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***From the Chatham County Board of Elections for immediate release:***

The Chatham County Board of Elections has become aware that a Facebook post is circulating regarding poll workers placing marks on ballots. We would like to make the public aware that this post is misinformation and has circulated among other communities in the midst of early voting for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The text of these posts are all similar to the following:

*“A friend just posted this and I am sharing...’Just finished Poll Manager training! I want you to know something... if you are checking in at the polls and they happen to write anything on your ballot before they give it to you to put in the voting machine...A letter, a checkmark, a star, an R or a D, any writing of any kind...please REQUEST A NEW BALLOT! Your ballot could be DISQUALIFIED if it is written on. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR.”*

Please be aware that Chatham County poll workers will never write anything on your ballot, whether you vote absentee, vote early at one of our Early Voting sites, or vote in your poll on Election Day. With Georgia’s new voting system, poll workers do not hand out paper ballots to be marked; voters mark their choices electronically on the ballot marking device, generate a printout of their choices, and deliver it themselves to the scanner to be cast.

Sincerely,



Russell Bridges  
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