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SUBJECT: How to Process FPCA, FWAB, and NVRA Forms

With a Federal election approaching, many municipalities are beginning to receive federal registration and absentee request forms from voters. A quick survey of the WisVote system shows nearly 80% of Wisconsin's municipal clerks may be receiving a federal form for the first time in 2016. While there are many variations of the registration form that national voter registration groups may use, there are three forms, in particular, that you may receive from voters as we head into November. Attached, please find guidance on how to process the following federal forms:

Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)

The FPCA is a federal form that is provided to Military and Overseas voters by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FPCA forms are made available to voters through the various branches of the U.S. military, through U.S. embassies, or online at www.FVAP.gov/election-materials. The FPCA form can serve as both a voter registration application as well as an absentee ballot request for some Wisconsin voters. The form was designed for use by all 50 states, so some of the information does not perfectly match the Wisconsin-specific forms.

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

The FWAB is a federal form that is provided to Military and Overseas voters by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FWAB forms are made available to voters through the various branches of the U.S. military, through U.S. embassies, or online at www.FVAP.gov/election-materials. The FWAB form can serve as both an absentee ballot request and a write-in absentee ballot for some Wisconsin voters.

National Voter Registration Application (NVRA)

The NVRA is a Federal voter registration form that is provided to voters throughout the U.S. by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). NVRA forms are made available to voters through registration drives throughout the country or online at <http://www.eac.gov/assets/1/Documents>. The NVRA can serve as a voter registration form for all voters, if they complete the form correctly and include the required information and documentation.