

People who voted on Facebook

Donnie R. Hayes II

Seeking Public Opinion on By-Mail Elections. The Petersburg Borough Assembly is seeking comments on conducting local elections by mail. Should the community convert to a "By Mail" process for borough elections? Or, should we continue with "In-Person" local elections? Tell us which method you prefer and why. Written comments may be submitted to: Borough Clerk at PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK; or emailed to: korear@petersburgak.gov.



I prefer the In-person local election. **22 votes**



I prefer a mail in election. **7 votes**

Voted for In-person Elections

Meggan Hayes

Karen Baush Malcom

Suzanne Ashe

Christin Howard-Fankhauser

NicholeandDarby Mattingly

Christy Gillies-Ware

Jill Elizabeth Powers

Bradley Wells

Summer Baxter

Vint Woodyard

Katey Gilpin

Kim Kilkenny

Julie Anderson

Rebecca Anderson

Ken Lease

Ruby D Tuesday

Little Lisa Larsony

Bryce Wickersham

Angel Worhatch

Voted for a Mail in Election

Sharon 'Birch' Kivisto

Annette Wooton

Dona Nussbaumer

Peter S. Burg

Patrice Huettl

Barbara King

Comments from Facebook

Dona Malhiot Laubhan No by mail
Yes poll with absentee

Dona Malhiot Laubhan No mail in. Last borough election formation a lot of outline people did not get to vote.. Plus many people travel and the ballots do not get forward ..
Last borough formation many were up north had their mail forward & Did not get ballot .. But summer part time ppl whom had friends &/ or family to repackage ballot and forward got to vote..
Need absentee ballots and in person so true borough residents get to vote...

Valerie Allen I like the idea of mail in ballots as long as absentee ballots are still an option. IE: those people who may be on an extended vacation or those who do not get their mail on a regular basis.

Dona Malhiot Laubhan I and many Do Not want mail in ..Because of experience with borough formation mail in..
I and husband were up north with family and had mail forward for a month.. Us like many that travel around in the year did not get their ballot forwarded for it can not be forwarded to temporary address.. But part time people who are here for a few summer months had friends and /or family send them the borough ballot.. And they got to vote... Hence I prefer walk in and attendees ballots ..
Plus many of the out line borough had hardship of getting their borough formation ballot .

George Cole I agree with Dona and would also suggest an absentee ballot be available several weeks before the election. It might be very helpful to those of us who travel during the winter months to be able to request an absentee ballot by mail or by email.

Dona Malhiot Laubhan Dana Thynes as Mayor of the Only city in the borough of Psg could you please inform your city citizens about the need for in - person & absentee ballots.. Since the last mail in election which was for the borough did not make it easy for some outline ppl to vote ..

Plus many travel & ballots do not get forwarded to vacation or temporary addresses...
But as many of us recall many part summer ppl got to vote since they had friends. & family re envelope their ballots...
Let us learn from the past error ...

Karen Schramek I would rather go to the polls so the ballot doesn't get lost on my desk!

Stacy Luhr I would love to have the option to mail it in.

Rae Schmoll Wilkinson I would rather the polls...I would procrastinate and send it in too late.

Annette Wooton mail.

Tyler Reid polls...my mail gets buried too easily

Sharon 'Birch' Kivisto Mail... its very difficult to get to the polls with my goofy work schedule

Seth Perry mail I might actually vote

Jackie Tyson How does the borough know you're the one who voted?

Annette Wooton You have to sign the envelope.

Jackie Tyson and then they check your signature?

Alice Grant Last year I voted absentee by mail. I was glad to have the option while I was away from home. But I still would rather go to the polls. There is something special about seeing all my fellow citizens walking in and out of the polls to cast their votes. To me that is democracy in action, and I hope people don't become too lazy to go to the polls to cast their vote.

Kirsten Dupree I have voted both absentee and the polls. I prefer the polls but the absentee option is there for those that can't make it to the polls because of schedules or being out of town working.

Dona Malhiot Laubhan Poll with absentee sign up.

Last borough formation was done by mail and numerous ppl did not get their ballot.. I was up north with mail forward for a month and mail voting ballot do not get forwarded .. But part timers had friends & family re envelop ballots and they got to vote... Signature is not a guarantee it is the person.. Plus many in the last mail in election received letters that their ballot were not valid because the postal person or witness signed the incorrect line..
No mail in !!

Kirsten Dupree I hope this is being put to the public somewhere besides FB. Many people that care about this issue do not of access to the internet and their "vote" counts just as much as FB members. I haven't seen this in the newspaper, did I miss it?

Donnie R. Hayes II Kirsten It has been or will be announced at the assembly meetings, on the radio, in the newspaper, and on the borough website. If you know of someone who would like to comment that does not have access to the internet they are welcome to attend the assembly meeting in January where it will be discussed, mail it or even drop it off to the Borough offices. All comments that are left here will also be read into the assembly minutes. Thank you.

Jim Stolpe Mail

Sharon 'Birch' Kivisto I'd love to see if there wod be a better turn out if there was a mail in option. Would be very interesting!

Sheri Wohlhueter I like in person

Richard Burke Mail. I lived in Oregon for several years where they vote by mail. It worked great. I have to leave town often on short notice. Voting by mail will ensure that I can vote.



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Joyce Bergmann I like in person, voting.

Linda Caulum Walk in only unless leaving town. Pick up and turn in vote to the court house. This eliminates voter fraud when people throw away there forms at the post office dump boxes where anyone can fill out and mail in.

Jackie Tyson I vote for in person. It's not like you have to drive very far.

Annette Wooton I honestly dont know much about the voting stats of PSG but I'd guess that we have a low number of voters since most of the time we dont even have enough people to fill the ballot. Do we really need to that concerned with fraud? I just dont see it being a big issue. Sadly I dont think we have enough people who care enough to try to 'rig' and election.

Vint Woodyard Why not make it optional!

Valerie Allen Definately the option to mail in. I know many long time Petersburg residents who spend time down south during the colder months. They should have the option to vote

Beth Hagerman Mail would be a great option

Jerod Cook I think the people who live out side of Petersburg should be able to mail in their vote. It some times takes days to come to town and get back home if you live in Farragut Bay due to weather. For some of these people a vote in person simply isn't practical because of the time involved to get to town. For the rest of us I can go either way.

Linda Slaght I'm confused, would "mail in" be an option, or the only means to vote? If it is the only means, I would want to stick with the in person vote. I think people who live out of town already have the option to vote absentee by mail, so they should already be covered. But maybe I'm missing something. I think voting in person is a good exercise in participatory democracy, however, like the idea of making it easier for folks to vote.

Darcey Judy I would vote for walk in voting. We spent time south and weren't going to be here, all we did was go to the city clerks office and voted absentee. Easy-peasy!

Patti Yoder Steele Walk in gets my vote. Oh what has it come to if we here on an island are too lazy to drive (I understand about the off island hard to get In Places) to the pool to cast our vote....if it's an inconvenience then get absentee vote. The American way is to go to the polling place to cast your vote. I vote for this.

Tonya Martin Last year I was medivaced south and did not get to vote. I would have loved to have had the option to mail in my vote.

Dennis Heimdahl Walk in.

Rikki McKay As a parent, I loved voting by mail in Oregon. From a very young age my children were able to observe the process and ask ANY questions they could think of. That comfortable environment of the kitchen table, combined with the repetition of multiple elections (vs. a one time field trip to the polls) led to great discussions and a lasting impression of civil responsibility that is critical to the success of future government.

Summer Baxter I enjoy bringing my kids to vote with me! I think being there in person gives a wonderful hands-on experience as well, just like the kitchen table would-but different. We have also done mock voting for the kids and, of course, there was a decorated booth and drop box. I absolutely feel there should not be JUST mail-in or JUST walk-in voting.

Jill Williams I like it the way it is....walk in and absentee!

Alice Grant I always heard the statistics that something like less than 50% of registered voters went to the polls. Well, when my husband died, his name kept appearing just below mine every time I went to vote for years. I made phone calls, I wrote letters, I tried to get his name off the rolls, but nothing seemed to work. Finally I requested a change of address card, and listed his new address as Petersburg Cemetery. That worked! Apparently there is not a mechanism to remove a name from the rolls. So, keep that in mind when you think that not enough people turn out to the polls. There may be many people who are deceased, seriously ill, moved away, or whatever.

Michele Pfundt I agree, walk in and absentee.