Voter Education for the Primary Election

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

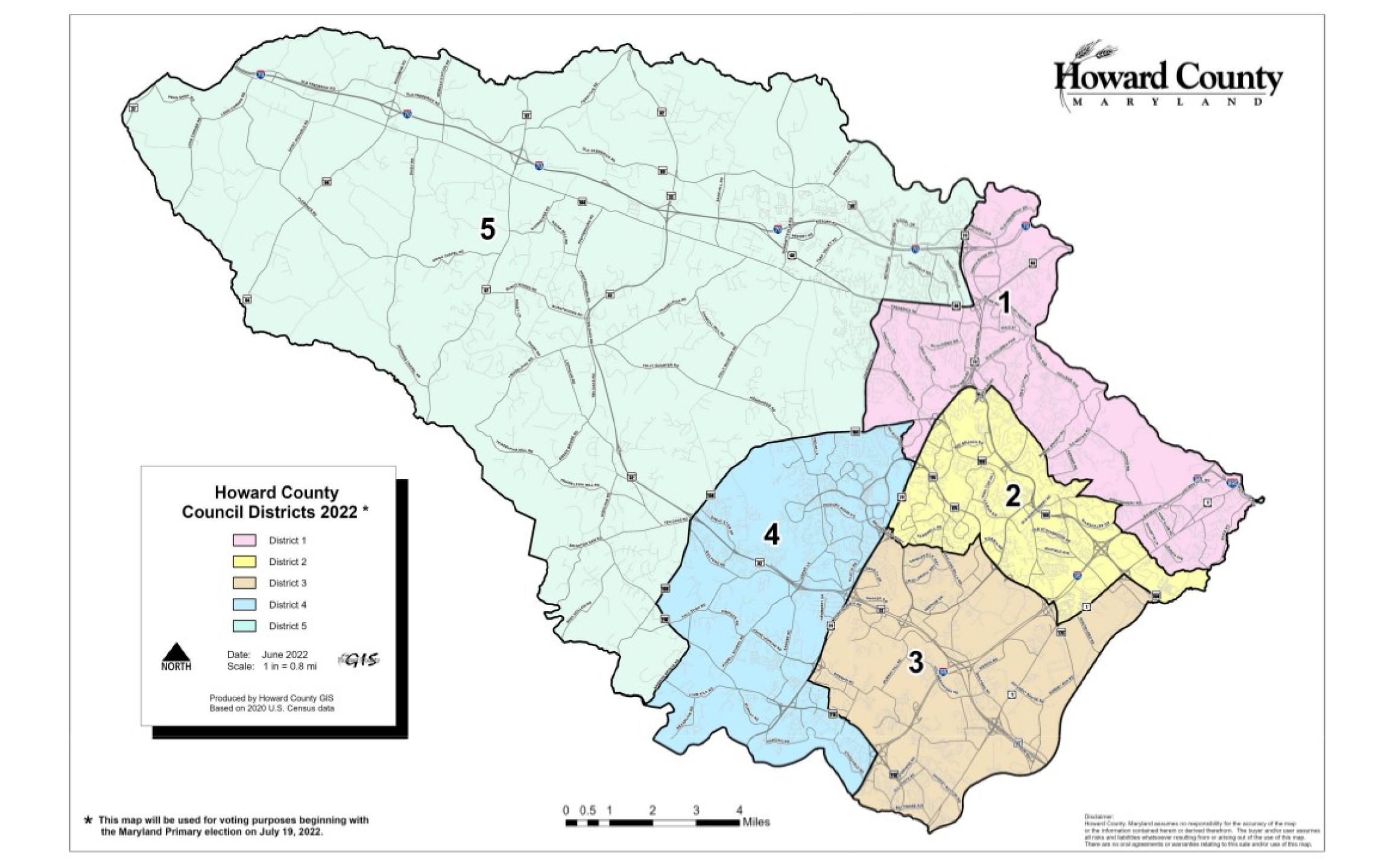
Requests for mail-in ballots must be made by May 7.

Early voting is available at 5 locations, May 2- May 9 from 7am to 8pm daily

Know Your Voting Districts

https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

- PRECINCT: determines your polling place
- CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: to elect your representative to the US. House of Representatives (partisan, federal)
 - District 3 includes all of HoCo, along with most of Anne Arundel County (including Glen Burnie and Annapolis) and part of Carroll Count. It was last redistricted in 2020.
 - https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map
- LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: to elect your state senators and delegates to the Maryland General Assembly (partisan, state)
 - HoCo contains 4 legislative districts: 9A, 9B, 12A, and 13
- COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: to elect your Board of Education and County Council representatives (non-partisan, local)
 - HoCo contains 5 council districts



Overview of School Board Election

Only districts with 3+ candidates will be on the Primary ballot.

- District 1: Andre Gao, Pravin Ponnuri, Meg Ricks
- District 2: Larry Doyle, Antonia Watts (Incumbent)
- District 3: Jolene Mosley (Incumbent)
- District 4: Hiruy Hadgu, Julie Kaplan, Jen Mallo (Incumbent)
- District 5: Catherine Carter, Andrea Chamblee, Trent Kittleman

Candidate Research Tips

- Candidate interviews and questionnaires can be helpful, especially if they go in depth about particular topics.
 - CARY's questionnaire includes a question about book removal in schools: https://www.cary-hoco.org/boe-candidates-24
- Candidate forums, debates, and 'meet the candidate' events can provide more insight into where candidates stand on particular issues.
 - Public Forum hosted by Dar Al Taqwa: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z95flvP1p-0
 - Virtual Forums hosted by LWV: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@leagueofwomenvotersofhowar3980</u>
- What organizations have candidates been endorsed by, or are associated with in some way? Do your values align with that organization?

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- https://www.vote411.org/maryland
 view Maryland-specific voter requirements and more.
- https://www.vote411.org/ballot View the races and candidates based on location.
- https://hoco.lwvhowardmd.org/elections
 - The Vote411 website will show the candidate's responses to questions
 - The print edition of Voters Guide is available at HCLS branches.