

## ADDITIONAL DATES: MOA ELECTION CENTER TOURS PRESS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In response to community interest, the Anchorage Municipal Clerk's Office announces two additional dates for MOA Election Center tours. The tours provide an opportunity for the public to view, connect, and understand Anchorage Municipal Elections and its functions as a Vote by Mail system.

## The two new dates are:

- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

The new dates are in addition to the regularly scheduled tour, taking place this evening, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The MOA Election Center is located at 619 East Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 100 at Door D, Anchorage, AK 99501.

The public will learn about the security features in place to protect voter privacy and the security of the ballots, as well as how they may access the space when an election is underway. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the Vote by Mail process.

Why Vote by Mail? The Clerk's Office believes Vote by Mail will make it easier and more convenient for Anchorage voters to cast a ballot.

What is Vote by Mail? Vote by Mail is an alternate ballot delivery system. Anchorage will no longer operate traditional polling locations on Election Day. Instead, on March 13, 2018, qualified registered voters will be mailed a ballot package. Voters will have the opportunity to study the ballot with trusted resources, mark their choices, sign the voter declaration, and return their ballot.

The Municipal Clerk's Office reminds voters that, "Vote by Mail is as easy as 1-2-3!"

- 1. Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely, place the ballot in the security envelope, then place both into the ballot return envelope.
- 2. Sign the declaration on the back of the ballot return envelope.
- 3. Return your ballot with first class postage through the United States Postal Service or save postage and drop it at a Secure Drop Box or return it to an Accessible Vote Center.

For more election information, please visit muni.org/elections

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