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SUBJECT: Secretary of State Simon and Mayor Emily Larson Launch Early Voting, National Voter Registration Day is September 25

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Secretary of State Simon and Mayor Emily Larson Launch Early Voting

National Voter Registration Day is September 25

[Duluth, MN] – The Secretary of State, Mayor Emily Larson and Duluth City Clerk Chelsea Helmer are working together to encourage all Duluth citizens to stay informed, get involved and to get out and vote! Voting has never been easier with recent changes expanding absentee voting and the development of a new state website, mnvotes.org. Minnesota communities saw record voter turnout in the August primary which is the highest since 1982 and all indicators point to even higher numbers for November 6.

“We are committed to ensuring that every eligible voter gets the information they need to be informed and participate. I’m especially excited that we have City Clerk Helmer who is instilling new energy into the voting process and reaching out to many constituency groups. Duluthians understand civic engagement and the significance of this social responsibility. I have no doubt that we will see historic voter participation on November 6. We thank Secretary Simon for his work and for joining us in Duluth today. So, get out and vote, then take a selfie and share it with us using [#duluthvotes](https://twitter.com/duluthvotes),” said Mayor Emily Larson.

“The polls are open! I am fired up by the enthusiasm Minnesotans showed in the primary – voters from across the political spectrum are showing up in droves to cast their ballots,” said Secretary Simon. “That enthusiasm reminds us how special Minnesota is when it comes to voting. At a time when American democracy is being threatened, our state can and should continue to lead the nation and serve as a national model for secure and participatory elections.”

Here’s some helpful information for new and returning voters according to City Clerk Helmer.

Register to Vote

Tuesday, September 25th is National Voter Registration Day! The City Clerk’s Elections Division is partnering with the League of Women Voters Duluth to conduct voter registration at the Central Hillside Community Center (12 E. 4th St.) from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Duluthians are encouraged to come register to vote in person. Voter Registration will also be occurring at the following locations on September 25th:

- Downtown Duluth Main Public Library: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Mount Royal Public Library Branch: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The West Duluth Public Library Branch: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Downtown Duluth YMCA: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Duluthians can also register to vote in other ways:

- Register online by going to www.mnvotes.org
- Fill out a Voter Registration Application available on the City Clerk’s webpage at: <http://duluthmn.gov/city-clerk/election-and-voter-info/> and deliver it in person or by mail to the Duluth City Clerk (330 City Hall, 411 W. 1st. St., Duluth, MN 55802).
- Register at the polls on Election Day or when applying for or renewing your driver’s license. Find your polling place by visiting

<https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Duluthians who are already registered to vote should confirm their voter registration information is up to date, and encourage their friends, family, and co-workers to do the same.

HOW TO VOTE EARLY!

Duluthians can vote early in person at the Duluth City Clerk's Office (330 City Hall, 411 W. 1st. St., Duluth, MN 55802) or by mail starting September 21. Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office or online through the Secretary of State's Office: www.mnvotes.org

The City Clerk's Office will be open the following days and times for early voting:

- Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 5, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 5, 2018 is the last day to vote early.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- General Election – **November 6, 2018** – Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Vote Early [In-Person or by Mail] Beginning – **September 21, 2018**
- Last Day to Pre-Register to Vote – **October 16, 2018**

Voters who miss this deadline may still register at their polling place on Election Day.

For more information regarding the General Election please visit <http://duluthmn.gov/city-clerk/election-and-voter-info/> or www.mnvotes.org

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