AARON AMMONS CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

2022 PROGRESS REPORT



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TABULATOR



LAPTOPS



DROP BOX



MAIL OPENER



EXPRESS VOTE



VBM SECURITY BAG



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ARPA Funded

• ARPA Funded Vote by Mail sorter





Thank you to the County Board for approving



ARPA FUNDING

 The County Clerk's office will use ARPA funds to offset cost of sending out vote by mail applications and other election mailings

Election Updates

 Expanded early voting for the 2022 Election cycle.

Early Voting for the 2022 Elections

In 2018 there were 10 early voting sites In 2020 & 2021 early voting sites were increased to 12 For the 2022 Election Cycles there will be 29 Universal Locations

Direct Response to Voters

- Our data shows that 5% of voters in 2012 voted early and 3% voted by mail.
- In 2012 3,476 people voted early and 2,442 voted by mail
- In 2016 19, 952 people voted early and 6,161 voted by mail
- In 2020 41,830 people voted early and 28,151 voted by mail
- *During those same elections the percentage of people who voted at a precinct polling location dropped each election.

More Data

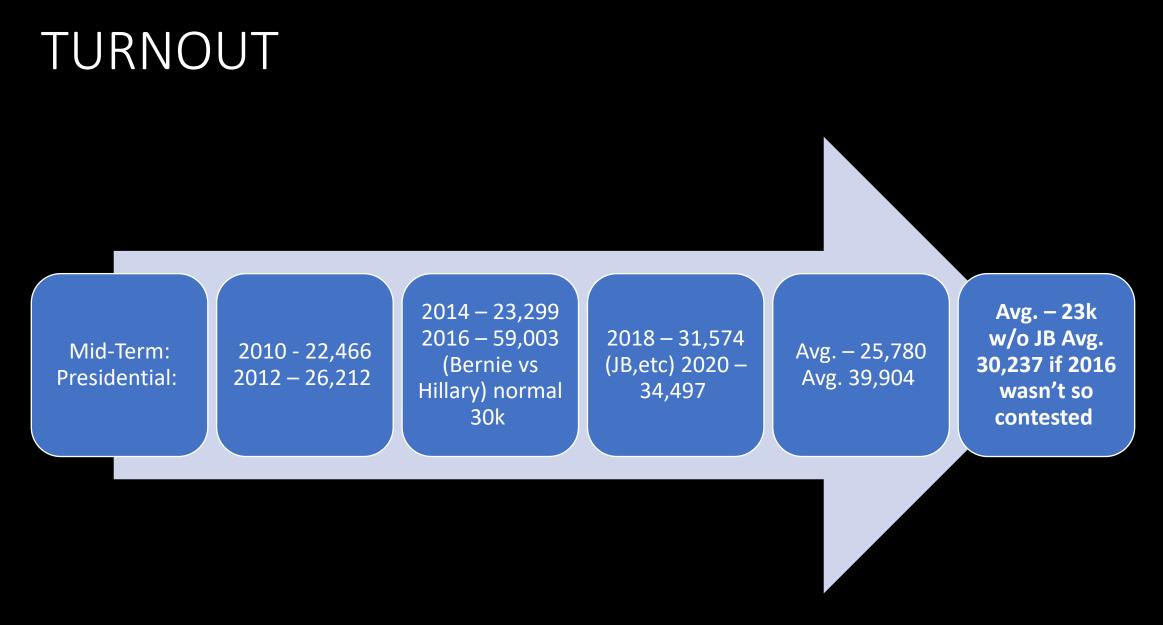
- We went from 92% in 2012 to 72% in 2016 to 20% in 2020
- Some could argue 2020 was an anomaly one cannot dispute the significant increase of early voting and VBM from 2012-2016
- One of the impacts of COVID-19 is that voters are more informed about ways to vote than ever before. Our office has done considerable outreach and education.
- It's clear that once voters experience the ease of voting early or VBM they never go back to the rigid process of voting at a prescribed location on one day between the hours of 6AM-7PM.

Trends

The voting data tells us in 2020 that percentage wise the increase in early voting and VBM were both 23% and 22% respectively. During the same period and same elections, the precinct based voting decreased from 92% to 20%

Caveat

As a caveat, on election day in 2020, of the 26,024 people who voted, 6,344 of those voters chose a universal location/Vote Center instead of their precinct-based location to cast their votes. To be clear, of the 96k+ people who voted, less than 20k voted at their precinct-based location. Eight years prior, 77K voted at their precinct location.



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Vote by Mail Legislation

This year the General Assembly passed a bill to allow for a continuing or permanent vote by mail list.

This means voters who are eligible to request for the permanent list will be able to receive a ballot for every election they are able to vote in.

DROP BOXES

MORE DROP BOX LOCATIONS WILL BE ADDED IN RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY IN RANTOUL, ST JOSEPH, MAHOMET, AND SAVOY.

UNFORTUNATELY, TOLONO OPTED NOT TO HAVE A DROP BOXE EVEN THOUGH DATA SHOWED THAT ALMOST 20% OF THEIR VOTERS USED VOTE BY MAIL.

COVID 19

- We are working with CUPH on best ways to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 to help keep voters, staff, and election judges safe.
- We will continue to employ use of masks, sanitizer, and plexiglass to help prevent the spread of the virus.