

# ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO POLLS



## Best Practices

- » Ensure a transparent, highly publicized, decision to close or move any polling place.
- » Prioritize the use of sites authorized for early voting.
- » Choose polling places that are easy to find and get in and out of quickly.
- » Replace polling places that require passing through gates and/or heightened security protocols not expected with voting.
- » Review wait times to identify overburdened or under-resourced precinct and polling locations.
- » Ensure precincts have similar voting populations and polling places are centrally located.
- » Prohibit polling places from posting propaganda near the voting area.

## 2020 KEY DATES

### PRIMARY

**JULY 19**

LAST DAY TO MOVE POLLING LOCATION

### GENERAL

**OCTOBER 4**

LAST DAY TO MOVE POLLING LOCATION

## Why?

- » Our democracy is stronger when every eligible voter can cast a vote.
- » Every voter should have an equal opportunity to vote.
- » Black voters, low-income voters and those living in more densely populated areas are more likely to wait, and wait longer, to vote.

## But What About...



No budget for that

Similar counties are finding a way to make this work. Early voting relieves pressure on polling places on Election Day, reducing the need for additional polling locations. Have you asked the commission for more funding? What can the community do to help?