Polling Place Accessibility Checklist

Precinct #_____  
Name of Polling Place ___________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________
Name/Organization of Monitor _____________________________________________

1. PARKING
   O Polling place does NOT have a parking lot for voters to use.
   O Polling place has a parking lot, but the route to the accessible entrance is not accessible. Why? ____________________________________________
   O 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
   O Polling place has street parking only.
     Is there an “Accessible Parking” sign posted on the street?  
       O Yes.
       O No

2. CURB-SIDE VOTING
   a. Is curb-side voting available? □ Yes □ No
   b. Is there a “curbside voting” sign posted in plain view?  
      □ Yes □ No □ N/A □ Fixed upon Request
   c. Are any election workers manning the curb-side option? □ Yes □ No □ N/A

3. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE (FROM PARKING LOT/SPACES TO VOTING AREA)
   Walk the path from the accessible parking space, either on the street or in the parking lot (if there is one), and from the street in front of the main entrance, all the way to the accessible voting machine.
   a) Are there any obstructions that might make it difficult for someone in a wheelchair to navigate this path?
□ Yes  □ No  □ Fixed upon Request
If so, please explain: ________________________________________________________________

b) Are all doorways along the path at least 32 inches wide?
□ Yes  □ No  □ Fixed upon Request

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c) Is the path free of an abrupt rise greater than ½ inch?
□ Yes  □ No  □ N/A

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d) 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  □ Fixed upon Request

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e) 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  □ Fixed upon Request

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f) Are any loose mats or rugs secured with duct tape?
□ Yes  □ No  □ Fixed upon Request  □ N/A

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

○ No

○ Yes. If so, is the elevator working?  □ Yes  □ No

Is the doorway of the elevator is at least 36 inches wide?  □ Yes  □ No

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Is elevator big enough to accommodate a wheelchair user? □ Yes □ No
Can a voter in a wheelchair reach the call buttons? □ Yes □ No
Are controls marked with raised or Braille characters? □ Yes □ No
Does the elevator have audible floor indicators? □ Yes □ No

4. ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES

a. Is the main voter entrance also marked as the accessible entrance?

○ Yes
○ No, there is a separate accessible entrance at the ____________ of the building.

○ ASSESS DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THIS ENTRANCE VS. MAIN AND DESCRIBE ANY BARRIERS HERE:

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○ No, there is no accessible entrance.
What makes the entrance inaccessible? ________________________________
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b. Are there signs marked “Accessible Voter Entrance” posted to guide voters to the accessible entrance from the street and/or parking lot?

○ Yes
○ No  ______________________________________________________

  c. Does the accessible entrance have a ramp?

○ Yes. Is the ramp at least 36 inches wide? □ Yes □ No
   Does the ramp have handrails? □ Yes □ No
   Is the landing at top of ramp at least 5-ft. long? □ Yes □ No

○ No, the accessible entrance is at ground level.

5. DOOR BELL

Is there a doorbell?
No
□ Yes □ No □ Made available upon Request

b. Is the audio headset available at the touch-screen machine?

□ Yes □ No □ Made available upon Request

c. Is the touch screen machine placed so that the screen is not visible to other voters and the voter has privacy?

□ Yes □ No □ Fixed upon Request

d. Is each touch screen machine placed to provide 5 ft of turning space in front of machine and can screen be reached by a wheelchair user?

□ Yes □ No □ Fixed upon Request

NOTES: ______________________________________________________________________________________
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Please note any obstructions or other problems below. Report any serious problems immediately by speaking to the precinct captain or calling the Board of Elections at (202) 741-5283. BOE’s ADA Coordinator can be reached directly at (202) 253-1741.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED CHECKLIST TO MARJORIE RIFKIN AT DISABILITY RIGHTS DC BY FAX (202) 547-2662 OR BY EMAIL TO mrifkin@uls-doc.org