

FROM: St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners (the "Election Board")

TO: St. Louis City Voter

Beginning October 12th, the Election Board, in partnership with the St. Louis Public Library, will open four satellite absentee voting locations at four branches of the St. Louis Library. These locations are:

- Buder Library located at 4401 Hampton Avenue.
- Central Library located at 1301 Olive Street.
- Julia Davis Library located at 4415 Natural Bridge Avenue.
- Schlafly Library located at 225 N. Euclid Avenue.

At these locations a voter will be able to cast an "in-person" absentee ballot as if they were voting in person on Election Day using electronic touch screen voting machines, or deliver to Election Board staff an absentee ballot the voter requested to be mailed to them.

What does it mean to vote absentee "in-person"? A Missouri voter can vote an absentee ballot if a specific reason for voting absentee applies to the voter. Those reasons are: 1) the voter expects to be absent from St. Louis on Election Day; 2) the voter is incapacitated or confined due to illness or physical disability or cares for someone who is incapacitated or confined; 3) religious belief or practice prevents someone from voting at his or her assigned polling place on Election Day; 4) the voter is employed by an election authority on Election Day at a location other than the voter's polling place (which does not apply to a campaign worker); 5) the voter is incarcerated but otherwise is qualified to vote; 6) the voter is a participant in the "address confidentiality program" as defined by Missouri statute; or 7) the voter is at risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 (e.g., over the age of 65). Absentee voting begins on September 22nd at the Election Board's office, but between October 12th and November 2nd you can also vote an absentee ballot at one of the library locations listed above if one of those **SEVEN** reasons applies to you.

To vote absentee in-person at the library, the voter will be required to use a touch screen voting machine. If the voter wants to vote an in-person absentee paper ballot, the voter can do so at the Election Board's office located at 300 N. Tucker Blvd beginning September 22nd, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The voter need not fill out an absentee ballot application prior to voting in person. Because ballot is lengthy, the Election Board asks you to be familiar with the candidates and issues on the ballot prior to entering the polling place. A sample ballot can be found on the Election Board's website www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/. If you cast an in-person absentee ballot at a library location, **YOUR VOTE WILL BE COUNTED AND TABULATED ON ELECTION DAY.**

If you submitted a request to the Election Board to receive an absentee ballot by mail, you can hand deliver your completed ballot between October 12th and November 2nd, during library business hours, to Election Board staff at one of the library locations listed above. **PLEASE NOTE THAT "VOTE BY MAIL" BALLOTS CANNOT BE DELIVERED BY HAND TO THE ELECTION BOARD; THEY MUST GO THROUGH U.S. MAIL.** Whereas "absentee ballots" require the voter to have a reason to vote "absentee," "vote-by mail" ballots do not require a reason. If your absentee ballot requires notarization, Election Board staff will notarize your ballot envelope at the absentee location. **YOUR BALLOT WILL BE PLACED INTO A LOCKED BOX, DELIVERED TO ELECTION BOARD HEADQUARTERS, AND TABULATED ON ELECTION DAY.**