



The Hudson County Clerk E. Junior Maldonado, County Executive Thomas DeGise and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, in conjunction with the Office of Digital Information, is proud to announce that Hudson County is leading the way by being the first County in the State of New Jersey to offer our residents the ability to locate their polling place by simply entering their registered voting address into our 2020 General Election Voting Website! It can be found at vote2020.hcnj.us, accessible from a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer.

Although voting for the 2020 General Election in New Jersey will be conducted primarily through vote-by-mail ballots because of the social distancing guidelines instituted by the CDC and the State of New Jersey, a limited number of physical polling locations will still be accessible. The polling places, generally located in public facilities, will be used for provisional ballot voting, ADA compliant machine voting and as vote-by-mail drop-off locations on Election Day for those voters assigned to that polling location.

Due to the decreased number of polling places, voters' polling locations may not be the same locations utilized in past elections. In anticipation of these changed circumstances, our team proactively planned and created the preeminent program in New Jersey to locate polling places. By simply visiting the 2020 General Election Website at vote2020.hcnj.us and scrolling down to the "Voting at a Polling Place" section, users can enter an address or facility in the search bar or click a location directly on the map to locate their polling site location and hours of operation. Driving directions are also available by selecting "Directions".

The screenshot displays three main components of the website:

- Map:** A map titled "Election Polling Places" showing the location of a polling place in Jersey City, NJ, with a blue route and a 7-minute travel time from the search address.
- Find My Polling Place:** A search interface where the address "173 Harrison Ave., Jersey City, NJ, 07310" was entered, resulting in a 7-minute travel time.
- Sample Ballot:** A detailed ballot for the "OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOT" for the City of Jersey City, dated November 3, 2020. It lists candidates for various offices including Mayor, Council, and School Board, along with a municipal question and a personal choice section.

In addition to this feature, unique to Hudson County's election website, constituents will also have the ability to digitally preview their sample ballot associated with that polling site and access critical election information and directions, such as the location of the closest vote-by-mail official drop box.

County Executive Tom DeGise noted "the investments Hudson County has made into our digital infrastructure has paid great dividends. We are proud to be the first County in the State to offer such a service. We had great success with the creation of Hudson County's Covid-19 Dashboard and are thrilled to capitalize on our information network with the launch of the 2020 General Election voting website." Hudson County Clerk E. Junior Maldonado agreed, adding that he hopes "the website and its unique features will serve as a model for others to follow. In a climate of confusion and misinformation, it is important that Hudson County residents have the ability to access reliable, accurate material regarding the upcoming General Election."

This innovative website is a valuable tool created with the voter in mind to assuage concerns associated with the new election procedures. We look forward to continuing to provide the residents of Hudson County with new means to navigate this 2020 General Election with ease.