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Unofficial Results of the 2020 Primary Election to be Released

Erie, PA – The Erie County Elections Department is releasing final unofficial results today after powering through the most difficult canvass of votes in recent memory. Due to the mass amount of ballots needing to be appropriated into the system and verified, it has caused the timeline in reporting to be flexible. The elections team expects to release unofficial results around 9:30pm this evening.

The official canvass and computation began last Friday. Changes from SB441 and Act 77 led to more than 29,000 paper ballots that had to be opened and sorted starting on Election Day. Many voters who applied for paper ballots came to the polls and voted provisionally.

Erie County Election Board Chairman, Carl Anderson, III – “The resilience that the Election Department has displayed during the unprecedented wave of changes during this Primary Election should make the citizens of Erie County proud. The office has shown great determination and commitment in processing the thousands of ballots within the ordered timeframe, while assuring that the results are provided in a fair and equitable manner.”

Erie County Election Supervisor Tonia Fernandez – “This election truly was a practice run; and we have learned a great deal of how we will need to prepare in the fall. One thing that will change is the ability of voters who filled for a mail-in ballot, to bring those to the poll. During the Primary, we found that many people had to vote provisionally, where as in the fall, they will be able to cast an actual ballot at the poll when relinquishing this mail-in ballot. Many changes on the horizon, but we are set to give it our best efforts for all voters in Erie County.”

The Erie County Board of Elections is scheduled to certify the votes on Monday, June 22nd, in the Erie County Courthouse, Room 114A. Results may be found at www.eriecountypa.gov.