

# Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters

## Philadelphia County

2025 Municipal Primary Election  
May 20, 2025

This is an official notice of a Municipal Election to be conducted on May 20, 2025 in all Election Districts within Philadelphia County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov), [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or download here: [Download Fillable FPCA](#) \*

This application is acceptable for General, Primary, and Special elections for which you are eligible in that calendar year alone. We recommend you send in a new FPCA every January and each time you move.

You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (215) 686-3398, or by email to [phillyelection@phila.gov](mailto:phillyelection@phila.gov). You may request an absentee ballot from this office at any time prior to a primary or general election.

All voted Military and Civilian Overseas Absentee Ballots must be **mailed back**, along with the voter's declaration, no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the election **and must be received** by the County Board of Elections no later than the Tuesday following the election.

If time does not permit you to receive and return an official absentee ballot and you have **already applied** for an absentee ballot, you are also entitled to vote using the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Military electors may also use the FWAB to register to vote and vote simultaneously.

You may use the FWAB to vote for **ALL** state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote for state and local offices or for ballot initiatives, write the names of candidates or ballot initiatives in the Addendum section of the FWAB. Under the **Office/Ballot Initiative** heading, enter the office the candidate is running for or the title of the Ballot Initiative (referendum). Under the **Candidate Name, Party Affiliation, or Initiative Vote** heading, list the name of the candidate you wish to vote for, or if you are voting on a Referendum question write "yes" or "no."

For a listing of candidates, please visit: <https://vote.phila.gov/voting/candidates-for-office/>

## **DEMOCRATIC BALLOT**

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT** – Vote for not more than One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** – Vote for not more than Nine – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT** – Vote for not more than Three – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**CITY CONTROLLER** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF ELECTION** – Vote for One – Elected by Ward & Division

**INSPECTOR OF ELECTION** – Vote for One – Elected Ward & Division

**PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE QUESTIONS** – Vote “Yes” or “No”  
*See the ballot questions in the section below*

## **REPUBLICAN BALLOT**

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT** – Vote for not more than One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** – Vote for not more than Nine – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT** – Vote for not more than Three – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**CITY CONTROLLER** – Vote for One – All Wards & Divisions within Philadelphia County

**JUDGE OF ELECTION** – Vote for One – Elected by Ward & Division

**INSPECTOR OF ELECTION** – Vote for One – Elected Ward & Division

**PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE QUESTIONS** – Vote “Yes” or “No”  
*See the ballot questions in the section below*

## **Question #1**

### **Proposed Charter Change 1**

**Submitted to the Voters By:**

**Bill No. 240005 (approved July 12, 2024);**

**Resolution No. 240030 (adopted May 30, 2024)**

#### **BALLOT QUESTION:**

Should The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to create the Office of Homeless Services Ombudsperson to assist residents experiencing homelessness, help provide fair access to essential resources, improve quality of life in the shelter system, investigate client complaints, and provide oversight and recommendations to the City's providers of homeless services?

**Question #2**

**Proposed Charter Change 2**

**Submitted to the Voters By:**

**Bill No. 2400061 (approved September 5, 2024);**

**Resolution No. 240068 (adopted June 6, 2024)**

**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Should the Home Rule Charter be amended to increase the minimum amount that must be appropriated for spending on Housing Trust Fund purposes in the City's operating budget each year?

**Question #3**

**Proposed Charter Change 3**

**Submitted to the Voters By:**

**Bill No. 240817 (approved February 12, 2025);**

**Resolution No. 240834-A (adopted December 19, 2024)**

**Resolution No. 250018 (adopted January 30, 2025)**

**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to provide for the creation of an independent Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board and Office of Prison Oversight and to further authorize City Council to determine the composition, powers and duties of the Board and Office?