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DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections Announces Details for House District 90 Special Election

Advance voting begins Jan. 19, Election Day Feb. 9

DECATUR, Ga.—DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections (DeKalb VRE) has finalized details for the special election to fill the vacant Georgia House District 90 seat, previously held by long-time lawmaker Pamela Stephenson. On Friday, Jan. 15, DeKalb VRE's board unanimously approved early voting and drop box locations for the Democratic primary election.

Advance voting begins Jan. 19 and concludes Feb. 5. Election Day is Feb. 9.

"Our office has actively been planning to prepare for the special election and has already started mailing absentee ballot applications on Jan. 10, so some voters may already have their applications in their mailboxes," said DeKalb VRE Director Erica Hamilton. "With all the energy around our latest election cycle, we want to encourage those registered voters in House District 90 to come back to the polls for this special election."

DeKalb VRE leaders also are encouraging voters opting to vote in person to practice social distancing and wear a mask to the polling locations.

"For your safety and ours, we strongly recommend voters follow CDC's guidelines while in public," Hamilton said. "We will actively clean polling machines and hard surfaces at all of our precincts but ask the community to also remain vigilant in helping us combat this pandemic while exercising their right to vote."

Advance Voting Information

DeKalb VRE will host advance voting at two locations beginning Jan. 19 through Feb 5. Voting will take place during those days, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Weekend voting is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Advance voting locations include DeKalb VRE's office, located at 4380 Memorial Dr. in Decatur. Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library, located at 2861 Wesley Chapel Road in Decatur, will serve as the second advance voting location.

Drop Box Locations

Voters have five drop boxes that are available for absentee ballots. All drop box locations are under 24/7 surveillance.

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library 2861 Wesley Chapel Road Decatur, Ga. 30034

Salem-Panola Library 5137 Salem Road Lithonia, Ga. 30038

VR&E Office (three boxes) 4380 Memorial Dr. Decatur, Ga. 30032

Processing of Absentee Ballots

DeKalb VRE will begin opening absentee ballots on Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m. and will begin scanning absentee ballots on Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. Both the opening and scanning of absentee ballots will take place at DeKalb VRE's main office located at 4380 Memorial Drive in Decatur.

Election Day Information

The special election will be held on Feb. 9 for District 90 voters, which includes parts of DeKalb, Henry and Rockdale counties. A runoff election, if required, would be scheduled for March 9. Voters are required to cast their ballots at their assigned precinct on Election Day. To verify Election Day polling locations, visit www.DeKalbVotes.com. Polls are open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information, call 404-298-4020 or visit www.DeKalbVotes.com.

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