

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

PLEASE NOTE: It is against the law for anyone except you the voter to open, mark, inspect or seal this ballot. However, a family member may assist you doing so.

For your vote to count you must:

- 1) Vote your ballot and place it in the inner envelope with the attached certificate.
- 2) Seal the envelope.
- 3) Complete the certificate attached to the flap of the envelope and sign the certificate. Any family member providing assistance must also complete and sign the section on the right-hand side of the certificate. (DO NOT DETACH THE CERTIFICATE)
- 4) Place the envelope into the larger envelope addressed to the Board of Elections and seal that envelope.
- 5) If another person will be mailing your ballot or bringing it to the Board of Elections, MAKE CERTAIN THAT PERSON COMPLETES THE “BEARER PORTION” ON THE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS TAKEN FROM YOU.
- 6) No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests this ballot is permitted to serve as a bearer.
- 7) No person is permitted to serve as a bearer for more than THREE qualified voters in an election.
- 8) If returning your Mail-In Ballot in person it must be received by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on Election Day. If returning your Mail-In Ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election.
- 9) If you need a replacement ballot because it is misplaced, torn, or incorrectly marked, please call: (973) 285-6066.