

Directive Regarding Notice and Communication

Notwithstanding Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath, the State of New Jersey is committed to holding a fair, open, transparent, and accessible election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, as established by federal law, 3 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.

In my capacity as the State's Chief Election Official, I am working with State, county, and local officials to address election-day polling issues that have arisen as a result of Hurricane Sandy. In order to facilitate voter participation, and pursuant to the authorities vested in me by Executive Order 104, you are hereby directed that County Boards of Election shall make all efforts to inform voters within their counties of where the voters may vote. Those efforts include but are not limited to:

- **County websites**
 - Provide updated polling place assignments and locations for all polling places within the county.
 - Notify the affected municipalities. Ask that the municipality provide a link to the county's website.
 - Notify the League of Women Voters and ask them to post the information on their website.
- **Reverse 911**
 - Advise all voters of change in polling place no later than Monday, November 5, 2012.
- **PSA Announcements**
 - Request all available local cable and radio stations announce the listing of any relocated polling place.
 - Request all radio stations within the county's listening area to announce there may be polling place changes and to provide contact information for the Board of Election.
- **Newspaper Notice**
 - Contact all daily newspapers that circulate within the county for an article or display ad regarding the changed locations. Publicize this information through the day of the Election.
- **Posting at the Unavailable Polling Place**
 - If the unavailable polling place may be safely reached, post notices at the entryway(s) informing the voters of the new location.

