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## Berks to Begin Finalizing and Testing November Election Ballots

**Reading, PA — 09/17/2024** — As of Monday, September 16, all court cases related to statewide election candidates were resolved. The Department of State has certified the official candidate list for all offices.

This means counties can move into finalizing and testing the ballots. After the ballots have been tested, they will be printed and mailed to voters. This process, from finalizing to mailing, can take at least two weeks.

The Department of State launched a new resource on its website that allows voters to check on the availability of mail ballots in their county: <u>https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote/voter-support/ballot-availability.html</u>

The Berks County Election Services office will also post updates on its website to announce when ballots are available: <a href="https://www.berkspa.gov/elections">www.berkspa.gov/elections</a>. Any voter who included an email address on their application for a ballot will also receive email updates at each step of the process. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is October 29, but the County encourages anyone interested in voting by mail to send in their application early.

The County of Berks thanks voters for their patience and is dedicated to sending ballots to voters as soon as possible.

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