



From: "Eveler, Janine" <Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org>
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:31 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: [Ext]FW: Open Records Request (GA-COBB-20-1049)

Our search resulted in the attached two emails.

Janine Eveler

Director,
Cobb County Elections & Registration
770-528-2312
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Register...then Vote!

From: Absentee
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Eveler, Janine <Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org>
Subject: FW: Open Records Request (GA-COBB-20-1049)

Janine,

I printed out the attachment and put it in your mail file in Reception.

Sandy

From: AO Records [records@americanoversight.org]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:38 AM
To: info@cobbelections.org
Subject: Open Records Request (GA-COBB-20-1049)

Dear Open Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Georgia's open records laws.

Sincerely,

Vibha Kannan

Paralegal

American Oversight

records@americanoversight.org

www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

ORR: GA-COBB-20-1049

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From: Eveler, Janine <Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org>

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:28 PM EDT

To: Jacquelyn Bettadapur <jacquelyn@cobbdemocrats.org>

Subject: RE:

Attachment(s): "Rejected Application Letter.pdf", "Absentee Application Sig Cure Affidavit Form.pdf", "2020 APP mis match Sig - Cure Letter.pdf", "1st Time Mail.pdf", "2nd ID letter.pdf", "Rejected Ballot Letter.pdf", "2020 Ballot No Sig Letter.pdf", "Absentee Ballor Cure Affidavit.pdf"

Jacque,

- We have received about 132,000 in the mail (estimated). We have opened and printed about 20,000 applications received by email. There are about 3,700 unopened emails at the moment and there is no way to know how many applications are attached to each waiting email.
- We have processed 70,523 and rejected 149 (usually reason = duplicate request).
- I don't know the exact turnaround time. We are still working on email applications received on April 1st. In addition, I don't know how long it is taking the mailing vendor to get the ballots out after we have entered the application.
- Regarding Applications:
 - Attached is the [Rejected Application Letter](#). There are no affidavits sent for rejected applications.
 - If the application was rejected because it is a duplicate of another accepted application, we don't send a letter. There's no point and it would just confuse the voter.
 - If the application appears to have a mismatched signature, the application is not rejected. The voter is sent a provisional ballot and the [2020 APP mis match Sig – Cure Letter](#) and the [Absentee Application Sig Cure Affidavit](#) are sent. The ballot remains provisional until the cure is returned and accepted.
 - If the voter has registered for the first time by mail and has never provided a copy of the required ID, they are sent a provisional ballot and the [1st Time Mail](#) letter. If we get no response, we send the [2nd ID letter](#). The ballot remains provisional until the ID copy is returned and accepted.
- Regarding Ballots
 - Attached is the [Rejected Ballot letter](#). There are no affidavits sent for rejected ballots.
 - If the ballot appears to have a mismatched signature or no signature, the voter is sent a [2020 Ballot no Sig Letter](#) and the [Absentee Ballot Cure Affidavit](#). The ballot remains provisional until the cure is returned and accepted.

I hope this answers your questions,

Janine Eveler

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Register...then Vote!

From: Jacquelyn Bettadapur [mailto:jacquelyn@cobbdemocrats.org]

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:17 PM

To: Eveler, Janine <Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org>

Subject:

Good morning, Janine. I hope this finds you well. A few questions....

How many absentee ballot applications have been submitted to date in Cobb? How many have been processed?

What is the projected turnaround time from submission of application to receiving a ballot?

Can you share with me a copy of the notice that goes to the voter if a ballot application or ballot is rejected? Is there an enclosed affidavit that goes out with the rejection notice that the voter must complete, sign and return? If so, does the affidavit have to be notarized?

Apologies for all the questions. Just want to make sure I have my ducks in a row for when all the questions start rolling in.

Thanks, Janine.

Best regards,
Jacquelyn Bettadapur
Chair, Cobb County Democratic Committee
cell: 678-620-8394

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Date _____

Registration # _____

Dear Voter:

We have received your application to register to vote for the first time in Georgia by mail. According to Georgia law, you must provide identification before you can be allowed to vote.

Please **send us a copy of one of the following forms of I.D. immediately** so that we may update your record:

- Georgia driver's license
- Valid ID card issued by any state, or the United States authorized to issue ID with photo
- Valid U. S. Passport
- Valid Government employee ID card with photo
- Valid United States military ID card with photo
- Valid tribal ID card with photo
- Current utility bill with elector's name and address
- Current bank statement with elector's name and address
- Current paycheck or Government check with elector's name and address
- Valid Government document with elector's name and address

This ID can be mailed to my attention at the P.O. Box listed above or faxed to me at 770-528-2458.

If you fail to send us a copy of your I.D. now, you will have to produce I.D. at the polls before you can vote. If you are unable to produce any of the items of identification listed above on Election Day, you will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is a ballot that will be counted only if the Registrar receives and verifies a copy of your identification. **This may slow down the voting process and cause you to have to spend extra time at the polls on Election Day.**

If you intend to vote by absentee ballot, and you have not provided a copy of your ID beforehand, you will be required to submit a copy of your ID before your absentee ballot can be counted.

To make your voting process as smooth as possible, **please respond to this letter immediately.**

If you have any questions, please call this office at 770/528-1198. Thank you for your interest in voting!

Sincerely,

Beau Gunn
Absentee Supervisor

Date: _____

Registration #: _____

Dear Voter:

The signature on your application did not match the signature in our files. Attached is an Absentee Ballot Application Signature Cure Affidavit Form that must be completed before your application may be accepted.

For your ballot to count: follow the instructions on the attached affidavit and return it to this office in one of the following manners:

Email: absenteedesk@cobbcounty.org

Faxed: 770-528-2458

Also can be hand carried or mailed to: Elections Office, 736 Whitlock Ave Marietta, GA 30064 Suite 400

Please contact our Absenting Voting Office at 770-528-2684 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Absentee Staff

Date: _____

Registration #: _____

Dear Voter:

Attached is an Absentee Ballot Signature Cure Affidavit Form that must be completed before your ballot can be accepted and counted. You are receiving the form for the reason checked below. In order for your ballot to be counted, follow the instructions, complete the form and return within the time specified on the affidavit.

____ You did not sign the Oath of Voter on the back of the yellow envelope.

____ The signature on the Oath of Voter does not appear to be that of the voter.

____ Other:

The affidavit may be returned by: email – absenteehelpdesk@cobbcounty.org or
Mailed to the address on this letter or it may be faxed to the above fax number.

Please contact our Absenting Voting Office at 770-528-2684 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Absentee Staff

April 27, 2020

Dear Voter,

I realize you may have received several notices regarding needing to furnish ID in order for your ballot to count.

I would very much like for your ballot to be counted, but if we don't receive your ID we will not be able to do that. If you put your ID in the envelope with the ballot, that is not acceptable. We would need for you to mail it to us. We do not open the ballot unless ID has been furnished.

The following forms of ID are acceptable so that we may count your ballot election night:

- Georgia Driver's license
- Valid ID card issued by any state, or the United States authorized to issue ID with photo
- Valid U.S. Passport
- Valid Government employee ID card with photo
- Valid United States military ID card with photo
- Valid tribal ID card with photo
- Current utility bill with elector's name and address
- Current bank statement with elector's name and address
- Current paycheck or Government check with elector's name and address
- Valid Government document with elector's name and address

If you will send me a copy of one of the above items, we will enter the information into our system. Then we will be able to accept your ballot for counting.

I have enclosed a prepaid envelope so you can mail your ID to me. If you fax it to us at 770-528-2458, please write your name on the document along with the copy of your ID.

You must deliver or send a copy of your ID to the Elections Office by 5:00pm on the Friday following Election Day or your ballot will not be counted.

If you have any questions, please call me at 770-528-1198.

Sincerely,
Beau Gunn
Supervisor of Absentee Voting
770-528-1198

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION SIGNATURE CURE AFFIDAVIT FORM

This affidavit is for a voter who completed an absentee ballot application and the signature on the application did not match the signature on the voter's file. Follow these instructions in order for your ballot to count.

INSTRUCTIONS

IN ORDER FOR YOUR PROVISIONAL ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Return your completed provisional absentee by mail ballot and signed oath by Election Day
2. Complete and sign the affidavit below
3. Make a copy of one of the following forms of identification (ID):
 - Georgia driver's license
 - Valid photo ID card issued by any entity of the state of Georgia, any other state, or the U.S.
 - Valid U.S. passport
 - Valid government employee photo ID
 - Valid U.S. military ID card with photo
 - Valid Tribal ID with photo
 - Current utility bill showing name and address
 - Current government check or paycheck showing name and address
 - Current government document showing name and address
 - Current bank statement showing name and address
4. Return the completed affidavit and the copy of your identification (ID) to your county registrar/election office within three (3) days after the election and by the close of business on the third day. Return can be made by one of the following methods:
 - Deliver personally or through a third party;
 - Fax or email (attach the completed affidavit and copy of identification); or
 - Mail this completed affidavit and copy of identification.

Address and other contact information for each county registrar's office is available at:

<https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>

THIS COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT AND IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR COUNTY REGISTRAR/ELECTION OFFICE WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION AND BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE THIRD DAY, OR YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT ENCLOSE THE AFFIDAVIT AND IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION WITH YOUR BALLOT. RETURN SEPARATELY FROM YOUR BALLOT.

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury that I am registered and qualified to vote in the primary, election, or runoff in question; and that I previously completed and returned an absentee ballot application. I further understand that my failure to sign and timely return my provisional absentee ballot and this affidavit with the requested identification documentation will result in my provisional absentee by mail ballot not being counted.

VOTER'S SIGNATURE OR MARK (REQUIRED)

VOTER'S NAME (PRINT CLEARLY)

DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Registration #: _____

or

Place Mailing Label with Registration #

Form - ApplicationCure19

ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT SIGNATURE CURE AFFIDAVIT FORM

This affidavit is for a voter who returned an absentee by mail ballot that was missing an oath signature or the signature on the oath did not match the signature on the voter's file. Follow these instructions in order for your ballot to count.

INSTRUCTIONS

IN ORDER FOR YOUR ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Complete and sign the affidavit below
2. Make a copy of one of the following forms of identification (ID):
 - Georgia driver's license
 - Valid photo ID card issued by any entity of the state of Georgia, any other state, or the U.S.
 - Valid U.S. passport
 - Valid government employee photo ID
 - Valid U.S. military ID card with photo
 - Valid Tribal ID with photo
 - Current utility bill showing name and address
 - Current government check or paycheck showing name and address
 - Current government document showing name and address
 - Current bank statement showing name and address
3. Return the completed affidavit and the copy of your identification (ID) to your county registrar/election office within three (3) days after the election and by the close of business on the third day. Return can be made by one of the following methods:
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AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury that I am registered and qualified to vote in the primary, election, or runoff in question; and that I previously requested, completed, and returned an absentee by mail ballot. I further understand that my failure to sign and timely return this affidavit with the requested identification documentation will result in my absentee by mail ballot not being counted.

VOTER'S SIGNATURE OR MARK (REQUIRED)

VOTER'S NAME (PRINT CLEARLY)

DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Registration #: _____
or
Place Mailing Label with Registration #

Form - BallotCure19

Date: _____

Dear Voter:

We have received your application requesting an Absentee Ballot by mail.



We are unable to process your application for the following reason(s):

1. ☐ **Application Rejected - Signature missing or Electronic Signature on application.**
Please complete a new application as soon as possible. Keep in mind that the last day we can mail a ballot to you is the Friday before the election. **An application is enclosed.**
2. ☐ **Application Rejected - Party not selected.** Keep in mind that the last day we can mail a ballot to you is the Friday before the election. **An application is enclosed.**
3. ☐ **Application Rejected - Application received too early for the November 3, 2020 election.**
Applications may not be accepted more than 180 days before an election. Please reapply after May 7, 2020. **An application is enclosed.**
4. ☐ **Application Rejected - We cannot mail the ballot to a 2nd Cobb County address unless the voter is disabled or detained.** No selection was made indicating disability. **An application is enclosed.**
5. ☐ **Registration Issue** - The residence address on the application is different from the voter's registered address, OR the voter is not registered in Cobb County. The last date to update registration for this Primary is May 11, 2020. **An application and a registration card are enclosed.**
6. ☐ **Other -** _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at **770-528-2684**.

Sincerely,
Absentee Voting Staff

Date:

Registration #:

Dear Voter:

Your absentee ballot for the _____ Election was rejected for the following reason:

_____ Returned undeliverable by the Post Office.

_____ Ballot was received on _____ too late to be counted.

_____ You failed to submit proper ID when registering which is required by Federal Law 107-252.

_____ Other: _____.

Please contact our Absentee Office at 770-528-2684 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Absentee Voting Staff

From: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:58 AM EDT
To: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: The Buzz Post - 5/19/2020 Absentee by Mail Process

A [new discussion](#) has
been posted in The Buzz by Hallman, John on 3/31/2020 9:45 AM

Election Officials,

Absentee ballot applications for every active voter have been printed and placed in the mail. Voters should begin receiving applications this week. As these are completed and returned to your office, please enter them into ElectionNet. For all applications received on or before today, Tuesday, March 31, 2020, enter an issue date of 3/31/2020. For all applications received after 3/31/2020, enter the date that the application was entered into ElectionNet as the issue date. For example, if you receive an absentee ballot application next Monday, you would review it for eligibility and then enter the application into ElectionNet with an issue date of 4/6/2020.

The Secretary of State has hired a vendor that will issue ballots based off of reports exported from ElectionNet. We will be using the issue date in order to identify voters that need to be issued an absentee ballot, so it is important that absentee ballots are entered into ElectionNet and accurate issue dates are recorded. The vendor is not yet prepared to begin issuing ballots. We will update you when they start sending ballots out.

Counties will be responsible for sending out all UOCAVA ballots this week to all UOCAVA voters that requested deliver by physical mail. Be sure to check if the voter participated in the 3/24/2020 before issuing the ballot to determine if the voter should receive a Combined May/PPP ballot or the May only ballot. The UOCAVA EBD process will remain unchanged.

Counties will also be responsible for issuing absentee ballot to any voter that is in a provisional or challenged status. This would include voters that were entered into the system as provisional/challenged because of a signature mismatch or voters that are currently in a status that would require their ballot to be issued provisionally.

For more information on the State's absentee by mail process, the Official Election Bulletin posted on 3/27/2020 to the Official Communications folder of Firefly.

Thanks,

John Hallman

jhallman@sos.ga.gov

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