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Clerk Reports Misdirected Anger over Rejected Applications

Vanderburgh County Clerk Carla Hayden reported today that her office has been inundated with calls, some abusive, regarding an individual who allegedly mailed out absentee ballot applications with the Democratic Party preselected. The Vanderburgh County Election Board voted on May 1, 2020, to refer the matter to the Prosecutor for investigation. “I would like this to be absolutely clear. This individual was in no way affiliated with the Election Office. To the best of my knowledge, she was an individual acting on her own,” Hayden said, “and, unfortunately, my staff is paying the price.” Hayden estimates that the Election Office has received and rejected over 400 of the pre-marked applications. “We are not required to do anything beyond rejecting the application,” Hayden said, “but as a courtesy, we have contacted voters impacted by the improper ballot applications to ensure they have a valid application and can receive their ballot. My staff is doing double work and, unfortunately, is being subjected to misdirected anger in the process.”

The deadline to submit an application to vote by mail is today, May 21, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Applications can be submitted before the deadline by email at election.office@vanderburghcounty.in.gov, fax at 812-435-5325, or online at www.indianavoters.com.

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