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February 28, 2020

Honorable Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor  
Borough of Glen Ridge  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Patrick:

Essex County takes very seriously the right of all registered voters to cast their ballots in local, school, state and federal elections and to have confidence that their votes are counted. To foster greater transparency in the voting process, we embarked on an initiative to purchase new voting machines that allow voters to vote using a paper ballot. It was our intention to aggressively implement the use of these new machines in our upcoming municipal, school board and primary elections.

Completely unforeseen was the onset of the coronavirus. A critical part of the voting machines is produced in China; the manufacturing and shipping of this part has been delayed because of the precautions taken to prevent the spread of the virus, which includes isolating large segments of the population and stopping goods from being shipped from China.

We remain committed to replacing our old voting machines with new ones, but our timeline has changed. Instead of a wide-spread implementation in the school, municipal and primary elections, we are going to have a more limited roll out in the April, May and June elections. New machines will be deployed as follows:

**April School Board Elections:** We will select one polling location in each ward of Newark and one polling location in Irvington where the new machines will be used.

**May Municipal Elections:** We will select one polling location in Belleville, Montclair, Nutley and Orange where the new machines will be used. We will use the same polling location in Irvington as was used in the school board

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Montclair, Nutley and Orange where the new machines will be used. We will use the same polling location in Irvington as was used in the school board election.

**June Primary Election:** We will use the same polling locations in each ward of Newark and in Belleville, Irvington, Montclair, Nutley and Orange where the new machines were used previously.

**November General Election:** Full implementation of new machines in all polling locations.

In the meantime, we will focus our outreach sessions in the communities where the new voting machines are going to be used and will postpone outreach in all other areas. Our outreach efforts will be expanded to the entire County after the Primary Election. We will notify you when a new outreach schedule has been created.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to rectify this situation.

Sincerely,



Edna Y. Baugh

Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration

cc: Municipal Clerk

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*Essex County's*

*African American Heritage Month Celebration*

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**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.**  
Essex County Executive

February 7, 2020

**Our Essex County African American History Month Celebration has been rescheduled to Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Dear Friend:

We cordially invite you to join us as we hold our **17<sup>th</sup> Annual African American History Month Celebration**.

During this year's program, we will present our **Essex County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award** to Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II and the **Coretta Scott King Leadership Award** to Dr. Marion A. Bolden, Chair of the Essex County College Board of Trustees. Both of our honorees have made significant contributions to our community and their dedication truly captures the dignity and determination of the King family.

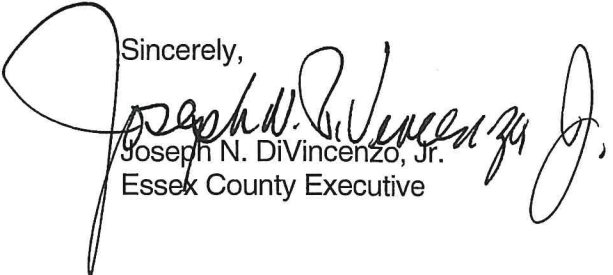
A VIP Reception before the ceremony will be held as follows:

**New Date: Friday, March 20, 2020**  
**Time: 11:15 a.m. (promptly)**  
**Place: Essex County Hall of Records  
County Executive's Office, Room 405  
465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, NJ**

***Our African American Heritage Celebration will begin promptly at 12 noon in the Lobby of the Hall of Records.***

Free parking will be available in the Juror's Parking Lot on South Orange Avenue. Please RSVP by **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** to Dulce Gomez at [dgomez@admin.essexcountynj.org](mailto:dgomez@admin.essexcountynj.org) or 973-621-4400. We look forward to seeing you at the program. Working together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

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