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County ClerkJRegistrar Of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #20215

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: Isl Jana M. Lean
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RE: General Election: Natural Disaster - Displaced from Residence

We have received inquiries regarding the issue of whether a voter, who for example, has recently been displaced (either temporarily or permanently) from their home due to a fire, is required to re-register to vote at a different address. Below is guidance that can be provided to your voters.

For the November 3, 2020, General Election only, all active registered voters will receive their ballots in the mail. A ballot will be mailed to the address at which the voter is registered to vote. However, if there is a mailing address listed, the ballot will be mailed to that address. Voter registration records should reflect a voter's current residence and mailing address.

Temporary Displacement

If a voter has been temporarily displaced from their home, and the voter intends to return to their residence in the future€ and/or mail delivery to their residence is disrupted, the voter can continue to use their prior permanent residence where they were registered to vote as their address for the purpose of voting and they can re-register to update their mailing address for this election; a vote-by-mail ballot can be sent to the home of a family member or friend, a post office box, or to the voter's work.

If a voter does not wish to register with a new mailing address, the voter can either request a Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) ballot through your office (this will soon be an available request via VoterStatus cargov) or use the one-time Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application to provide a mailing address where they can receive their ballot for this November 2020 election,