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Letter carriers stand ready to deliver America's votes

Whether during peak winter holiday season, the influx of essential packages during a global pandemic so people can shelter safely at home, or the tens of millions of mail ballots cast in election season, letter carriers and the U.S. Postal Service have consistently delivered. To suggest that they will do anything less in the 2024 election is without merit or basis—and it directly counters empirical data, the safeguards that are in place, and the historical record. Indeed, the Postal Service is fully prepared to repeat its stellar election performances of 2020 and 2022.

Consider:

- In the 2020 election, which took place under the once-in-a-century pandemic that led a record 135 million Americans to vote by mail while also affecting the ranks of postal workers themselves, the Postal Service advised Americans to allow a week for mailed ballots to reach election officials. What actually happened? Ballots mailed by voters reached election officials in an average of 1.6 days. By the third day, 98 percent of ballots sent by voters had reached election officials. Essentially all did so within a week.
- This exceptional performance continued in 2022, when the 55 million marked ballots once again were returned from voters to election officials in less than 2 days on average.
- These outcomes reflected intense preparation. In 2020, NALC requested that the Postal Service form a task force with postal unions and stakeholders to ensure all necessary measures were in place for a successful election. The Postal Service's Expanded Election Mail Task Force first convened in September 2020, its collaborative efforts contributed to the successes of the 2020 and 2022 elections—and the task force continues to meet regularly to replicate that success this year.
- In addition, postal officials recently created a permanent team to monitor any issues that arise, and also released a plan focused on election integrity that includes security protocols, continuous monitoring, and prompt response mechanism to any potential incidents. Election season also features extra pickups, extra deliveries, and special mail-sorting to expedite delivery.
- From an historical perspective, the Postal Service, which is based in the Constitution, has safely and securely delivered ballots since the Civil War, and the increasing preparation and training since 2020 has more than sufficed to meet the dual challenges posed by the pandemic and the resulting record mail voting. Each election season USPS implements extraordinary measures to ensure timely processing and delivery of election mail and ballots. These measures include additional pickups, extra deliveries, and special mail-sorting plans. USPS will implement these extraordinary measures from Oct. 21 to Nov. 15, 2024.
- The Postal Service enjoys public trust exceeding 90 percent across political, demographic and geographic lines, according to multiple public polls—the highest of any federal entity. Approval is as strong in rural as urban areas, as robust among Republicans as Democrats.
- The USPS is the world's most efficient postal agency, delivering nearly half of the world's mail. Each day, the nation's 200,000 letter carriers represented by NALC help deliver 383 million letters and packages to 167 million addresses nationwide.
- Letter carriers swear an oath to fulfill their public service mission, and for many it is their second such oath; the Postal Service is the largest civilian employer of military veterans in the country.

Americans can confidently vote by mail. The nation's letter carriers are experts in their craft and are capable and prepared to deliver America's votes.