

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-90

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FULL, INDEPENDENT, AND TRANSPARENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE IMPROPER REGISTRATION OF NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE IN NEW JERSEY AND CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY

WHEREAS, the integrity of our elections is fundamental to the democratic process and to maintaining public confidence in our government; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2026, the Governor of New Jersey, Mikie Sherrill, announced that approximately six thousand six hundred (6,600) individuals who had indicated that they were not United States citizens were improperly registered to vote as a result of a software error; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill further stated that a review found fewer than four hundred (400) of the individuals newly registered as a result of the error subsequently cast ballots; and

WHEREAS, regardless of whether any individual election was ultimately determined to have been affected, the improper registration of individuals who are not eligible to vote raises serious concerns regarding the accuracy, security, oversight, and integrity of New Jersey's voter registration system; and

WHEREAS, the public deserves a complete accounting of how this error occurred, how long it remained undetected, what safeguards failed, and what steps will be taken to ensure that a similar failure cannot occur again; and

WHEREAS, the people of New Jersey deserve to know which counties and jurisdictions the affected individuals were registered, in which elections those ballots were cast, and whether any races or election outcomes may have been affected by those ballots; and

WHEREAS, the investigation should be conducted in a transparent and independent manner, including the creation of a bi-cameral, bi-partisan legislative investigative committee with subpoena power and the ability to question testifiers under oath;

WHEREAS, the integrity of voter registration should not rely solely upon one agency, database, software system, or automated process, and additional independent safeguards and verification procedures should be considered to ensure that only eligible individuals are registered to vote; and

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WHEREAS, an independent third-party review and verification process could provide an additional layer of accountability and serve as a check and balance to identify errors, inconsistencies, or improper registrations before they can affect an election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Borough Governing Body calls upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the appropriate state election authorities to conduct and make public the results of a full and transparent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the improper registration of approximately 6,600 individuals who had indicated that they were not United States citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investigation identify, to the fullest extent permitted by law the following:

1. How the registration error occurred and precisely what software systems, Procedures, or oversight failures contributed to it;
2. The dates during which the error occurred, and the full scope of Individuals affected;
3. The counties and municipalities in which affected individuals were registered to vote;
4. The elections in which any affected individuals cast ballots;
5. The number of ballots cast by affected individuals in each election and Jurisdiction;
6. Whether any affected ballots were cast in elections decided by a margin equal to or less than the number of potentially ineligible ballots case;
7. If any federal, state, county or local election results may have been affected or require further review;
8. What corrective actions and safeguards will be implemented to prevent similar errors in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franklin Borough Governing Body call for an immediate suspension of automatic voter registration at every MVC agency and their website;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Borough Governing Body calls upon the State of New Jersey to establish an independent, third-party verification and auditing process for voter registration systems, operating as an additional check and balance to existing Motor Vehicle Commission and election-registration procedures; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such independent review should regularly examine the accuracy and integrity of voter registration records, identify potential discrepancies, audit the transfer of voter registration information between state agencies and election authorities, and provide public records on the effectiveness of these safeguards, while protection confidential personal information as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Borough Governing Body encourages the State of New Jersey to evaluate additional measures, including stronger voter identification and citizenship verification safeguards to ensure that every eligible voter can cast a ballot and that every vote counted in New Jersey elections is legally cast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Borough Governing Body urge the State of New Jersey to cooperate with federal officials who are also investigating this matter as well as other irregularities with elections in New Jersey;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is intended to be nonpartisan and is based on the principle that every eligible citizen's vote deserves to be protected and that the public must have confidence that New Jersey's elections are conducted fairly, accurately, securely, and transparently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Secretary of State, the New Jersey Division of Elections, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, members of the New Jersey Legislature.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal 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 regular meeting held on September 8, 2026.


Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES	X			
CONCETTO FORMICA	X			
RACHEL HEATH	X			
JOSEPH LIMON	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				X
GILBERT SNYDER				X
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				