

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-337

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO AUTHORIZE VOTERS IN NEW JERSEY TO VOTE UTILIZING VOTING MACHINES IN ADDITION TO VOTE-BY-MAIL

WHEREAS, it is recognized that in order to further prevent the spread of COVID-19, all reasonable measures are being taken to avoid physical contact between individuals and maintaining social distancing among other actions, including continuous disinfecting objects being touched by multiple individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has stressed the need for vote-by-mail for the upcoming November 2020 general election to alleviate the possibility of the spread of COVID-19 at the polling places; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Vineland have expressed their desire to vote in the same manner as they have in the past by attendance at their polling place and voting personally with the use of the voting machines; and

WHEREAS, the United States Election Assistance Commission has issued best practices and considerations for election polling locations and voters to prevent the spread of coronavirus diseases while still allowing voters to vote at their polling place utilizing voting machines which includes hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, wearing of facial covers, adequate supplies of hand sanitizers, social distancing, disinfecting voting-associated equipment, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, by following best practices and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is clear that voters may safely exercise their right to vote in the November election by several means including attendance at their polling place utilizing existing voting machines.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor and Council urge Governor Murphy and the Secretary of the Department of State encourage all voters to cast their vote in this November election by all means available including attendance at polling places and utilizing voting machines while following best practices and considerations for election polling locations and voters as specified by the CDC and United States Election Assistance Commission.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk