

Polling Place Accessibility Checklist

Name and Number of Precinct: _____

Address: _____

Name/Organization of Monitor: _____

1. PARKING

- Polling place does NOT have a parking lot.
- Polling place has a parking lot, but the route to the accessible entrance is not accessible. Why? _____
- Polling place has a lot with an accessible route to the accessible entrance.
Lot already has ____ permanently designated spaces for people with disabilities.
Lot has no permanently designated spaces; poll workers designated ____ spaces.
Is route from parking to accessible entrance clearly marked? Yes No
Is the location of designated parking clear from the main voter entrance? Yes No

- Polling place has street parking only.
Is there an "Accessible Parking" sign posted on the street?
 Yes. Is sign posted as close to the "curb cut" as possible? Yes No
 Is there a portable doorbell stand next to the parking space? Yes No
 No

2. ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

Is the main voter entrance also the accessible entrance?

- Yes
- No, there is a separate accessible entrance at the _____ of the building.
- No, there is no accessible entrance.
What makes the entrance inaccessible? _____

Are "Accessible Voter Entrance" and other readable signs posted to guide voters to the accessible entrance from the street and parking?

Yes

No _____

Does the accessible entrance have a ramp?

Yes. Ramp is at least 36 inches wide. (Estimate is acceptable) Yes No

Ramp has handrails. Yes No

Landing at top of ramp is at least 5 ft long. (Estimate is acceptable)

No, the accessible entrance is at ground level. Yes No

3. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

INSTRUCTION: Walk the path from the accessible parking space, either on the street or in the parking lot (if there is one) to the accessible voting machine. Also walk from the street in front of the main entrance using the accessible route to the accessible voting machine.

Are there any obstructions that might make it difficult for someone in a wheelchair to navigate this path? Yes No

If so, please explain: _____

Are all doorways along the path at least 32 inches wide? Yes No

Is the path free of an abrupt rise greater than 1/2 inch? Yes No

Is the route free of objects projecting into the path that could not be detected by a person who is blind using a cane? Yes No

Are doors without external handles or that are otherwise difficult to open (heavy or with a handle that requires grasping or twisting of the wrist) propped open? Yes No

Are any loose mats or rugs secured with duct tape? Yes No

Please note any obstructions or other problems below (report any serious problems immediately by phone to the **BOEE at (202) 727-2194**):

Must a voter in a wheelchair use an elevator to reach the polling place?

- Yes. If so, is the elevator working? Yes No
- Can a voter in a wheelchair reach the call buttons (42 in. high)? Yes No
- Are controls marked with raised or Braille characters? Yes No
- Does the elevator have audible floor indicators? Yes No
- Is the doorway of the elevator at least 36 inches wide? Yes No
- Is elevator big enough to accommodate a wheelchair user? Yes No
- No

4. DOOR BELL or CALL BELL:

Where is the door/call bell placed? _____

Is the door/call bell working (do poll workers respond)? Yes No

5. VOTING

Are magnifying glasses available at the voting demonstration table? Yes No

Are magnifying glasses available at the check-in table? Yes No

Is the audio headset available at the touch-screen machine? Yes No

Is the touch screen machine placed so that the screen is not visible to other voters? Yes No

Does the voter have privacy? Yes No

Is touch screen machine placed in an area that provides 5 ft of turning space in front of machine? Yes No

Can the touch screen be reached by a wheelchair user? Yes No

NOTES: _____

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED CHECKLIST TO
VICTORIA THOMAS AT UNIVERSITY LEGAL SERVICES
BY FAX TO (202) 547-2662, OR BY EMAIL TO vthomas@uls-dc.org.**