Office of the Electoral Board and Voter Registration

COUNTY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET

**County Board Work Session** 



Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:00 pm







MISSION: To maintain an accurate list of registered voters and to administer elections fairly and efficiently in an open, transparent, and equitable manner.



## Department Overview

152 days of voting. Ran 4 elections, 40% of the year.



5 Early Voting Sites opened.



Nine 24-hour drop boxes added.

80,000 ballots mailed. 1st in VA to pre-pay postage for return ballots.

62 new voting laws.

10,000 lbs. of PPE organized.





## FY 2022 Budget Highlights

- Adjusting positions to continue to respond to changes in laws and in how people vote.
  - Successful pilot of a one-time funded Early Voting Coordinator in FY 2021 led to creation of two new part-time permanent positions: a Mail Ballot Assistant and Early Voting Coordinator.
- Strengthening partnerships with community organizations to increase outreach initiatives.









# Elections in the COVID-19 Pandemic



#### Elections in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Goal was to avoid having the pandemic impact someone's choice to vote.

#### **Maintain Services**

- Office remained open.
- Kept all 54 polling places open. Moved voting outside to protect residents at senior centers.

#### **Increase Options**

- Expanded early voting.
- Added drop boxes.
- Made applications available at Libraries.
- Paid return postage for mail ballots.

#### **Make Voting Safe**

- Strict safety protocols for employees.
- Extra equipment for social distancing.
- Utilized online Election Officer training.

## Focus on Equity

- It's in our mission
- Focus on services for all voters
  - Applications at libraries to help voters without a computer or printer
  - No resident more than 2 miles to a 24-hour drop box or early voting location
  - Piloted ADA ballot marking system during Special Election for Virginia so printdisabled voters had the same ability to vote independently from home
  - Focus on hiring election officers from the community.
- Leverage community and County partners

## FY 2022 Budget Summary

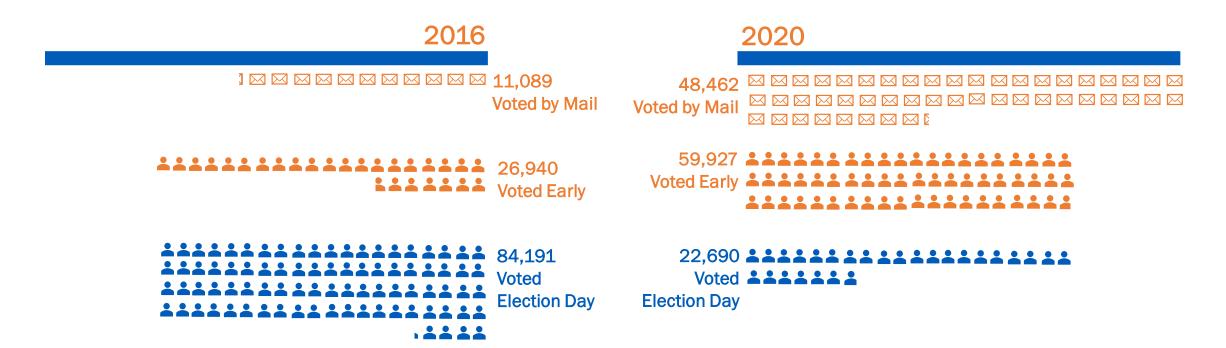
	FY 2021 Adopted	FY 2022 Proposed	Change	% Change
Expenses	\$1,835,477	\$1,828,491	-\$6,986	-
Revenue	\$84,107	\$84,107	-	-
<b>Funded FTEs</b>	9.8 FTEs	9.8 FTEs	-	-

# FY 2022 Budget Changes

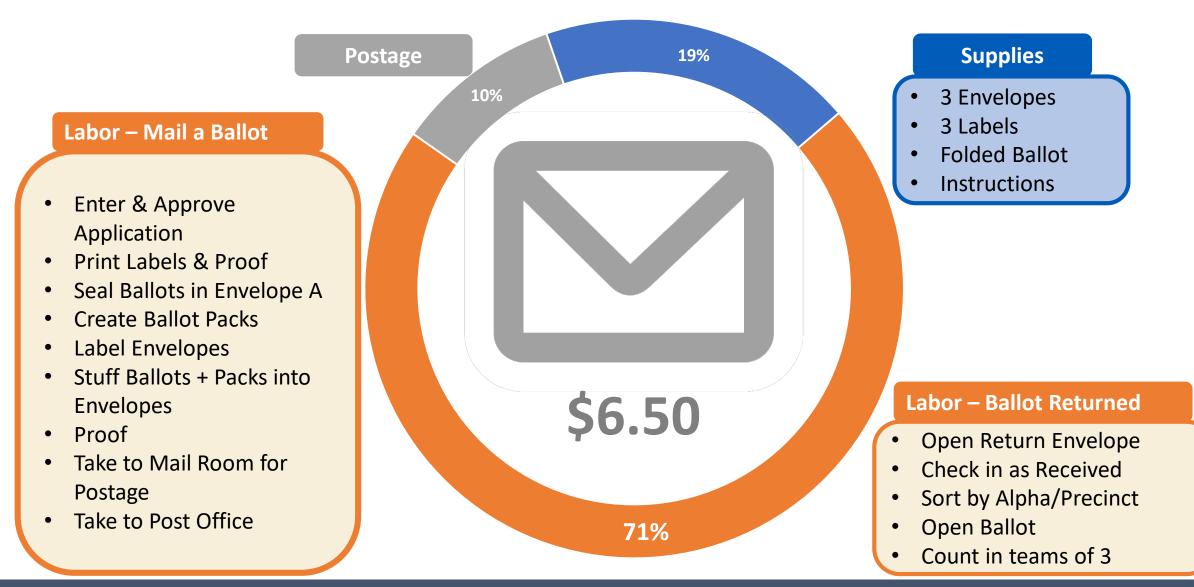
	FY 2022 Proposed Expense	FY 2022 Proposed Revenue	Budget Impact	Staff Impact
Salary adjustments for job family studies and living wage	\$121,224	-	+\$121,224	-
FY 2021 one-time funded Early Voting Coordinator converted to two new part-time permanent positions: a Mail Ballot Assistant and Early Voting Coordinator	\$76,000		+\$76,000	-
Removal of one-time funds for CY 2020 Presidential Election	-\$230,900	-	-\$230,900	-

## Key Budget Considerations

#### Monitor Shifting Voting Behaviors



#### **Estimated Costs to Mail a Ballot**



### Key Budget Considerations

#### SPACE

Needed additional space to be successful in 2020 at:

- 2200 Clarendon
- 2100 Clarendon 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> floors
- 1400 N. Uhle St.







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