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Thank you to the residents of Fitchburg for contacting the City Clerk's office in connection with their Voter Registration status. Many voters have received a postcard from the City Clerk's office, indicating that they have been marked INACTIVE. Unfortunately, some ACTIVE voters received the postcard due to a mailing error.

Each year, following the annual municipal census, those voters who have not returned their census form are required by state law to be listed as "inactive" and a notice be sent by the City Clerk's office.

Please understand the mailing is required for voter list maintenance under state and federal law and includes a pre-addressed stamped postcard to easily return to the City Clerk's office to confirm voter eligibility. Also, on Election Day, anyone who is identified as an Inactive Voter has the ability to verify their residential address at the polls and then will be able to vote.

Therefore, if you filled out the 2023 Annual Census form, you are still registered to vote and listed as active, regardless of the receipt of the postcard. However, should you be concerned there please feel free to take one of the following steps:

1. You can complete the postcard and send it into the City Clerk's office, which is creating an additional verification that the original Census form was processed correctly.
2. If you cannot remember and want to verify if you have already completed the 2023 Annual Census you can verify your voter status with the State at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx> or you can contact the City Clerk's office at 978-829-1820 or cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov, and we will verify that information for you.

I am sorry for any confusion this has caused, I appreciate and thank you for your patience and support. Please know that at the City Clerk's office, we take voter registration very seriously and will continue to work diligently to ensure confidence in the voting system.

Sincerely,
Joanna Bilotta-Simeone
City Clerk