



New York City Jails Action Coalition

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Dear Members of the Board of Correction,

We request that jail voting be added to the agenda for the July 9, 2019 Board meeting. We would like the Department of Correction (“DOC”) to present on their policies and procedures for facilitating voting for people in DOC custody, and to share details regarding voter turnout for the June 25, 2019 democratic primary election.

We ask that DOC clarify how voting deadlines apply to people in DOC custody. According to the Board of Elections (“BOE”) website, the following dates apply to voting by absentee ballot, the only way for people in DOC custody to vote:

- June 18: the last day to postmark an application for an absentee ballot by mail;
- June 24: the last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person;
- June 24: the last day to postmark an absentee ballot by mail;
- June 25: the last day to submit an absentee ballot in person.

Specifically, we would like the DOC to confirm:

- Whether applications for absentee ballots and completed absentee ballots submitted to the BOE by the DOC, on behalf of people in DOC custody, are considered to be submitted by mail or in person;
- The applicable deadline for the DOC to submit absentee ballot applications to the BOE for the June 25 democratic primary;
- The applicable deadline for the DOC to submit completed absentee ballots to the BOE for the June 25 democratic primary;
- The number of absentee ballot applications submitted by the DOC to the BOE in June 2019;
- The number of completed absentee ballots submitted by the DOC to the BOE in June 2019; and
- The number of eligible voters in their custody on June 25, 2019.

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that the right to vote is protected for people in DOC custody.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Emily Dindial at emily.dindial@gmail.com or (858) 366-8537.

Sincerely,

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