

Our election season has seen many changes this year, partly due to Covid-19. It has become almost surreal with so many other things taking precedence, including the “Black Lives Matter” rallies across our country running side by side with support for essential workers, including the police, firefighters, nurses, and medical staff. Ourselves included as we deliver the *essentials*. Signs and banners are everywhere. And while we work longer hours with more packages and fewer carriers, we must stay active in our political climate.

What we must find out about each candidate is where they stand on these issues and what their plans are for the Postal Service. The United States Postal Service is our livelihood, and we want to work for a company that is progressive and sustainable going forward. We cannot afford to stand by and watch people we have elected **to serve us** make decisions that do not benefit us.

We must remain vigilant during this time. I have contacted my Representative and Senators to receive newsletter emails from them so that I know what they are doing. This connection also gives me an easy option to email a response when I like or dislike what they have said or done. It allows me to ask Thom Tillis and Richard Burr why they have not cosponsored S. 4174 The Postal Service Emergency Act.

It allows me to ask my Representative why he hasn’t cosponsored the H.R.2478 Federal Retirement Fairness Act. GK Butterfield is the only Representative in North Carolina to cosponsor this legislation about prefunding our retirement.

Some of our Presidential candidates are holding virtual rallies as opposed to the large rallies we are used to seeing, and this gives us more of an opportunity to ‘attend’ and listen first-hand to what they have to say as they address these issues. By the way, you still must buy a ticket to most of them.

Current President Donald Trump crossed the delegate threshold necessary to win the Republican nomination on March 17, 2020.

Joe Biden became the presumptive Democratic nominee on April 8, 2020, when Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign.

Jo Jorgensen was nominated at the Libertarian National Convention on May 23, 2020, thus becoming the first woman to lead the party’s presidential ticket. Her running mate is entrepreneur and podcaster Jeremy “Spike” Cohen.

Howie Hawkins is the 2020 Green Party presumptive presidential nominee. He clinched the nomination on June 21, 2020. His running mate is veteran and labor activist Angela Walker.

More information on each of these candidates can be found at www.Ballotpedia.org or on their websites.

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