in November, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Mail-in ballots were used exclusively in the Primary Election in July, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the universal distribution of mail-in ballots to all registered voters caused concerns for voter fraud in mail-in elections and significant delays in counting ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, the universal distribution of mail-in ballots to all registered voters is also of significant cost and is an unfunded mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, well before the COVID-19 pandemic, New Jersey law permitted voting by mail for any reason, or no reason at all, allowing any voter the option to request a mail-in ballot thus enhancing voter choice; and

**WHEREAS**, some voters have expressed an opinion of wishing to “wait” until Election Day to cast their ballot electronically for the candidate of their choice to fully assess the latest information available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Frankford Committee is gravely concerned that the exclusive mail-in ballot “experiment” has been difficult at best and during the Primary Election cycle representing a small fraction of the ballots to be cast when compared to the upcoming General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Frankford Committee feels strongly that voter “choice” should refer to “how” to vote, not just “who” to vote for in a given election cycle.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Frankford Township Committee opposes the exclusive use of mail-in balloting in the General Election in November, 2020 and in all future elections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Frankford Township Committee urges the Secretary of State and County Clerks to utilize in-person voting in conjunction with mail-in balloting in the General Election of November, 2020 and in all future elections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Frankford Township Clerk shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Secretary of State; the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the President of the New Jersey State Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; the New Jersey Association of Counties and the Sussex County Board of County Commissioners.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Frankford Township Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Lori Nienstedt, Administrator  
Acting Municipal Clerk