

# Mail-in Voting Has Good Safeguards

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Mail-in voting gives voters the choice of when, where and how to vote securely. This letter is in response to the letter to the editor published on June 11, 2020. Thank you for starting a conversation about voting in the general election on Nov. 3, 2020.

We are fortunate that we may continue to vote in-person or if preferred, vote by mail.

The passage of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 2019 has made voting more accessible and secure by addressing voter registration deadlines, mail-in voting procedures and new voting systems purchases.

In reference to mail-in voting, new safeguards include the following:

1. Each mail-in ballot includes a bar code so that only one ballot per voter can be counted.
2. This bar code is unique and can be tracked by you and our county election officials. The [votesPA.com](http://votesPA.com) website will provide you with the date your ballot is received and its status (i.e., “vote recorded”).
3. The signature on your mail-in ballot must match your voting record signature, the same as in-person voting on Election Day.

The members of the League of Women Voters of Indiana County are studying this important community issue, the new option to vote by mail. We encourage all citizens to read about elections and election security measures at [www.votesPA.com](http://www.votesPA.com).

Voting is a precious right. Let’s work together to learn more about mail-in voting.

If interested, please contact me by email, [lwvindianacounty@gmail.com](mailto:lwvindianacounty@gmail.com). We will continue to share information at <http://indiana.palwv.org>.

As knowledgeable and confident voters we can choose when, where and how we vote.

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