

Resolution No. 2020-70

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the 2020 pandemic has disrupted many aspects of life, but has particularly affected the ability to conduct indoor activities opened to the public;

WHEREAS, there has been significant debate regarding whether in-person polling places will be safe for the November elections;

WHEREAS, it has been suggested, both nationally and by the State of New Jersey, that voting can take place largely by mail-in ballots;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin opposes a Presidential election conducted primarily through mail-in ballots on the basis that it dramatically increases opportunities for fraud and will likely create significant delays in reporting election results;

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy allowed outdoor dining as a temporary substitute for indoor dining;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin Council appreciated outdoor dining as common-sense temporary accommodation;

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy in Executive Order 183 has relaxed the restriction on indoor dining, and even on movie theaters.

WHEREAS, if there can be limited indoor dining and indoor movies, there is no reason that polling places can simply be moved outdoors;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that it would be fairly easy to find polling places in outdoor pavilions or even set-up temporary tents;

WHEREAS, outdoor polling places will accommodate in-person voting with its safeguards against fraud and allow for the typical timely reporting of election results;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, State of New Jersey, that:

It is urged that Governor Murphy and his administration immediately consider allowing in-person outdoor voting for the November 2020 elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Borough Franklin forward a certified true copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Secretary of State; the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the President of the New Jersey State Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; the New Jersey association of Counties and all other Boards of Chosen Freeholders.

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a meeting of said Governing Body held on September 8, 2020.


Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk

| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES | | | | |
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| COUNCIL MEMBER | AYES | NAYES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| CONCETTO FORMICA | X | | | |
| JOSEPH LIMON | X | | | |
| JOHN POSTAS | | | | X |
| STEPHEN SKELLENGER | X | | | |
| GILBERT SNYDER | X | | | |
| STEPHAN ZYDON JR. | X | | | |
| MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only) | | | | |