

Wayne County
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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A STATEMENT FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Voters of Wayne County for your continued understanding and patience as we work through this unusual and extraordinary situation. We would like to assure voters who have already cast their vote – either in person or by mail – that your vote **WILL BE COUNTED** without any further action. We are currently making the necessary adjustments and preparations, as directed the Ohio Secretary of State, to administer a fair and accurate Primary Election in Wayne County.

To to the many Election Officials who honored their commitment and planned to serve at polling locations on March 17 – **THANK YOU!** We do understand and have compassion for those persons who are elderly and/or have underlying health conditions who felt it necessary to refrain from serving at this time. We wish you all good health and hope to see you in future elections.

To the many people who volunteered in the final days and hours prior to the postponement, we **THANK YOU** for stepping up and appreciate your sense of civic duty and sacrifice! We sincerely hope you will consider serving in future elections.

To the owners and proprietors of our polling locations, **THANK YOU** for keeping your facilities open and available to us. Special appreciation goes out to Rittman Recreation Center, Connection Church and The Church of the Nazarene for last minute adjustments to accommodate additional precincts when we were ordered to vacate Sr. Citizen Residential Facilities and to those facilities which planned to remain as polling locations even though they were closed for regular business.

Julie Leathers Stahl, Director
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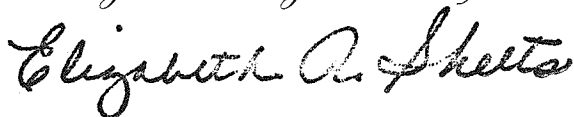
To our staff members--both permanent staff and temporary election personnel – **THANK YOU!** Your dedication to the election process and hard work under pressure-packed circumstances and ever-changing requirements, while working long hours, and experiencing numerous sleepless nights was exceptional!

Administering Elections is a total team effort---from the Ohio Secretary of State and his team; the County Board of Elections Members/Staff and supporting Wayne County Officials/Employees; our many partners at our polling locations throughout the County; and the wonderful Precinct Election Officials who give of their time on Election Day. We thank you and appreciate your service to our community and the voters of Wayne County.

We would also like to thank the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies who assisted with posting signs at polling locations between midnight and 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

For the latest updates and more information on this ever-changing situation, please visit our website at www.WayneCountyOH.gov.

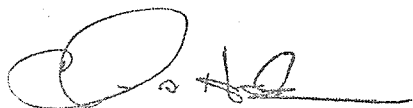
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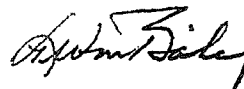
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