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Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins urges voters to take advantage of early voting

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(Yonkers, NY) - State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins is reminding voters to once again take advantage of the convenience of early voting, which will be available from October 23 to October 31 this year. Last year, more than 2.5 million New Yorkers voted early despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Registered voters in Westchester County are eligible to cast an early ballot at any of the 23 designated early voting locations listed at citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com. To help facilitate early voting this year,

Westchester County's Election Inspectors will now use electronic poll books and ballot-on-demand systems.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, *"We passed early voting legislation in 2019 to help ensure that every registered voter's voice is heard. Early voting makes it much easier for people to cast their ballots, and increased voter participation in our local elections can have a far-reaching effect on daily life in our communities. I encourage all those registered to take advantage of early voting and cast their ballots at one of the many locations in Westchester."*

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins also reminds voters — whether they're voting on Election Day (November 2), early in person, or via absentee ballot — to flip their ballots over and vote on the five ballot proposals to consider this year. The ballot proposals include:

Ballot Proposal 1, Redistricting Reform

This proposed Constitutional Amendment would create an independent redistricting process with the same rules regardless of which party is in power, while fixing provisions in the law that discriminate against and disenfranchise people of color and immigrants.

Ballot Proposal 2, Right to Clean Air & Water

This proposed amendment would give all New Yorkers a constitutional right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.

Ballot Proposal 3, Same-day Voter Registration

The proposed amendment would remove the current requirement that a citizen be registered to vote at least ten days before voting in an election.

Ballot Proposal 4, No Excuse Absentee Voting

The proposed amendment would allow New Yorkers to request a mail-in absentee ballot without needing a specific reason.

Ballot Proposal 5, NYC Civil Court Jurisdiction

The proposed amendment would allow the New York City Civil Court to hear and decide civil claims for up to \$50,000 instead of the current jurisdictional limit of

\$25,000.

You can read more about the ballot proposals [here](#).

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Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins represents a significant portion of Yonkers, all of the Town of Greenburgh and Scarsdale, and parts of White Plains and New Rochelle in the 35th NYS Senate District. To learn more about her legislative and community efforts, [click here](#).

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