



To: Interested Voters

From: Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (P&A) - Every1Counts

Date: November 2016

Re: Experience using new ballot marking device

New Voting Technology - During the upcoming General Election on November 8, Connecticut municipalities will be using a new tablet-based voting technology that replaces the phone/fax system. (The manual paper ballot method of voting is unchanged and will still be in use.) The tablet-based system includes both a touch screen component and an audio component. Attached is a document that explains the two voting systems. This document includes a summary of major differences between the old phone/fax system and the new tablet-based technology.

How Can You Help? - We invite and encourage voters to use the tablet-based system and report back their experiences (good and bad) to Protection and Advocacy using the evaluation form included with this cover page. You are also welcome to send us your experience via email or by calling and speaking with either Elanah Sherman or Gretchen Knauff. Your reports will enable us to ensure better training for poll workers and future refinements to the technology that will enhance its use.

Want More Information About Conducting an Evaluation? – If you have any questions about the evaluation form, the new technology or the voting rights of people with disabilities, please contact either Elanah Sherman or Gretchen Knauff at the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (P&A). Their contact information is:

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Thank you in advance for assisting us with the surveys!



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Tablet-Based Technology Evaluation Form November 8, 2016

Please complete the survey if you are using the new voting technology. Your report will assist in developing training for election officials and making improvements to the new system. Thank you very much for your participation.

Polling Place Location: _____ Town: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone/Email (optional) in case we have questions: _____

If you experience accessibility or voting machine related problems while at the polling place, you may make an immediate report by contacting Elanah or Gretchen at the numbers below.

Were the poll workers who checked you in familiar with the existence of the technology and did they welcome your use of it? Yes No

Comments:

Was the system located in an area free of heavy traffic and distractions? Yes No

Comments:

Was the poll worker who assisted you in using the system knowledgeable about the machine? Yes No

Comments:

Were you informed about the two components (touch screen and audio) that comprise the new technology and given a choice about which component to use?

Yes No Comments:

Was the machine ready for operation? Yes No

Comments:

Did you use the touch screen or the audio component? Touch screen Audio

Comments:

Did the component you used operate efficiently? Yes No

Comments:

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Please return this form, in hard copy or by email, to:

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If you prefer, you may also call Elanah to make your report verbally:
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