



STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

FY2027

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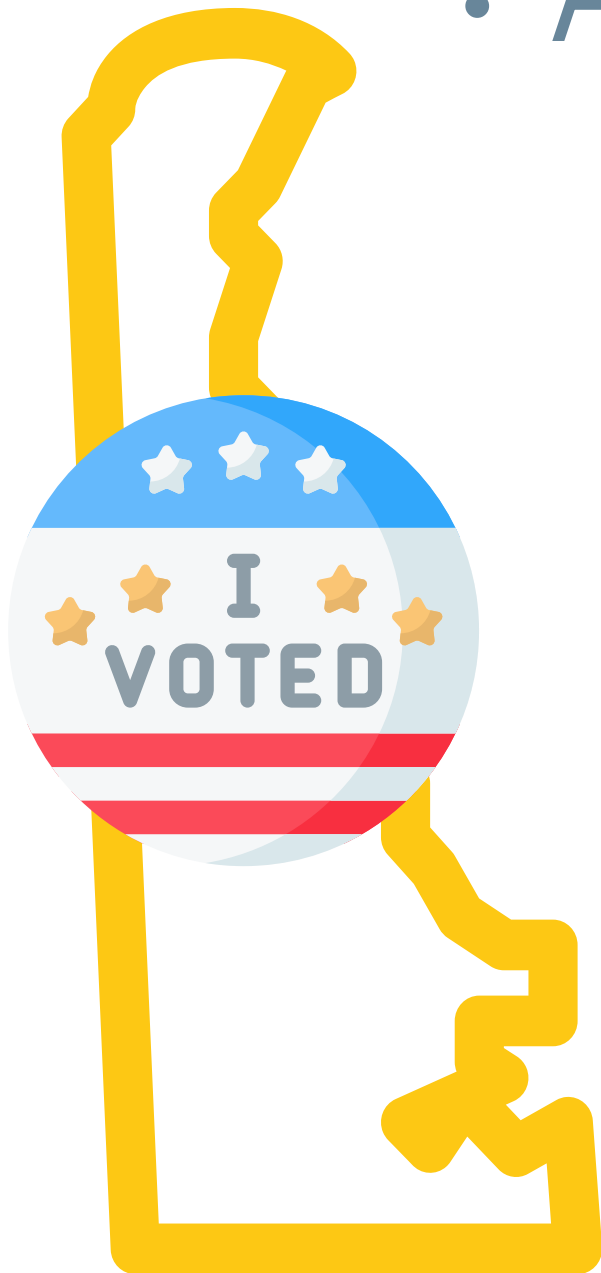


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Accomplishments : FY 2026

- *Facilities Upgrades*

- Expansion of New Castle County Warehouse
 - FY 2026 funding to allow for a 15,000 sq. ft. expansion of current DOE warehouse space
 - Expanded space will provide additional space for more efficient dedicated storage of electronic pollbooks and additional workspace for work on voting machines
 - Sussex County Office Training Center
 - Audiovisual upgrade for election officer/staff training

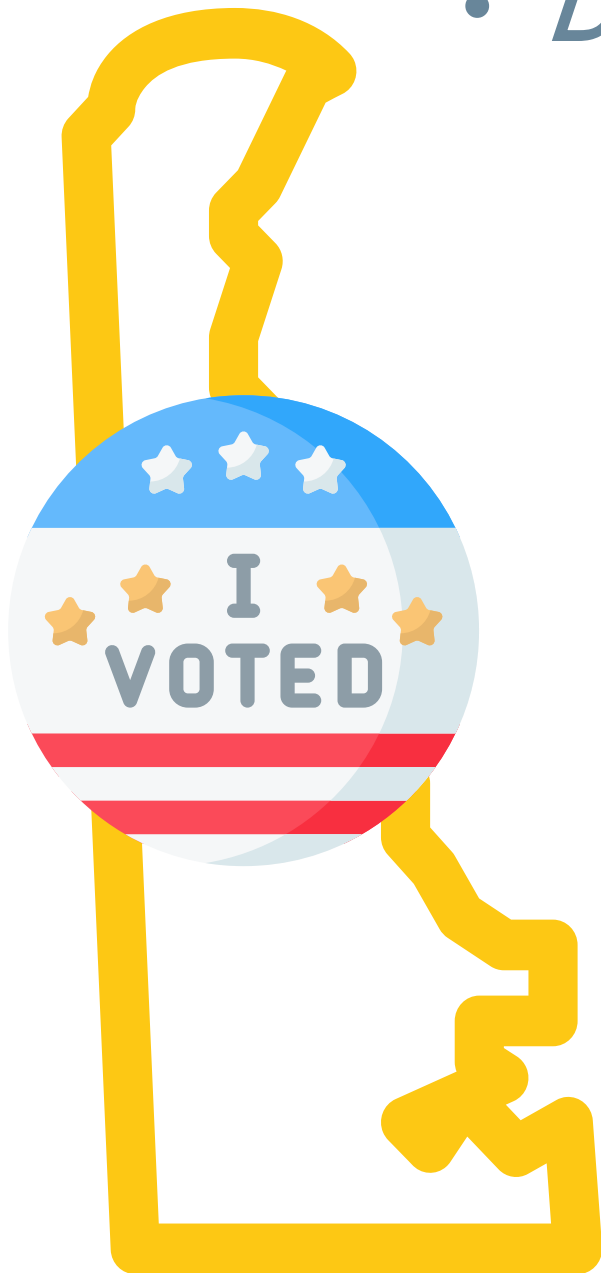




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- *Department of Elections Vehicle Upgrades*
 - Deployment of new box truck vehicles to county offices
 - Vehicles feature fuel -efficient trucks featuring a host of modern driver safety/accident -avoidance features
 - Existing trucks may be evaluated for viability for future use and repairs made, if warranted/fiscally prudent
 - Additional vehicles available (entire fleet) permit additional community outreach and educational activities

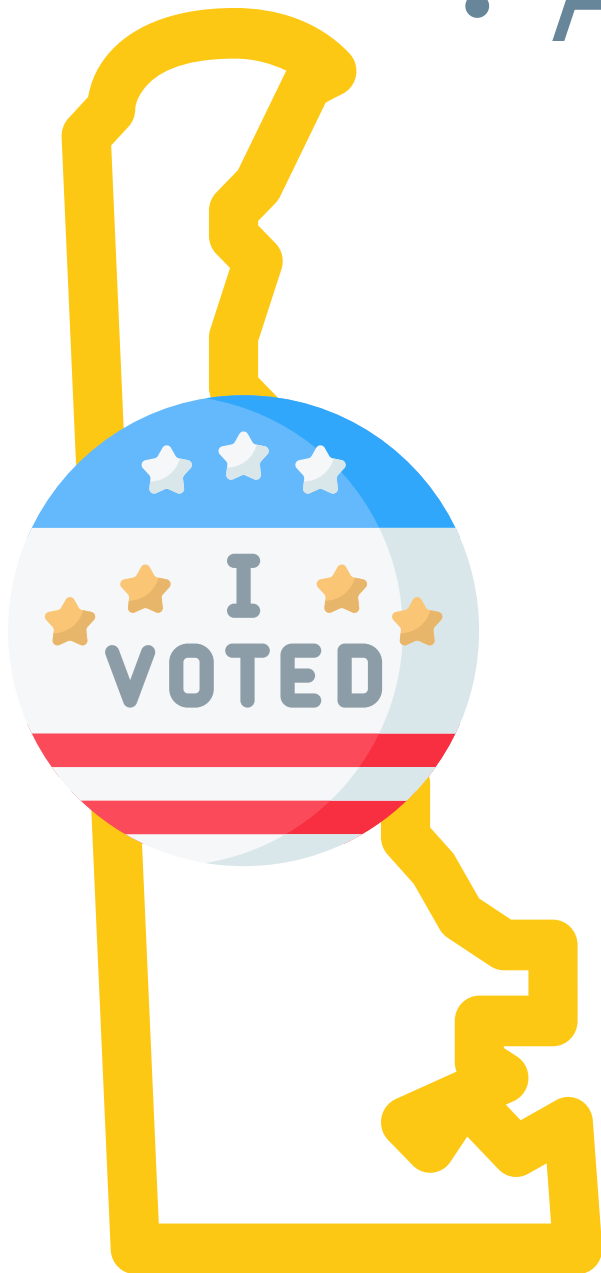




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- *Full-Time/Dedicated Deputy Attorney General (DAG)*
 - After identifying need for additional legal support, funding was secured for the position
 - New DAG began service in January 2025
 - Permits Department to shift stance to a more proactive approach
 - not only addressing issues as they arise, but adding capacity to identify and address existing/ongoing needs
 - Adding capacity for campaign finance enforcement activities



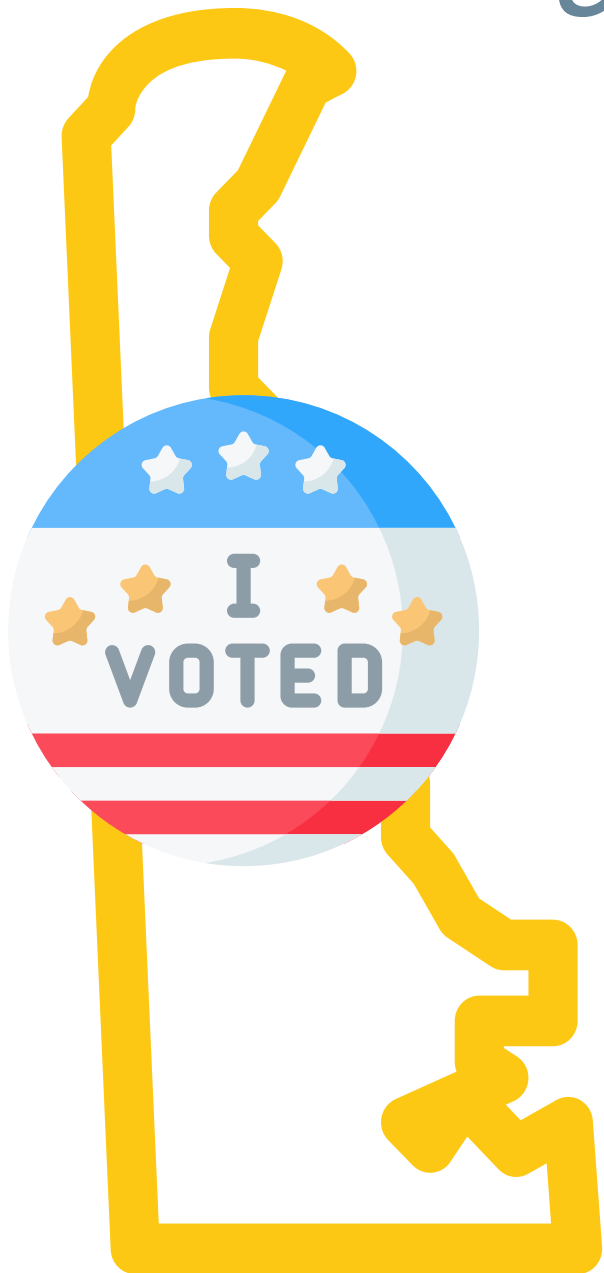


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- *Campaign Finance*

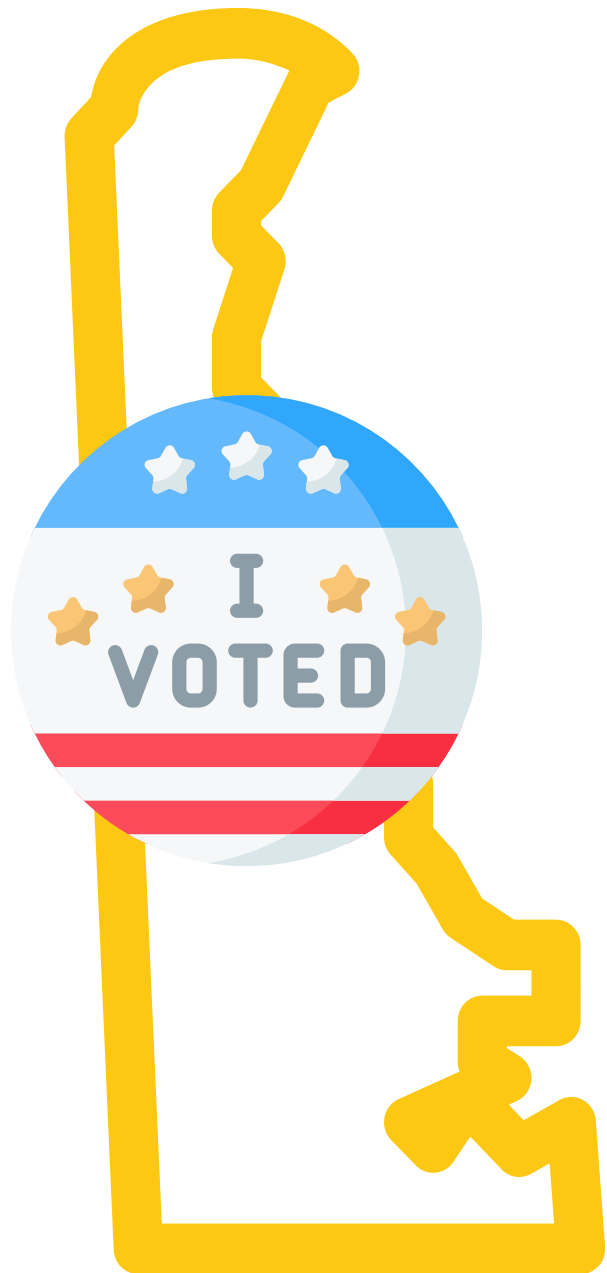
- Continued expansion of campaign finance training
- Offering additional training sessions and locations
- Continued enhancement of campaign finance enforcement efforts (working with full-time DAG)
- Continued 1:1 work with committees with outstanding unfiled reports to resolve issues
- Additional written follow-up communications with committees with outstanding unfiled reports
- Filing action in Justice of the Peace Court





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- *Voting Equipment Maintenance & Upgrades/Polling Places*
 - Voting machines updated to most current version of federally certified/approved software
 - All voting machine backup batteries replaced (due to reaching end of recommended service life)
 - Addition and deployment of voting equipment to support additional election day polling place locations in Sussex County, and additional early voting sites statewide
 - Establishment of on -site equipment parts inventory
 - Continued work on polling place accessibility



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VOTER INFORMATION & OUTREACH



- 2024 Voter Information Campaign
 - On budget, producing better than expected results
 - Topics: voter registration & voting information
 - In-house, Effectv , and AB&C collaborative materials and efforts
- **Effectv:** 7 Public Service Announcements created & aired on 51 networks
 - streaming & traditional cable services
- **Campaign Summary:**
 - Video ads delivered 952,088 times with premium content
 - 92% of viewers watched entirety of 30 second video advertisement



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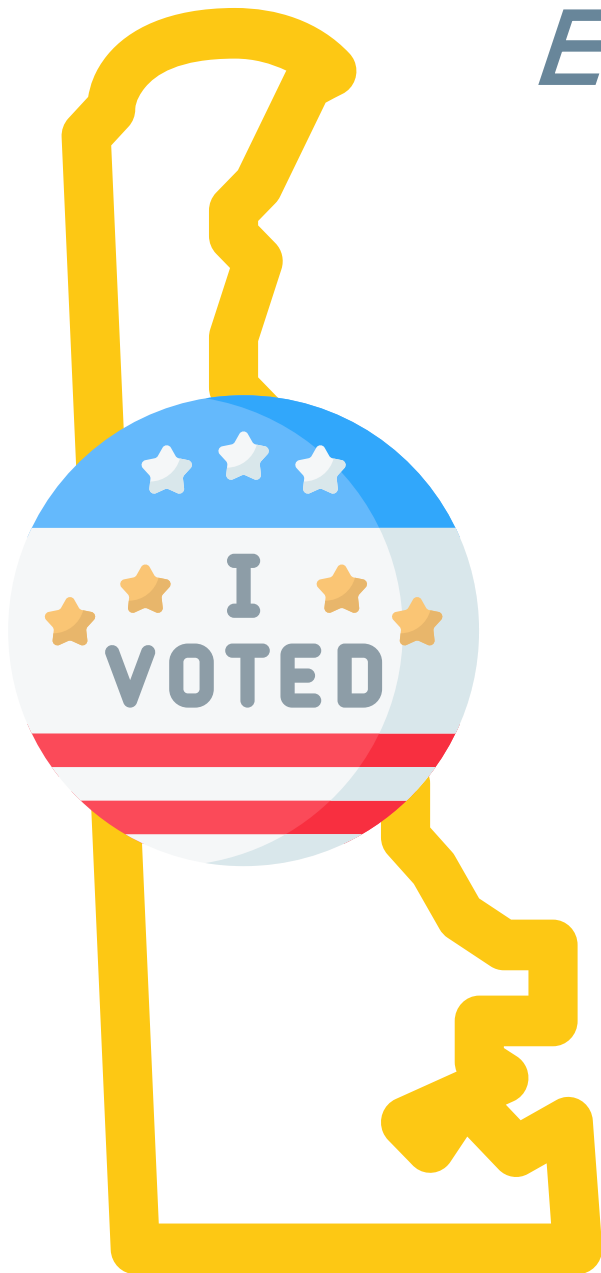
- AB&C: Advertisements and Voter Information Mailer
 - Campaign Summary:
 - More than 8.0 million total impressions delivered to the public
 - Direct mailer to every registered voter (790,000 voters)
 - Mailing enhanced with information detailed in HB82 (2023)
 - Social Media, Online Media/Newspaper ads, Radio, Billboards

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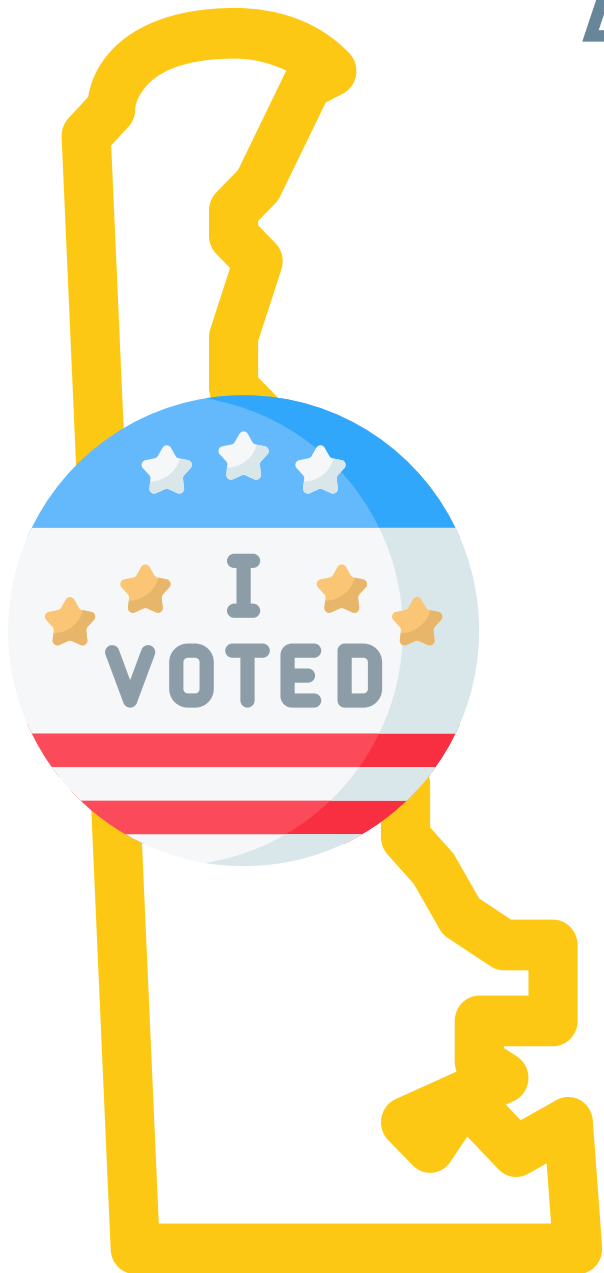
- *2026 Elections State Primary and General Elections and Early Voting*
 - Core statutory requirement for the Department
 - Reflects increased election officer stipends
 - Funding request reflects evolving voter behavior and continued adoption of early voting opportunities
 - Department strives to limit costs as much as possible





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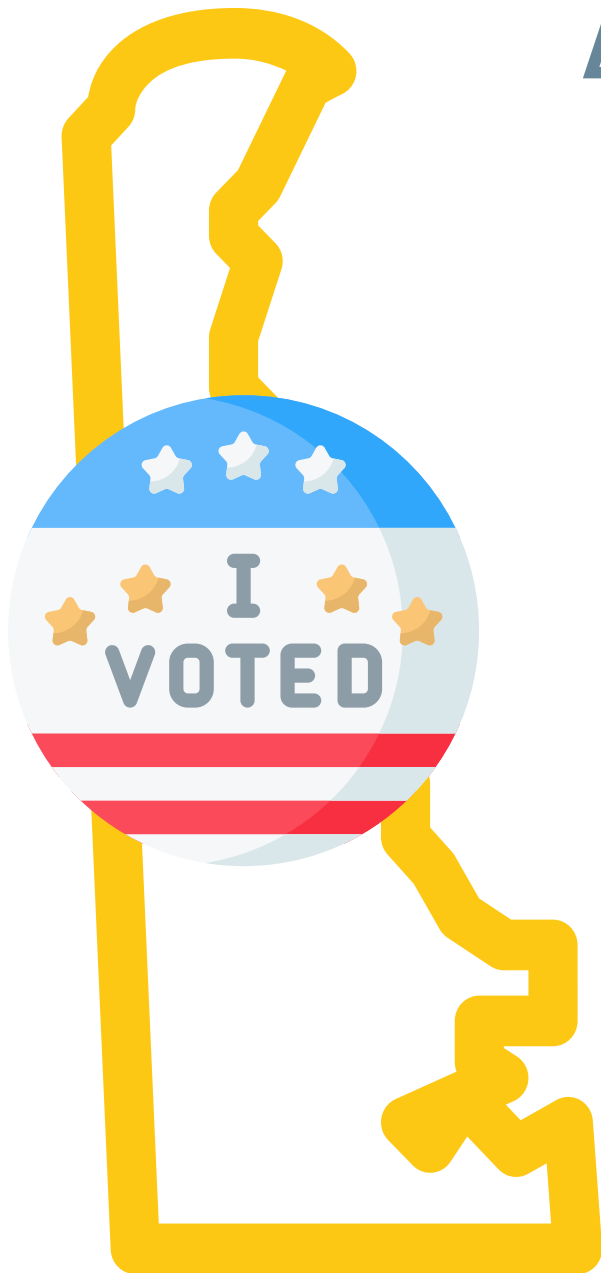
- *Additional Voting Equipment For Added Early Voting Locations*
 - Funds are requested to outfit additional voting locations in the state
 - This request is responsive to the enthusiastic adoption of early voting by Delaware's voters
 - Adoption of early voting became widespread statewide in the 2024 General Election
 - Highest level of adoption of early voting in Sussex County





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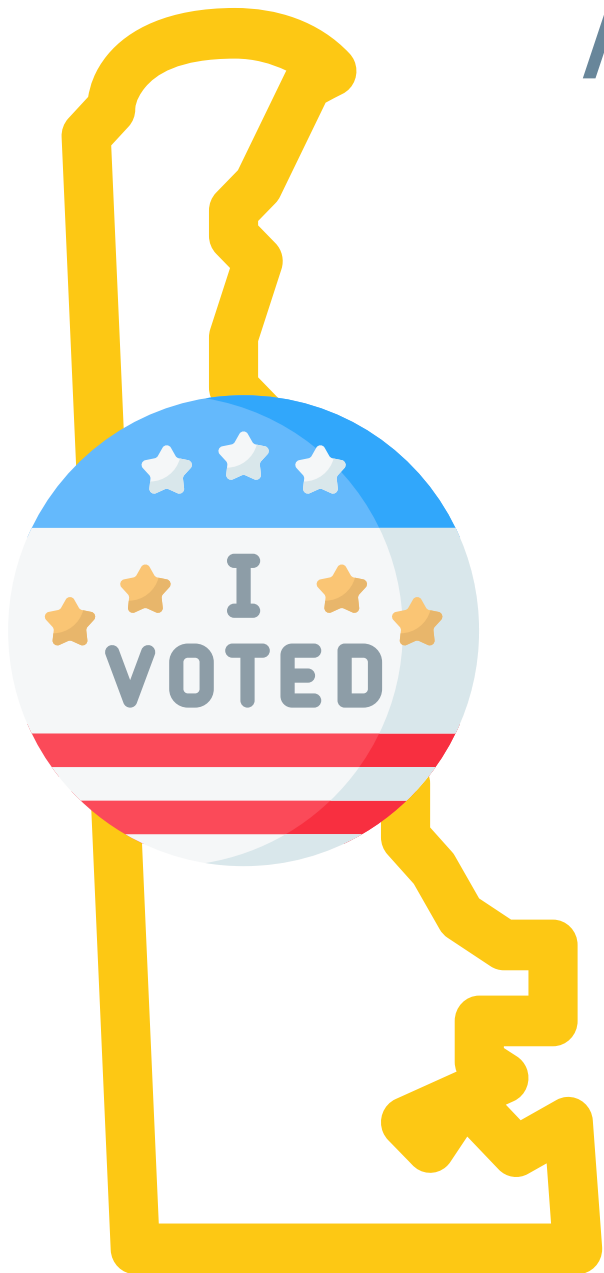
- *Election Operating Systems Updates: Voter Registration and Election Management System (Power Profile)*
 - Department is utilizing original version of PowerProfile initially deployed in 2019
 - Significant system updates now available to increase efficiency/ease of use for Department staff, essential with growing voting population
 - Updates to software will permit self-service options for public interaction (e.g. election officers signing up for/schedule changes for pre-election training)





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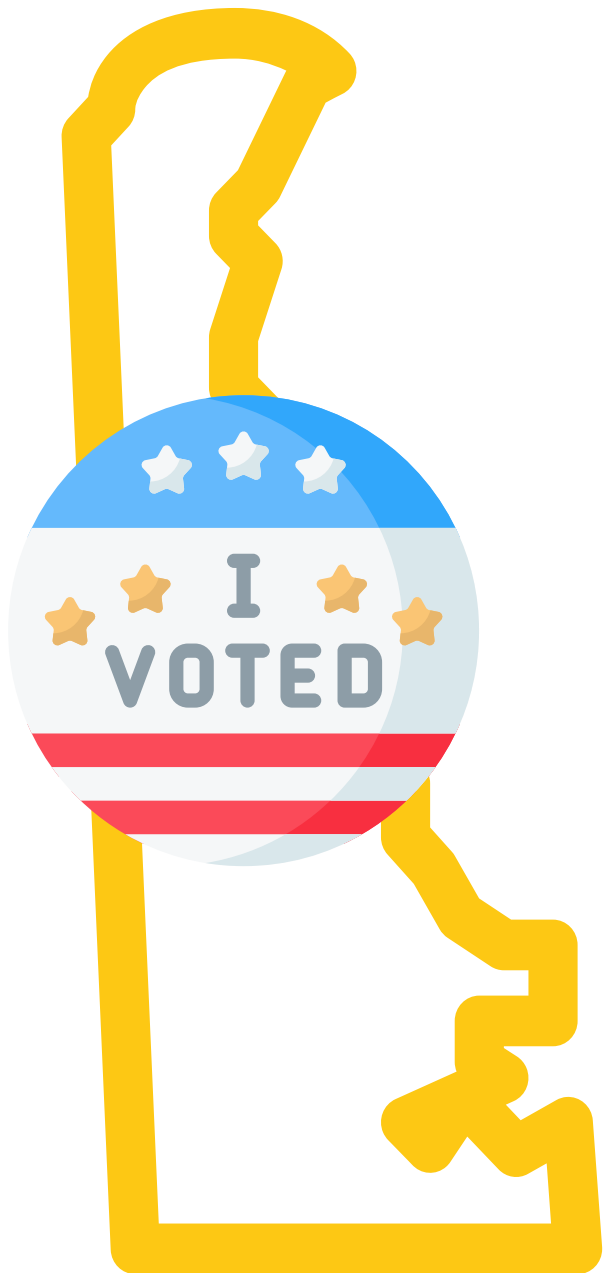
- *Election Operating Systems Updates: Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS)*
 - Department is utilizing original version of the CFRS software acquired in 2013 and deployed in 2015
 - Updated software will permit self-service options for users that now require staff /vendor support
 - Maintaining and enhancing current version of system is becoming cost-prohibitive
 - Upgrade will entail move from a static system to a Software as a Service model





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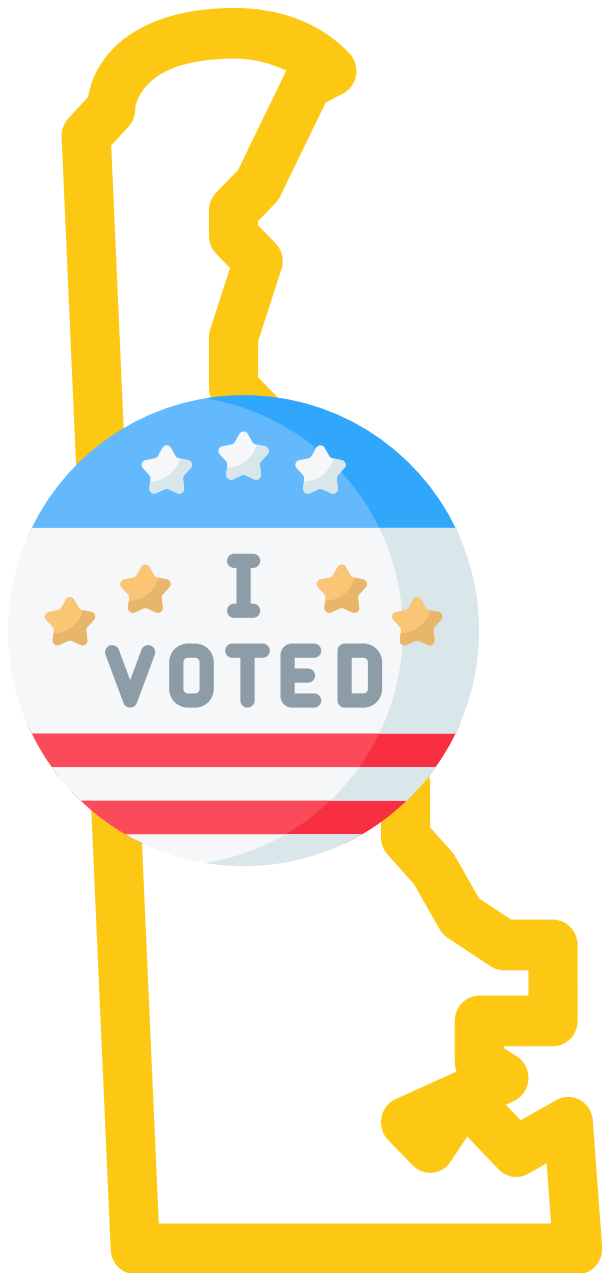
- *DTI Security Costs & Information Technology*
 - DTI Security Costs : This request is to seek the balance of funding needed to cover critical DTI security services not allocated, that were previously allocated in federal budgets
 - Information Technology Costs: Requested funds are sought to provide physical security equipment replacements as recommended from State and Federal law enforcement walk throughs, and hardware and software upgrades per DTI recommendations





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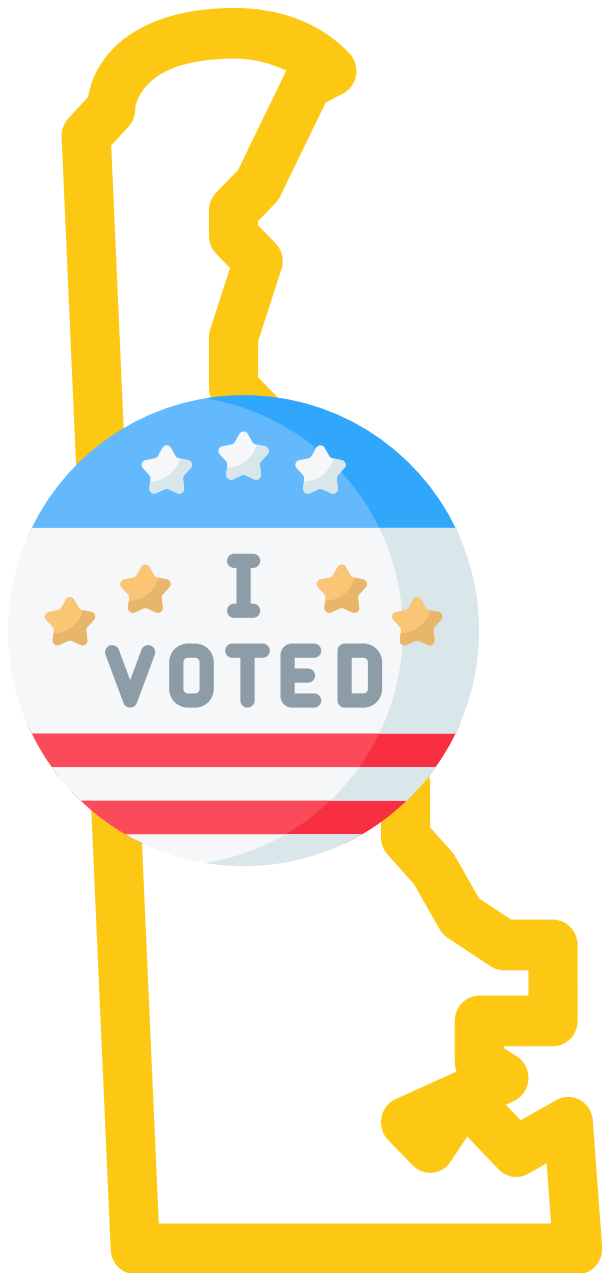
- *School Election Funding Increase*
 - The Department has seen an increase in the quantity and frequency of school district referenda in recent years
 - Evolving school district budget needs leading to more frequent referenda
 - Many of the referenda fail on first attempt, and most school districts exercise option of second attempt within a 12 -month period
 - Additional costs with increased numbers of polling places and higher election officer stipends





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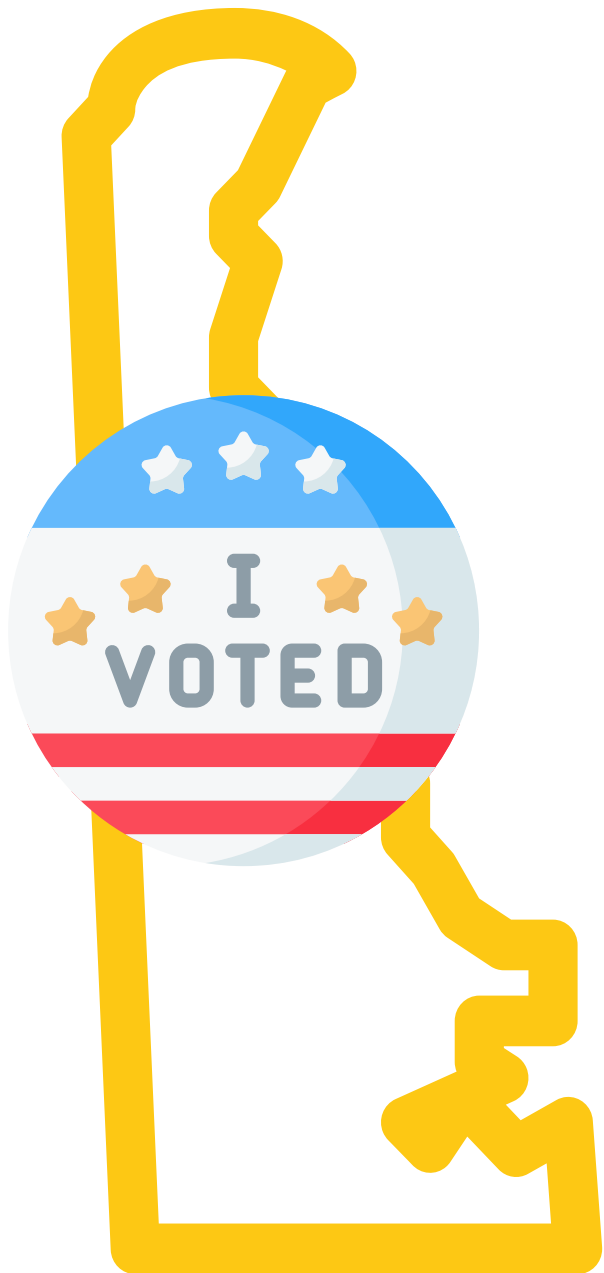
- *Voter Outreach and Education Initiatives*
 - The Department has seen an increase in the frequency of requests for participation in community events, providing voter education presentations, as well as voting equipment demonstrations, etc
 - This is expected to increase given the 250 -year national birthday celebration
 - The Department has not, historically, been allocated funds dedicated to this purpose





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- *Increased Leased Facility Costs*
 - The Department requests funding to cover the known increases (escalators) incorporated into leases of commercial space used by Department offices
 - The Department also seeks funds to cover increases in Common Area Maintenance (CAM) and custodial/janitorial costs for the leased Kent County office/warehouse space





FY 2027 Funding Priority:

- *Department Vehicle Costs & Voting Equipment (Pollbook) Replacement Parts Inventory*

- The Department is not allocated funds to cover vehicle maintenance or repairs, and this request seeks to dedicate funding for this purpose
- Similarly, the Department has never been allocated funds for a replacement parts inventory for electronic pollbooks, and is seeking initial funding for establishing such an inventory, like that for voting machines

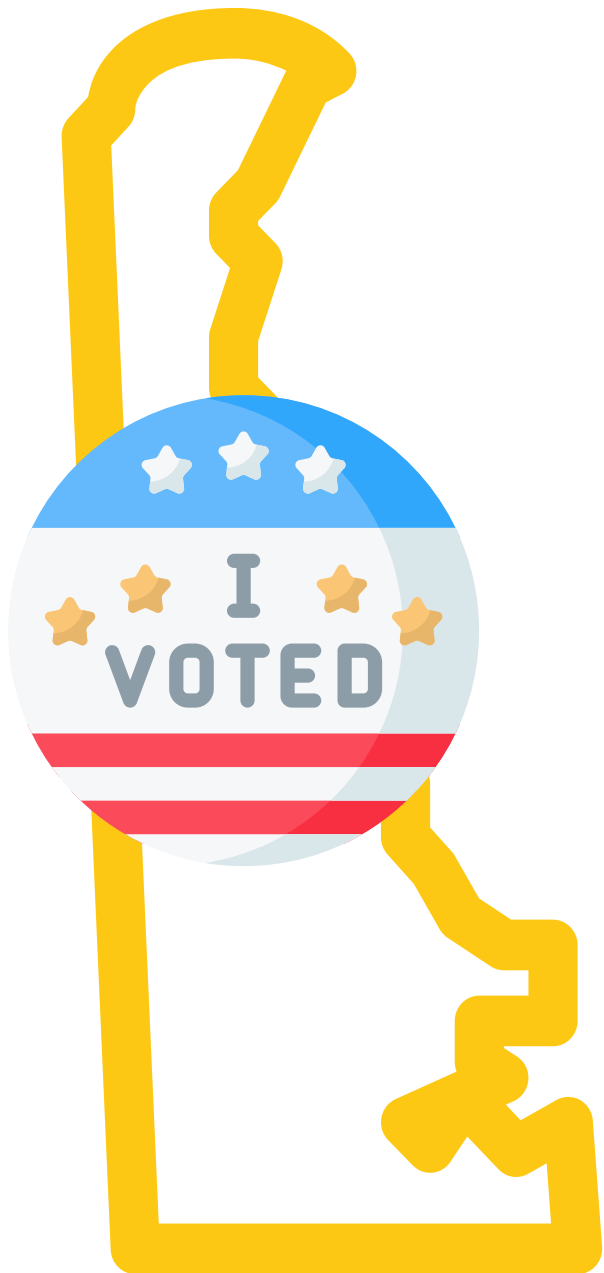




FY 2027 Funding Priority:

- *Staff Expansion & Parking/Board Members' Stipend Increase*

- The significant growth in population and additional legislatively -required activities require additional full time staff to efficiently and professionally perform statutorily -mandates activities
- Parking costs for merit staff at Carvel office (NCC) is an additional expense not incurred by other staff
- Board stipends have not been increased in many years, and members dedicate more time to their role than in prior years (e.g. providing support and assistance with elections preparation activities and on election days)





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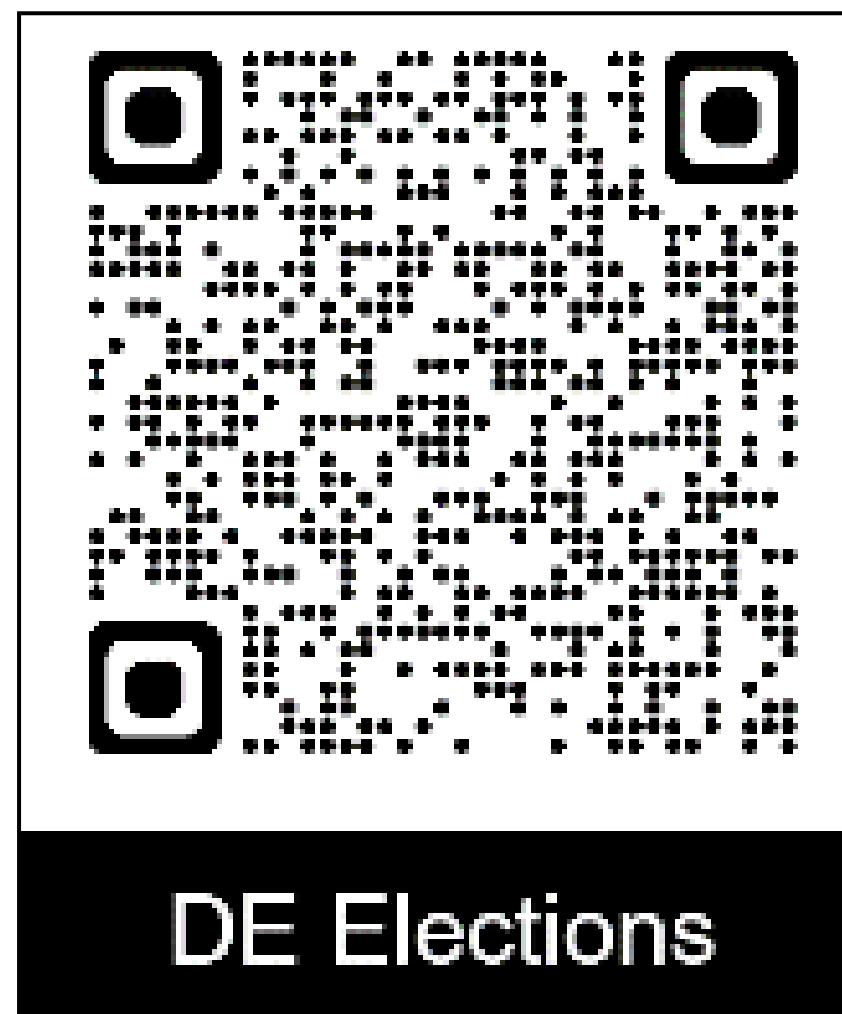
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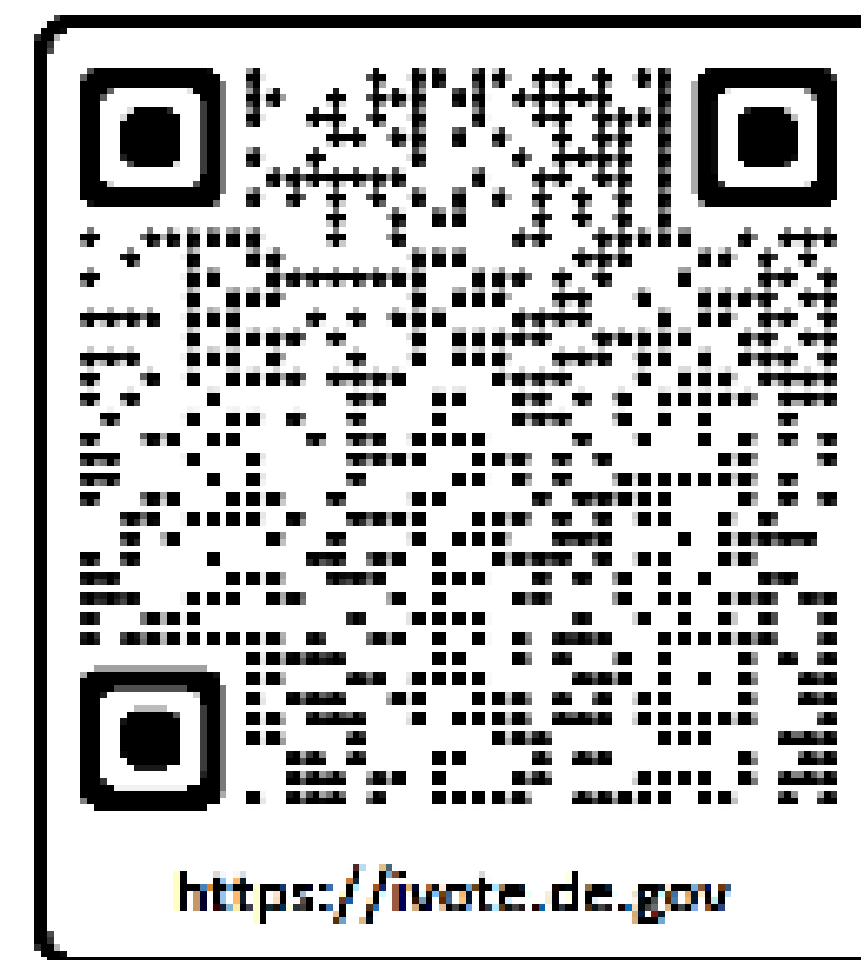
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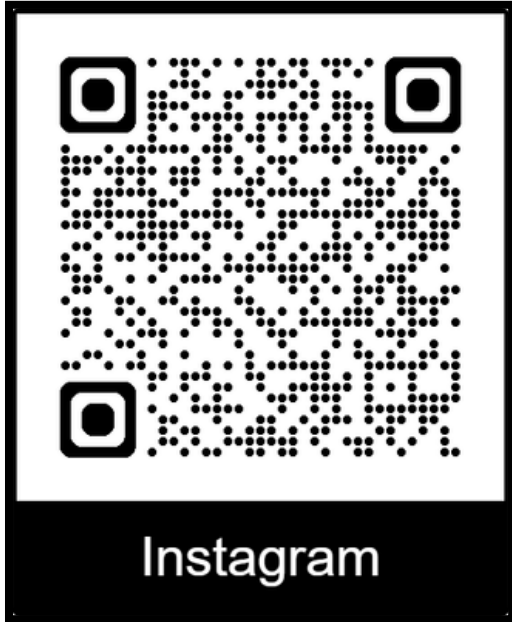
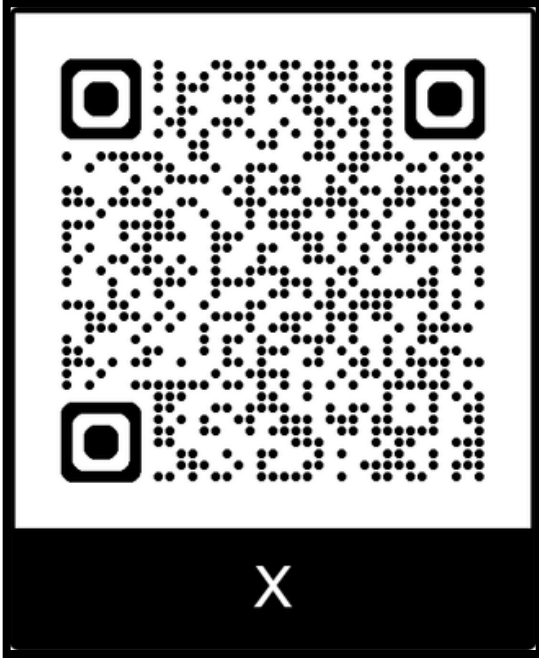
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