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State Board of Elections warns voters about poll site text messages

ALBANY, N.Y. (06/24/2024) The New York State Board of Elections has received reports of voters across the state receiving unsolicited text messages in recent days from an outside group with incorrect poll site information for tomorrow's Primary Election.

The State Board would like to remind voters that <u>the best place to get information about elections and</u> <u>voting is directly from the New York State Board of Elections and the County Boards of Elections.</u> Voters are encouraged to visit the State Board's <u>voter lookup application</u> to find their Election Day poll site and to not rely on text messages for that information.

The State Board of Elections joined the National Association of Secretaries of State's (NASS) #TrustedInfo2024 campaign earlier this year to encourage voters to go directly to election officials for timely, credible information about elections, rather than relying on outside groups. This incident underscores the importance of that effort this year.

"We encourage voters to contact the Board of Elections for any questions about voting and polling places," stated Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky. "We want all eligible voters to cast their vote tomorrow and to feel confident doing so."

"The safest choice is to rely on election officials for correct and updated information," said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "Voting is a fundamental right, and we do not want any confusion for voters tomorrow at the polls."

To provide information to voters, the New York State Board of Elections maintains an updated <u>website</u>, as well as social media accounts on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and <u>X</u>, to communicate with New Yorkers. Individuals may also sign up for <u>email updates</u> from the State Board to get information delivered right to their inbox.

Tomorrow, June 25, 2024, is the Primary Election for a variety of federal, state, and local level offices in New York State. There is no statewide Primary Election this June. Therefore, not every municipality will have an election tomorrow. Voters should contact their County Board of Elections with questions about elections in their area. Polls are open from 6am to 9pm. Contact information for County Boards can be found https://example.com/here-new-months/

If you have any questions regarding this press release please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the State Board of Elections at (518) 474-1953 or by email at INFO@elections.ny.gov.