

The Messenger

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LOOKING AHEAD TO ANOTHER EXCELLENT YEAR

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the voters of Ramsey County! All election judges should have received an interest letter email requesting availability to serve as an election judge in the upcoming election cycle; please respond to that letter to mark whether or not you are available to work this year.

As we look ahead to the 2022 elections season, in this issue of *The Messenger*, we will discuss redistricting and how it may impact precinct boundary changes, process updates to administering Election Day Registration, two new positions to the election judge team, and training requirements for the year.

Note: It is not required to provide proof of vaccination to serve as an election judge.



CALENDAR

- Interest letter delivered
 - Assignment letter delivered
 - Absentee voting begins for the state primary
 - Training begins for the state primary
 - State primary
 - Reminder letter for general election
 - Absentee voting begins for the general election
 - Training begins for the general election
 - General election
- April 8
June 3
June 24
June 29
August 9
September 16
September 23
September 28
November 8



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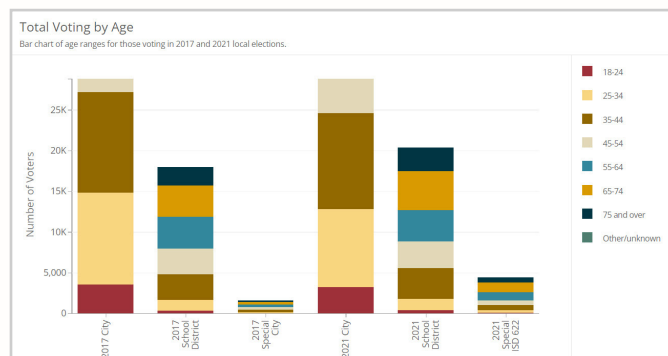
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ANNUAL REPORT

Each year, our office creates an [annual report](#) summarizing elections activity from the past year. The report highlights data and narratives in the areas of voter turnout, absentee voting, voter engagement and election judge staffing.

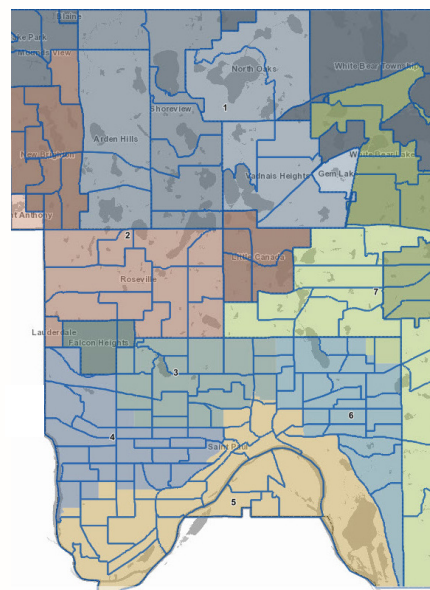
91,535 residents voted in 2021. Together, we administered elections in four cities and six school districts—in partnership with 17 community organizations and nearly 1,600 election judges across 169 precincts.



REDISTRICTING

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts to ensure that the people of each district are equally represented; this process occurs every 10 years. Changes from the most recent redistricting process will be implemented for the state primary on August 9, 2022. Through this process, some Ramsey County voters may be assigned to a different precinct or polling place. Our office will inform voters about these changes, but election judges will play a critical role on Election Day to help voters navigate changes. Expect to learn more about redistricting during election judge training.

Redistricting will also impact where election judges are assigned to serve. Our office always prioritizes assigning election judges as close to their home precincts as possible, though many precincts may move to new polling places this year. Please pay close attention to the location of your assignment to ensure you are assigned to your preferred polling place.



VOTING RIGHTS ACT, SECTION 203

As a result of the 2020 U.S. Census, Ramsey County was notified that a threshold was met, according to the federal Voting Rights Act, which requires voting information to be translated and interpreted into Hmong. Our office is conducting research, working with community partners, and creating a plan to accomplish goals of the requirement for 2022. We will share the plan details and any language accommodations made for 2022 with head and assistant head judges during training.

NEW POSITION: INTERPRETER JUDGE

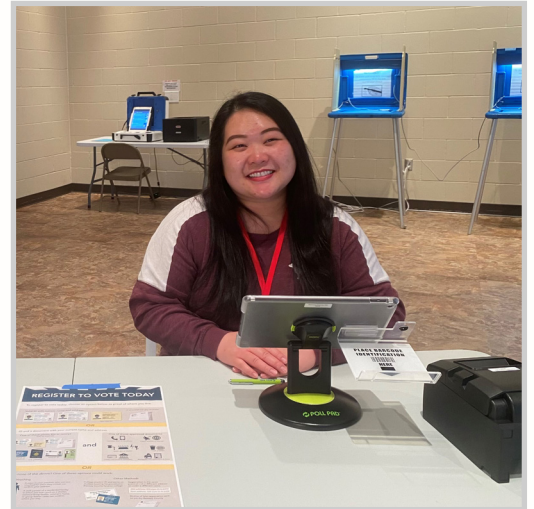
Polling places in need of interpreters will now be assigned interpreter judges. These judges will be trained on Election Day procedures, but their main duty should be to provide interpreter services as requested. Interpreter judges will appear on the polling place's list of assigned judges and receive specific interpreter training before Election Day. Currently, our office is in need of speakers of Hmong, Somali and Spanish.

If you speak any language in addition to English, and are interested in working as an interpreter judge, please contact our office.

CHANGES TO ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

Our office is excited to announce the expanded use of poll pads to process all voters registering on Election Day! Previously, these voters would participate in a separate Election Day Registration process, supervised by the assistant head judge, using paper applications. Starting this year, these voters will now be processed using the poll pad. This means all judges working for Ramsey County in 2022 will learn a basic method to process Election Day Registration voters using any poll pad. To help support this change, the new position of registration specialist judge (RSJ) has been created. The RSJ is responsible for knowing all parts of the registration process and will be thoroughly trained on the poll pad and the laws surrounding this activity. Assistant head judges will now be expected to provide managerial support to the head judge and all other members of the polling place team.

If you would like to work as either an assistant head judge or registration specialist judge, please contact our office. We are recruiting for these positions!



TRAINING

All election judges serving with Ramsey County in 2022 are required to complete training. Training will be composed of two parts:

- In person training will focus on Election Day Registration (EDR) using the poll pad.
- Online training will cover other elections topics.

Judges in leadership positions will be required to complete additional training over Zoom. See below for the required trainings based on position.

Judge Position	In-Person Training	Online Training
Precinct judge	Standard poll pads	Online videos
Student judge	Standard poll pads, introduction to elections	Online videos
Mobile judge	Advanced EDR on poll pads	Online videos
Registration specialist judge	Advanced EDR on poll pads	Online videos
Assistant head judge	Advanced EDR on poll pads	Online, Zoom advanced training
Head judges	Advanced EDR on poll pads	Online, Zoom advanced training
Area judge	Advanced EDR on poll pads	Online, Zoom advanced training
Interpreter judges		Online videos, Zoom interpreter training

Thank you again from all of us at the Ramsey County Elections Office.
We look forward to working with you in 2022 and beyond!



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