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So on the voter registration issues, I think we have a short term solution.

The National Voters Registration Act states that a State shall ensure that a voter is registered "if the valid voter registration form of the applicant is postmarked not later than the lesser of 30 days, or the period provided by State law, before the date of the election." 52 USC section 20507(a)(1)(B). Thirty days is shorter than our date (we require the closure of our date to have 30 days before the election). It would end Sunday, Oct 9th, which is not a postal service day. Oct 10th is also a holiday. So the first date an application can be postmarked is Tuesday Oct 11th. I think under the federal law we can extend the date to the 11th. Marci and I have discussed this.

Also, Marci said that while they cannot accept voter registrations from other counties in a separate county, anyone can come in and get an application and mail it (that would count). They have closed their Richland Office and others, but we discussed opening and messaging as essential personnel.

We could also print stacks and take to shelters. Not sure on helping postmark. Or we could provide a computer for online registration at the shelters.

We can discuss further, but that is where we have gotten too. We really cannot extend further under federal law, but we can call the federal election commission for guidance.

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