Quick Tips for Voting by Mail

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Thank you for participating in the Election process through Essex County’s Vote by Mail program. Here are some tips to help you on the way and to ensure that your vote counts. For more information, please visit www.essexclerk.com.

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FILL OUT THE BALLOT

- Use pencil or blue or black ink.
- Fill in the oval to the right of your choice.
- To make a write-in choice, fill in the oval and clearly print the name of the candidate.

INSERT INTO THE CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE

- Place the ballot in this envelope and seal it.
- Complete and sign the Certificate Of Mail-In Voter. Do not detach it from the envelope.
- If someone assists you in completing your ballot, they must complete the bottom portion.
- Candidates cannot be assistants.

INSERT INTO THE RETURN ENVELOPE

- Place the certification envelope in the postage-paid return envelope.
- If someone mails or delivers your ballot for you, they must complete the Bearer Portion in front of you before the ballot leaves your possession.
- Candidates may not serve as bearers.
- A person may serve as bearer for up to 3 voters.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- Voted ballots may be mailed or delivered in person.
- Ballots delivered by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day.
- Ballots that are returned in person must be delivered by the close of polls on Election Day. If delivered in person, you or your bearer must present ID when surrendering the ballot.