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## RE: STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON BROOKLYN ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Due to an error by the print vendor, Phoenix Graphics, some voters may have received a mislabeled ballot envelope (the one labelled Official Absentee Ballot Envelope), in the ballot package. The Board of Elections is committed to ensuring every voter has a voice and the chance to cast their ballot without fear of fraud or disenfranchisement. The Board is sending out a second absentee ballot package with the corrected information to all voters who **may** have been affected by this error.

Voters should expect to begin receiving replacement ballots during the week of 10/09/2020.

Upon receipt of the second ballot package, voters will be instructed to destroy the contents of the previous absentee ballot package and use the corrected materials included in this mailing. Affected voters who have returned their absentee ballot, will be instructed to fill out the replacement ballot and send it back in the provided envelope as soon as possible. **The Board will ensure that the second ballot will be the only one that is counted.** 

"We will ensure on behalf of the voters in Brooklyn that the proper ballots and ballot envelopes are in the hands of the voters far enough in advance of Election Day so they can vote." said Board Executive Director, Michael Ryan.

It is important to note that New York State Election Law allows voters who have requested or returned their absentee ballot to still vote in person. An in-person vote will override and invalidate any absentee ballot received by the Board.

Voters should be receiving mail shortly which will notify them of their Early Voting and Election Day Poll Sites. Early Voting begins October 24, 2020-November 1, 2020. Additionally you can visit our website at vote.nyc for your Poll Site information.

We apologize for this error. Any questions can be answered at 1-866-VOTE-NYC or visit our website at vote.nyc.