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Local Democrats Send Letters to Absentee Voters

Effective Contact Program Ensures Voters Receive Information About their Ballot

(FAIRFAX, VA) – The Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) is continuing the longstanding practice of sending letters to voters who request absentee ballots. FCDC's letters come from the party's headquarters and arrive separately from the ballots. Ballots are sent by the Office of Elections. The two envelopes often arrive at the same time, demonstrating the robust nature of FCDC's outreach programs.

Several news reports alleged that FCDC's materials arrived in the same envelope as the ballot. This is false. FCDC cannot and does not handle ballots, and the Office of Elections does not handle partisan materials.

Lists of those who requested absentee ballots are available to the public. Political parties are free to send mailings to those individuals. FCDC's letters include messages about the candidates and the issues on the ballot – ensuring that voters are aware of our positions on the issues.

"I am pleased that our Committee volunteers are so diligent and effective at reaching voters who request absentee ballots," said Sue Langley, FCDC Chair. "Even with the unprecedented increase in absentee voting, we have been able to inform thousands of voters before they cast their ballots."

Further debunking the false news stories, State Senator Scott Surovell, himself an absentee voter, posted a photo of the two separate envelopes from the Office of Elections and FCDC (pictured at left).



The FCDC mailings included a message from Terry McAuliffe, information about Hillary Clinton and the voter's Congressional candidate, information about the other items on the back of the voter's ballot (constitutional amendments, referendum and bonds), and instructions on completing the absentee ballot envelope to ensure that the voter's ballot is accepted and counted. The instructional materials have decreased the number of ballots that were rejected due to errors.

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