



John P. Kelly
JOHN P. KELLY
County Clerk

THIS BALLOT CANNOT BE VOTED. IT IS A SAMPLE COPY OF THE OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT USED ON ELECTION DAY.

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION COUNTY OF OCEAN NOVEMBER 3, 2026
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
POLLS OPEN BETWEEN 6:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

Township of Manchester

IMPORTANT ! ATTENTION VOTERS !

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS BALLOT AND INSTRUCTIONS. IT WILL ASSIST YOU IN VOTING, AND SAVE TIME ON ELECTION DAY. ALL VOTERS WHO CAN, SHOULD VOTE EARLY IN THE DAY AND THUS AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF CONGESTION AND INCONVENIENCE TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS.

IMPORTANT! ATTENTION VOTERS! IN-PERSON-EARLY VOTING IS AN OPTION - STARTS SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 THRU SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Hours for early voting are Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 8PM and Sunday 10AM to 6PM. It doesn't matter where you live in Ocean County - registered voters can go to any of the 10 sites and conveniently cast your ballot on a voting machine.

ADDITIONAL VOTER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL POLLING LOCATIONS OR VISIT:
www.elections.nj.gov
www.oceancountyclerk.com

www.facebook.com/oceancountyclerk

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

T
Text Size

O
Contrast

Language

?
Help

X
Quit

OFFICE TITLE	REPUBLICAN COLUMN A	DEMOCRATIC COLUMN B	NOMINATION BY PETITION COLUMN C	NOMINATION BY PETITION COLUMN D	PERSONAL CHOICE
MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	Justin MURPHY REPUBLICAN	Cory BOOKER DEMOCRATIC	Veronica FERNANDEZ END THE CORRUPTION!	Joanne KUNIAANSKY SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY	WRITE-IN
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	Christopher H. SMITH REPUBLICAN	Rachel PEACE DEMOCRATIC			WRITE-IN
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THREE YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	Frank SADEGHI REPUBLICAN	Kia C. PHUA DEMOCRATIC			WRITE-IN

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ELECTION		
OFFICE TITLE	COLUMN E	PERSONAL CHOICE
MAYOR FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	Kenneth SEDA <small>INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU</small>	WRITE-IN
	Mariah L. PROKOP <small>TRANSPARENT, STRAIGHTFORWARD LEADERSHIP</small>	
	Joseph T. HANKINS <small>THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR MANCHESTER</small>	

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ELECTION		
OFFICE TITLE	COLUMN F	PERSONAL CHOICE
MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR TWO)	Sandra L. GRAVATT-DRAKE <small>THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR MANCHESTER</small>	WRITE-IN
	Judith L. NOONAN <small>PROVEN, PRESENT, FOR MANCHESTER</small>	WRITE-IN

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION		
OFFICE TITLE	COLUMN G	PERSONAL CHOICE
TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THREE YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR THREE)	Laura WINGLER <small>PUTTING KIDS FIRST</small>	WRITE-IN
	Gloria ADKINSON <small>PUTTING KIDS FIRST</small>	WRITE-IN
	PaulaAnn FAZIO <small>PUTTING KIDS FIRST</small>	WRITE-IN
	Timothy POSS <small>MANCHESTER KIDS FIRST</small>	
	Paula NOWAKOWSKI <small>MANCHESTER KIDS FIRST</small>	
	Steven GIORDANO <small>MANCHESTER KIDS FIRST</small>	

PUBLIC QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON	
<p>COUNTY QUESTION NO. 1</p> <p>OCEAN COUNTY NATURAL LANDS TRUST FUND</p> <p>Shall the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund, which was approved and established by referendum in 1997, and amended by referendum in 2019 to allow for the acquisition, development and maintenance of lands for recreational and historical preservation purposes, increase its funded rate from 1.2 cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation, to 2.2 cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation?</p> <p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This proposal shall increase the tax rate of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund by 1 cent in order to continue to appropriately support the costs of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Program. The Trust Fund prioritizes the preservation of properties in order to preserve natural areas of open space, protect watersheds including groundwater recharge areas and drinking water sources, and the acquisition, development, and maintenance for recreational and historical preservation purposes.</p> <p>A "YES" vote will permit the County to levy a maximum tax of 2.2 cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation. This will be a 1 cent increase, the first and only increase to occur since the inception of the program. As an example, at a rate of 2.2 cents, the owner of a property assessed at \$100,000 would contribute a maximum of \$22 per year to the Trust Fund.</p>	
Yes	No

Print Ballot

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

- The Board Worker will hand you a ballot card and a voting authority: DO NOT FOLD THE BALLOT CARD. Take the card to the voting machine and insert with the cut side to the top right.
- A language selection appears on the screen, follow the prompts by touching the screen for English or Spanish.
- Choose "Start Voting", then make your selections by touching the candidate's name of your choice on the screen.
- If you need to view the ballot or any contest in a larger font, touch "TEXT SIZE" and then touch "LARGE TEXT" and then touch "RETURN TO BALLOT".
- To vote for a person whose name is not shown, touch the "WRITE IN" box in the "PERSONAL CHOICE" column and type in the candidate's name on the keyboard shown on the screen. Touch "ACCEPT".
- Review all selections on the ballot screen. To make a change, touch the contest (name of candidate) and make a selection.
- Touch "PRINT BALLOT". A pop-up window will be displayed giving you the options to either "PRINT" or "RETURN TO BALLOT".
- Touch "PRINT" if you want to continue casting your vote.
- The machine prints the ballot and displays it in the window to the right for you to review, giving you the option to either "CAST" or "QUIT". If you are satisfied with the ballot, touch "CAST". The ballot card is then deposited in a secure card container. If you choose "QUIT", the machine will return the ballot card to you and will direct you to seek the help of a poll worker.

BEFORE ENTERING THE MACHINE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING, ASK THE POLL WORKER.

TEN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN OCEAN COUNTY

BERKELEY - Ocean County Library,
30 Station Rd., Bayville 08721

BRICK - Ocean County Library,
301 Chambersbridge Rd., Brick 08723

JACKSON - Ocean County Library,
2 Jackson Drive, Jackson 08527

LACEY - (Former Knights of Columbus Bldg.)
Lacey Community Center,
Room C, 15 E Lacey Rd., Lacey 08731

LAKEWOOD - Municipal Bldg-Court Rm,
231 3rd St., Lakewood 08701

LAVALLETTE - Upper Shores Library,
112 Jersey City Ave., Lavallette 08735

LITTLE EGG HARBOR - Ocean County Library,
290 Mathistown Rd., Little Egg Harbor 08087

MANAHAWKIN - OC Southern Resource Center-
Nutrition Hall, 179 S Main St., Manahawkin 08050

MANCHESTER - Ocean County Library,
21 Colonial Dr., Manchester 08759

TOMS RIVER - Ocean County Library,
101 Washington St., Toms River 08753

IF YOU VOTED BY MAIL HERE ARE THE OCEAN COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

Barnegat Library - 112 Burr Street, Barnegat

Beachwood Library - 126 Beachwood Boulevard, Beachwood

Berkeley Library - 30 Station Road, Bayville

Brick Library - 301 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick

Jackson Library - 2 Jackson Drive, Jackson

Lacey Library - 10 E. Lacey Road, Forked River

Lavallette Library (Upper Shores) - 112 Jersey City Avenue, Lavallette

Little Egg Harbor Library - 290 Mathistown Road, Little Egg Harbor

Long Beach Island Library - 217 S. Central Avenue, Surf City

Manchester Library - 21 Colonial Drive, Manchester

Northern Resource Center - 225 4th Street, Lakewood

Ocean County Parking Garage - 3rd Floor, Madison Avenue, Toms River

Ocean County Career Center (formerly known as the PIC Building)
- 1959 Route 9, Toms River

Plumsted Library - 119 Evergreen Road, New Egypt

Point Pleasant Borough Library - 834 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant

Southern Resource Center - 179 South Main Street, Manahawkin

Toms River Library - 101 Washington Street, Toms River

Ocean County Courthouse - 118 Washington Street, Toms River

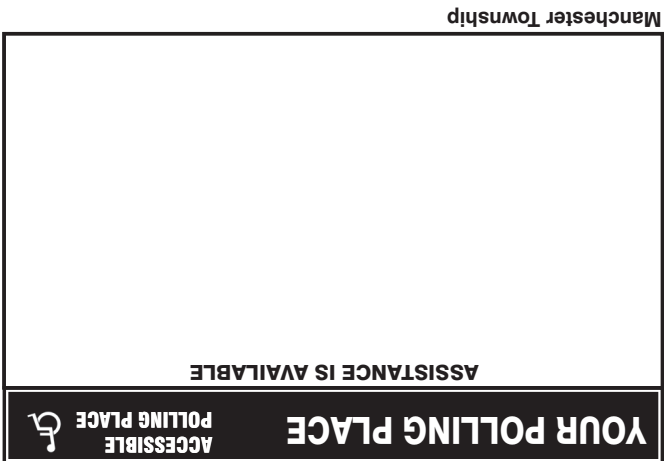
Waretown Library - 112 Main Street, Waretown

Whiting Reading Center/Library - 400 Lacey Road, Suite 5, Whiting

Official General Election
Sample Ballot

"In cases where the sample ballot is to be sent to an addressee who does not receive his mail by delivery to his home or through final free delivery, it not delivered within five days return to the Commissioner of Registration and in all other cases, if not delivered within two days return to the Commissioner of Registration."

COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION
COUNTY OF OCEAN
PO BOX 2006
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754-2006
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



POSTMASTER:
PLEASE DELIVER BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2026



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Toms River, N.J.
08753
Permit No. 13