

From: Marc Samwick <mayor@scarsdale.com>
Subject: Re: COVID 19 outbreak Westchester epicenter still have election?
Date: March 11, 2020 at 12:21:09 PM EDT
To: Ivy De Dianous <scl629@yahoo.com>

Dear Ivy,

Thank you for your email.

I have been in direct contact with our State Assemblywoman about the potential to postpone the election. As you know, the Village must and will follow State election law or a directive from the Governor. At this juncture, we have not heard anything to the contrary about the election and we are continuing to plan for an election on March 18th, which would include safety measures such as cleaning throughout the day and social distancing of people queueing to place their ballots, among other things.

If there are any changes to the election by the Governor or the State Legislature, we will promptly post that information on the Village website.

The Village remains committed to public safety, while abiding by State law. In the event that the election is held on March 18th, there will be ample supplies of sanitizer, social distancing will be in place and Village staff will clean the polling area throughout the day. The Village also invites people to bring their own pens, sanitizer and/or gloves to the polling location.

Thank you,

Marc

On Mar 11, 2020, at 11:59 AM, Ivy De Dianous <scl629@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor:

Thank you for a great Coronavirus update meeting for Scarsdale yesterday!

I understand that you and the Village leadership are doing your best for the election. Please continue to urge the Governor's Office, NY State Senator, NY State Assembly: Postpone the election or extend absentee ballot application deadline to let residents use absentee ballots to vote.

Public Health Crisis= Protect Elderly Election workers = Social Distancing = No Go to the Scarsdale Church to be face to face with Election workers, who will be there for 16 hours.

NY is going to an outbreak peak, when business having workers work from home and school

closed, it Should Not have in person election next to the 1-mile zone!

Ivy de Dianous

On Mar 10, 2020, at 11:58 AM, Ivy De Dianous <scl629@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor:

Thank you so much for your leadership!

Please urge State Board to postpone the election or extend absentee ballot application deadline, if feasible.

In the meantime, if the Village does not have masks, gloves or wipes for the election workers, please let ordinary people like me know. We can ask friends in Scarsdale who have purchased these supplies to donate, and I am certain that people will be willing to do so!

Ivy

On Mar 9, 2020, at 4:41 PM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

Ivy,

The Village continues to work with the County and State to get guidance for management of the upcoming election. In fact, we speak daily with State and County officials about the upcoming election. Until such time as we receive guidance from the State or County to the contrary, the Village has no legal alternative but to follow State law in the management of the Village election on March 18th.

Like you, we want to encourage people to vote and we will continue to fight for flexibility to ease the requirements for voting, including expanded reasons for issuing an absentee ballot.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 9, 2020, at 3:29 PM, Ivy De Dianous <scl629@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Dear Trustee Veron:

Thank you for your leadership and prompt action.

With Scarsdale School being affected, one can easily estimate that there are far more cases in incubation and minor symptoms period. Continuous spreading among people in our New Rochelle/Scarsdale cluster are happening now! There are plenty of research coming from Wuhan, Daegu, Milan on how deadly and fast Cov19 spreads from a cluster case!

Worst case the election is held: Could you urge Village to extend period for mailing in absentee ballots and give elderly and middle age election workers protection? In this public health crisis, protection for others is actually protecting ourselves too! And Yes, election workers do needed to be provided Masks, as they will be face to face with many people for sixteen consecutive hours!

Thanks!

On Mar 8, 2020, at 1:10 PM, Trustee Veron <jveron@scarsdale.com> wrote:

Hi Ivy. Thanks for writing. We are definitely aware of these considerations and appreciate your sharing suggestions. I am copying the Mayor, the Village Manager and our Public Information Officer. Best, Jane

Jane Veron
Deputy Mayor
Follow me on Instagram and Twitter @TrusteeVeron

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2020, at 8:58 PM, Ivy De Dianous <scl629@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Jane,

I am a village resident and plan to vote for SCNP candidates. I am asking for your leadership since you are part of CNC.

With the Governor declaring NY state emergency and Westchester County our area the epicenter of Covid 19 outbreak: should we still have a Village Election on 3/18<[x-apple-data-detectors://0](#)>, where many voters will show up at the church and be in close contact with election workers? Many of the election workers are elderly who will be there from 5:30am to 9:30pm<[x-apple-data-detectors://1](#)>, who are most at risk of catching Covid 19!

Is there a way to contact NY state legislature to postpone the election?

We are the center of NY's Covid 19 outbreak. With 57 cases in Westchester, should the Village postpone the election? In Japan where there are about 300 cases excluding the ones from the cruise ship, the whole country is shutting down public events. Japan is just one example. Stanford University, University of Washington, Seattle University and other schools are teaching all classes online.

Worst case that the election will be held: Village should encourage for absentee ballots, instead of merely mentioning the option in its press release. Why not say it out loud: To protect each other in this Covid 19 outbreak, please use absentee ballots.

* Tuesday, March 10, 2020<[x-apple-data-detectors://3](#)>: Last day for the Scarsdale Village Clerk to receive an application for an absentee ballot<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcitizenparticipation.westchestergov.com%2fvoting%2fabstentee-ballots&c=E,1,sJMYU3AiEhL9YwszrFNTR3Z8M1Pk-MgU_NOkfybaPE17nMtodOXTmCL8UcLYG8n3p6VbOMD7Kcu9MpDmtp-JrU0ICsijX3uYoG40KzITfL81qt0.&typo=1> to be mailed to a qualified voter

* Monday, March 16, 2020, at 5 pm<[x-apple-data-detectors://4](#)>: Last day to personally deliver an application for an absentee ballot<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcitizenparticipation.westchestergov.com%2fvoting%2fabstentee-ballots&c=E,1,RJePhi_k9cLYPnmPLJQs0ix7KNSjIywb7oqIk3Ja8JI6qdivJarfhHz4Y_-URBBNoP808HsLNZoztEC06VuTa1BZLNhgHsK4rh4M9dzjBix9jfznrLzl&typo=1> to receive an absentee ballot in person at Scarsdale Village Hall

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Is there a way to reach out to the two party leaders/contacts, who should have some mailing list of their supporters. Could they encourage supporters to use absentee ballots?

The Village should at least disinfect the church during the Election Day, provide cleaning wipes, masks and gloves to the election workers who will be there from 5:30am to 9:30pm<[x-apple-data-detectors://5](#)>(Most of them maybe elderly). Amazon still has masks that can be delivered in a few days, I checked today.

Thank you for your community leadership and advocacy!

Ivy de Dianous