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## Three Special Elections Scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in the County

**PITTSBURGH** – The Elections Division today announced that preparations are well underway for the three special elections to be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in Allegheny County. Voters in the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> legislative districts will go to the polls to select the candidate who will fill out the remainder of the terms for those three seats in the Pennsylvania House.

The vacancies are due to the death of Rep. Tony DeLuca (32<sup>nd</sup>) and the resignations of former Rep. Summer Lee (34<sup>th</sup>) and who was elected to Congress in the 12<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania and Austin Davis (35<sup>th</sup>) who was elected Lieutenant Governor. Only residents registered to vote within the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative districts will participate in this election.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District has 68 precincts and includes all of Oakmont, Penn Hills and Verona, and a portion of Plum. Currently, 46,367 voters are registered in the district.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District has 81 precincts and includes all of Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, East Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Forest Hills, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Wilkins and Wilkinsburg, and a portion of Pittsburgh. Currently, 48,944 people are registered to vote in the district.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District has 97 precincts and includes all of Clairton, Duquesne, Homestead, Liberty, Lincoln, McKeesport, Munhall, Port Vue, South Versailles, Versailles, West Homestead, Whitaker and White Oak, and a portion of West Mifflin. Currently, 42,685 voters are registered in the district.

A full list of precincts for these districts is available on the webpage and individuals are also encouraged to check their voter registration to verify their own information, if unknown.

The Special Election webpage has been updated to include information on the candidates and election calendar for these elections. Additional detail will be added to the site as it becomes available.

Residents are encouraged to pay particular attention to important dates:

Last Day to Register for Special Election Monday, January 23, 2023 – Office Closes at 5 PM

Last Day to Apply for Absentee or Mail-In Ballot for Special Election Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – Office Closes at 5 PM

Last Day to Return Absentee or Mail-In Ballot for Special Election Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – Office Closes at 8 PM

Mail-in and absentee ballot packets for those voters who have already applied began to go out today to those individuals who will be participating in the February 7, 2023 special election. Nearly 8,000 mail-in ballots were mailed today with another approximately 6,000 to be mailed in the coming days.

With approved ballots going out, over-the-counter voting will be available beginning tomorrow, January 18, 2023 at the County Office Building (542 Forbes Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh) during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, at the kiosk in the lobby of the building.

Over-the-counter voting entails a voter applying in-person for a mail-in or absentee ballot. The application is the same as the one found <u>online</u> and can be completed in advance of going to the County Office Building. Once the application is completed and submitted to Elections staff, the application will be processed using the SURE system to ensure the voter is registered to vote, hasn't already applied for a ballot, and does not have any other barriers to voting.

Once reviewed and approved, the ballot for that person's municipality, ward and precinct will be provided to the voter along with a security and declaration envelope, and instructions for voting. Privacy screens will be set up in the lobby to allow the voter to complete their ballot in secret. Once voted, the ballot is folded and placed in a security envelope which is then placed inside of a second envelope with the voter's declaration printed on the back. The voter **shall** sign and date the declaration before returning the envelope to Elections staff.

The voter's record will be updated to show that the individual's ballot has been returned. Voted ballots are secured within the Elections Division before being transported to the Elections Warehouse where they are stored in a locked room which is under camera surveillance. They will remain there until 7 AM on February 7 when ballots may begin to be opened and counted.

Applications for mail-in or absentee ballots must be received by the Elections Division by 5 PM on Tuesday, January 30. Voters are encouraged to apply now and can do so online at <a href="https://votespa.com/ApplyMailBallot">https://votespa.com/ApplyMailBallot</a>.

The special election webpage can be accessed on the main elections website at alleghenyvotes.com

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