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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mayor Cagnetti asks Secretary of State to conduct June 2 primary election using at-home voting

SCRANTON, PA – Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti sent a letter to Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar requesting mail-in ballot applications for every voter in Lackawanna County for the primary election on June 2, asking that the election be conducted by mail-in ballot only. Mayor Cagnetti also requested that the Department of State increase vote from home infrastructure ahead of the November 3 general election in anticipation of continued COVID-19 risks.

“A traditional election where voters stand in line, fill out ballots next to each other, and share ballot booths could lead to a spike of COVID-19 infections. Conducting the June 2 primary with mail-in ballots will prevent this risk.”

The Pennsylvania State Legislature passed election reforms last year. The reforms included no fault absentee ballots for all Pennsylvania voters. The COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing measures have increased the need for an option to vote from home. Making it easier to vote from home is the best way policy makers can protect public health and the right to vote.

“I encourage Scranton voters to be proactive and apply now for a mail-in ballot for the upcoming June 2 primary election so that they aren’t faced with a choice between their safety and their vote.”

Residents can sign up to receive a ballot by mail at www.votespa.com or by calling the Lackawanna County Department of Elections at (570) 963-6737. The deadline to sign up for a primary ballot is May 26, 2020. Ballots must be received by the County by June 2, 2020.

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