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PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Cortland County Board of Elections has zero tolerance for expressions of discrimination, bias, harassment, or negative stereotyping toward any person or group.

- Treat all people with respect.

- Address each person in a courteous and professional manner – BOTH Verbally and Non-Verbally (non-verbal communication can have more impact than verbal communication).

- Do NOT make comments or have discussions about ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientation, age, or disabilities of voters or co-workers.

- Do NOT discuss candidates or issues.

- With regard to all voters, particularly those with disabilities:

  a) Do NOT automatically give assistance.

  b) Talk directly to the person (do not direct your conversation to the person with them).

  c) Respect their comfort zone (do not touch or pat the person; or their wheelchair, if they have one).
Cortland County Board of Elections Inspector Manual

OVERVIEW

The Cortland County Board of Elections would like to thank you for the service you provide. We appreciate that it is a hard and tiring job (long day) but you always do a great job for us!

This will be the permanent manual. As changes come along, pages will be updated. This manual will be at the polling place. This manual will take you from the beginning of your day to the end of your day, primaries, generals and everything in between.

*We are always polite and nice.* If you ever have any problems at your poll site, call us at 753-5032 so we can assist you.
As always, if you ever have any questions for us, call the office at (607) 753-5032
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Location of Seals on Ballot Machine

**Ballot Box Seal**
Record, remove and place on back of Seals Tag Report.

**ATI seal**
Record, remove and place on back of Seals Tag Report.

**Printer Seal**
DO NOT REMOVE!
Does get recorded.

**Memory card (2)**
Poll Worker DO NOT REMOVE!
Record both on Security Seals/Tags Report and the Canvass Report.

**Printer CF Card**
DO NOT REMOVE!
Record Seal number only.

**Thermal Tape Seal**
DO NOT REMOVE.
Record the number on the Seals/Tag Report and Canvass Report.

**ICP SERIAL #**

**Keys Are To Be Located On Machine During Voting Hours.**
OPENING THE POLLS
Inspectors must arrive at their poll place 1 hour before the polls open, for a primary you’ll be there at 11:00 a.m., for a general election, 5:00 a.m.

In order to open the poll place, you have to have at least one Democratic inspector and one Republican inspector. If you have two of the same kind, please call our office **IMMEDIATELY** so we can get a person to you. We **must** have our polls open in a timely manner. Also please call us if the polling place is still locked when you get there. Our number again is: **753-5032**

Everyone shows up on time and you are going to split up into two teams (a team is one Democratic and one Republican inspector). Each team will be responsible for a certain job; opening the machine, organizing paperwork, setting up the room, setting up the privacy booths, placing signs up, etc.

MESSAGE TO INSPECTORS
As an Election Inspector, you play an essential role in the process that enables citizens the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. The impression that you leave with voters influences their view of the election system. We trust that you, as a representative of your county board of elections and your political party, will perform your duties in order to give voters confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of the election process.
PREPARING THE VOTING MACHINE

When inspectors arrive at the poll, the ImageCast will be at the poll site, covered.

1. Uncover machine, folding the cover as well as you can.
2. Take off the two foam pieces, putting them aside, out of the way.
3. Remove seal from ballot box door.

The keys to open the ballot box are located around the monitor arm (see pp. 2). Remove the keys and open the ballot box being very careful to remove the ballot box seal. Record the ballot box seal number on the “Security Seals/Tags Report” and place the seal on the reverse side of the “Security Seals/Tags Report” (see pp. 9). The ballot box seal number also must be recorded on the **CANVASS REPORT** under “Before the Polls Open” (see pp. 75-80). The “Security Seals/Tags Report” will be located with the Canvass Report.

4. Remove the blue bag.

5. Remove the red bag.

6. Empty all contents from the blue bag.

7. Empty items needed for the day from the red bag.

**DO NOT LOCK THE BALLOT BOX DOOR YET!**

8. Carefully replace the now empty blue bag into the *now* empty ballot box.

9. You will lock the ballot box door *only* after the machine has been turned on.  
   (See section “Turning On The Machine”)
Please sign your names & place all Voidsed seals on the back of this page.
10. Unclip the plug with the extension cord and plug into the outlet nearest the machine.

11. Lock the wheels so the machine doesn’t roll if you aren’t on carpeting.
TURNING ON THE MACHINE

1. Press power button on.

2. **IF AFTER YOU HAVE POWERED ON THE MACHINE, YOU HEAR A SERIES OF FOUR (4) BEEPS, THAT MEANS YOUR MACHINE IS NOT PLUGGED IN, OR THE OUTLET HAS NO POWER TO IT.**

3. When the machine starts beeping continuously, put the ibutton (security key) on the security key spot.

4. **The screens pictured on pp. 13-16 will appear. Follow directions.**
WHILE WAITING FOR THE GREEN LIGHT TO COME ON, CONTINUE TO SET UP
Use ibutton, not your fingers. PASSCODE is 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,ENTER

WHILE WAITING FOR THE GREEN LIGHT TO COME ON, CONTINUE TO SET UP
WAIT FOR THE GREEN LIGHT TO COME ON BEFORE PROCEEDING.
CONTINUE TO SET UP.

No need to press next

This light will turn green
After the green light comes on, at the menu prompt press “Open Polls”

This menu will appear – Always use iButton (Security Key) to activate the menu. DO NOT USE YOUR FINGERS.

**CHECK:**
- Tape reads all zeros
- Tape heading reads Cortland County
- Election date is correct
- Tabulator name is your polling place
- Precinct is your election district(s)

All inspectors must sign zero tape, results tape and canvass report.
5. Compare zero report with Return of Canvass, Sample Ballot and paper ballots to make sure they all agree. If there are any discrepancies, Call the Board of Elections right away 753-5032
6. Take off the seal from the ATI port. Record ATI seal number on the “Security Seals/Tag Report” and place seal on the reverse side of the report (see pp. 9-10), plug one end of the ATI cord (the cord that looks like the telephone cord) into machine, and the other into the ATI (remote control).

7. Plug headphones into ATI - See page 70 for picture of ATI.

8. Attach black monitor cover to monitor and black scanner cover over scanner.
9. This will now appear on your screen.

10. An inspector from each party needs to put the ibutton, that’s on the “necklace”, on so it doesn’t get lost.

IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL US 753-5032
CHECKING SUPPLIES

1. Go through the entire supplies list. This will also help you so you know where everything is when you need it.

2. If you are missing any supplies, call us at: 753-5032

3. **Please don’t skip this part, you don’t want to have a voter standing in front of you and then realize you are missing a supply.**

4. Organize your materials being careful to place them away from voters.

5. Ballot booklets must be kept in sequential order away from voters.

6. Ballot booklet stubs must be kept and returned in the blue bag at end of the evening.

See lists for blue bag contents, red bag contents, and write-in section contents.

**At closing PLEASE re-pack blue bag, red bag, and write-in section neatly. Refer to contents lists at closing, found BOTH in the manual and on the inside door of the ballot box.**
Cortland County Board of Elections
Primary and General Election Supplies

BLUE BAG CONTENTS:

6-24 ENVELOPES (6 per district)
- Regular Ballots
- Write-In Ballots
- Affidavits
- Voids
- Miscellaneous
- Rejected Emergency Ballots

1-2 clipboards with handwritten lists and large rubber bands

clear security pouch containing:
- ibuttons
- seals

RED FOLDER
- seals/tags report
- ballot transmittal sheet
- canvass reports
- pay vouchers

poll books

ballots

blank ballots for disabled voters

affidavits and envelopes

SIP ‘N PUFF CASE WILL BE FOUND ON TOP OF SEALED BLUE BAG AT OPENING.

WRITE-IN SECTION CONTENTS AT OPENING:
- RED BAG
- 2 large black privacy folders
RED BAG CONTENTS AT OPENING (bag located in write-in section):

ATI

4 to 8 yellow “Make sure vote counts” for the voting booths

all signs-all rubber-banded
- small white “Help voters...”
- salmon “Notice to voters...”
- yellow “Notice to voters...”
- “Today is Primary or General...”
- white “Forms of ID”
- 2 yellow “Distance Markers”
- white “Vote Here Today”
- orange “Polling Place”
- white “No Smoking”
- 2 large yellow “Polling Place”
- large white “Make sure...”

CITY ONLY-STREET POSTERS TO PUT UP AND SMALL ONES FOR INSPECTOR TABLE

street finder
poster
privacy sleeves (4-8)
table talkers
ruler
tapes-blue/duct/masking
string
extension cord
magnifying glass
flag
sample ballot

YELLOW INSPECTORS FOLDER
- challenge lists
- white pad “Removal...”
- yellow pad “Notice...”
- small white/yellow pad
- registration forms
- map

CLEAR SUPPLY BAG
- 4 to 8 pens
- 4 to 8 ballot marking pens
- 8 name tags
- scissors
- paper clips
- rubber bands
- tacks
- scotch tape
- “I voted” stickers
- sanitizer
- first aid kit
# BALLOT BOOKLET TRANSMITTAL SHEET

**To be filled in by Board of Elections**

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**RECEIVED BY:**  
(all Inspectors Must sign)  

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a. Fill out number of booklets received  
b. Booklet sequential numbers  
c. All of you sign
Before the Polls Opened
(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors as indicated below, BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY
That, this day, before the polls were opened, we carefully examined each of the candidate and question counters and the public counter of the voting machine, and found that each registered 000.

BMD
Ballot Box seal ______________________________
ATI seal ________________________________
Printer seal ______________________________
Printer CF Card __________________________
Memory Card (Administrator) seal ____________
Memory Card (Poll Worker) seal _____________
Thermal Tape Seal ____________________________

That the keys were delivered to us in a sealed envelope; and that the machine number, protective counter number, and seal number, written on said envelope, corresponded to numbers found on the voting machine as above set forth, respectively.

1. ................................................................. Chmn.
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8. ........................................................................
(Signed) Board of Inspectors.

Refer to page 5 for seal location.

(Located in Canvass Report)
The 100’ Distance Markers are placed 100’ from the door to your polling place. As there is not a tree exactly 100’ from everyone’s door to their polling place, you hang your signs on whatever you have close to 100’.

The 100’ Distance Markers mark the spot from where no more electioneering can take place. So no one can come into the poll site with pamphlets, buttons or T-shirts.

Make sure you post your sample ballot in a place where someone in a wheelchair will be able to read it easily. Don’t hang it too high.

When setting up your room, you want to set it up so that it flows smoothly. So the first thing the voter should come to is the inspector who is managing the book, then the inspector keeping the handwritten list.

**TABLE TALKERS**: Use your Table Talkers to assist voters.

Use Blue Painters Tape to direct flow of room.
PREPARING FOR VOTING/VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Greet the voter and ask them their name.

2. Find the voter’s name in the book. If you don’t find their name, have the voter spell it and have another inspector look for it.

3. After you find the voter’s name, ask the voter for their address. We ask the voter for their address to make sure they haven’t moved.

4. After you have verified the address, have them sign.
If a voter is unable to sign, NO ONE can sign for them (not even a Power of Attorney). The voter can make a mark, or an X if they can. That is acceptable. If someone is unable to sign or make a mark for themselves, you, the inspector will write UNABLE TO SIGN in the box where the voter would sign. (See “Assisting Voters”)

YOU ONLY WANT AS MANY VOTERS SIGNING IN AS YOU HAVE VOTING BOOTH SPACE.

5. After the voter has signed, you tear off the next ballot on your ballot booklet and place the ballot in a privacy sleeve, hand it to the voter, direct the voter to a privacy booth and instruct the voter to place his/her ballot back in the privacy sleeve when he/she has marked the ballot. The voter then walks his/her ballot in the privacy sleeve to the machine where he/she will be instructed to feed the ballot into the scanner. The inspector needs to collect the privacy sleeve and return it to the table to be reused. Markers should be located in the privacy booths. Remember that only one ballot booklet can be out at a time, the rest are kept in a safe location away from the voters.

6. After the voter signs in, record the stub number onto the STUB line of the poll book. This number is also the number that should be recorded on the handwritten list of voters. Emergency ballot voters will now have a number on the handwritten list. If the voter is an Emergency ballot voter, you will write the stub number down, with an E or EM for emergency. You also will check the emergency box on the ballot stub for emergency ballot voters.

The voter will then proceed to the voting booth to mark their ballot.
7. If the voter brings back the ballot and says they have made a mistake, have the voter fold it, and in large letters write **VOID**. Have the voter place his/her voided ballot in the **VOID** envelope. Write the next ballot number on your handwritten list and re-write the voter’s name. Next to the ballot number that you voided, write **VOID** on the list, and make a note on your notepad. **Remember to write VOID (V) in the poll book above the PCN (STUB number).**

8. After the voter has filled in their ballot, they will proceed to the voting machine to cast their ballot. **An inspector will be “standing guard”, but not so close as to invade the voter’s privacy.** This inspector will direct traffic to the voting machine. This is especially important if you have more than one district and only one machine.

**THE USE OF THE PRIVACY SLEEVE IS IMPERATIVE IN PROTECTING THE VOTER’S PRIVACY.**

**WHAT **NOT **TO DO**

**DO NOT TAKE THE BALLOT FROM THE VOTER!**

**DO NOT STAND AT THE MACHINE**
9. The voter will put their ballot in the scanner, and the voting machine will read their ballot. It will give the voter a warning if their ballot has an undervote, overvote, or blank contest.

If no warning message appears it will say ballot successfully cast. **THE VOTER DOES NOT NEED TO PRESS THE GREEN CAST BUTTON.**

If there is a warning (undervote, overvote or blank contest) the voter then has options.

If the voter wishes to cast their ballot as is, they will press the green **CAST** button. If the voter would like to correct their ballot, they press the red **RETURN** button and the ballot will come back out of the scanner. They can then either fix their ballot, or they can request a new one from the inspectors.

If a voter leaves a ballot in the voting booth, one of each inspector will retrieve it, fold it in half and in large letters write VOID, and place the ballot in the VOID envelope.

If the warning says “ambiguous marks” the ballot will need to be voided. Follow steps for VOID.
INSTRUCTIONS:
(1) Mark only with a writing instrument provided by the Board of Elections.
(2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill in the oval above or next to the name of the candidate, like: ●
(3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled “Write-In” that appears (at the bottom of the candidate names) for such office.
(4) To vote yes or no on a proposal if any, that appears on the back of the ballot, fill in the oval that corresponds to your vote.

MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS

1. Use only the writing instrument provided by the election inspectors in your poll site.
2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, fill in the oval above the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot, write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled “write-in” that appears at the bottom of the column for that office.
4. To vote on any proposal which is located on the reverse side of this ballot, fill in the oval that corresponds to your “YES” or “NO” vote.
5. Do not overvote. You may vote only for the maximum number of candidates allowed for each contest. The maximum number of candidates you may vote for in each contest appears at the top of the column for that office. Casting more votes than the maximum number allowed in any contest will void your votes for that contest only.
6. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot outside the ovals or blank spaces provided for voting will void this entire ballot.
7. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to an election inspector to obtain another ballot. Do not try to correct mistakes on your ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all or part of your ballot. Before you scan your ballot, if you have made a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replacement ballot upon the return of your original ballot, for a total of three (3) ballots.
8. After completing your ballot, be sure to review it carefully, to confirm that you have cast your votes as you intended, and that you have not exceeded the number of votes permitted per contest. Then, insert it into the ballot scanner and wait for the message that tells you your ballot has been successfully scanned. If you do not see that message, ask an election inspector for assistance.
Check here for Emergency

Record this number on STUB line and list
IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

One of the new requirements of H.A.V.A. (Help America Vote Act) is that certain voters have to show I.D. in order to vote on the machine. The types of I.D. that are acceptable are on the following page. Only voters that have ID REQUIRED in the box where they would sign their name actually have to show I.D.

If a voter has to show you ID, you look at the ID they give you, and if it matches the information from the Election office, THE VOTER IS GIVEN A BALLOT TO VOTE. You make a note that they showed you ID, but we don’t need any numbers or info recorded.

If a voter does not have Identification, they must vote AFFIDAVIT BALLOT (see pages 43-45)
FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION TO BE ACCEPTED AT THE POLLING PLACE

Identification to be accepted at the polling place must be either:

(1) A current and valid photo identification with the voter’s name and picture

EXAMPLES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- PASSPORT
- PISTOL OR FIREARM PERMIT
- DRIVER’S LICENSE
- PILOT’S LICENSE
- NON-DRIVERS ID CARD
- MILITARY IDENTIFICATION
- STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD
- GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION

OR

(2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows the name and address of the voter

EXAMPLES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

“A current Utility Bill” would include
- GAS, TELEPHONE, ELECTRIC, WATER OR OTHER UTILITY BILL

“Bank Statement” would include:
- STATEMENT FROM A BANKING INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION

“Government Check or Paycheck” would include:
- SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION CHECK STATEMENTS
- A GOVERNMENT OR MILITARY PAYCHECK OR PAYCHECK STUB

“Other Government Document” would include:

- HUNTING, FISHING OR TRAPPING LICENSE
- ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSACTION (EBT) CARDS
- PUBLIC HOUSING LEASE AND RENT STATEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS, OR RENT STATEMENT AGREEMENTS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROGRAMS
- PUBLIC HOUSING IDENTIFICATION CARDS
- TUITION STATEMENTS OR BILLS FROM PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- BILLS FROM A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES, PARDONS, OR OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESOLUTION OF A CRIMINAL CASE, INDICTMENT, SENTENCE OR OTHER MATTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW
- GOVERNMENT HOMELESS SHELTER IDENTIFICATION CARD
HANDWRITTEN LIST

The handwritten list is a list of voter’s names as they vote, whether it be on the machine or by paper. At the Primary Election, we need the voter’s party. We provide you with a computer generated form to keep the list of voter’s names on NCR paper.

Please note: The poll watcher may look at the list of voters who have come in to vote when the inspectors are not busy. Once a page is full the NCR copies (2) can be handed to the respective party poll watchers. Do not hand out a page unless it is full.

PRIMARY/GENERAL

CITY ONLY
• Ballot ID #
• Ward #
• ED #

ALL OTHERS
• Ballot ID #
• ED #

Just as with the book, we do not number the handwritten list ahead. All voters are going to get a number EXCEPT AFFIDAVIT VOTERS, and the number should match the ballot stub. If a voter has to vote by Emergency they will get a number, but you will need to write an E, EM or EMER, whatever your preference is for an Emergency. Remember to check the box on the ballot stub for Emergency.

See page titled Assisting Voters.
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POLL WATCHERS

We don’t require poll watche’s certificate for people who just come in and out getting their lists. But if they do want to stay, THEY MUST HAVE A POLL WATCHER’S CERTIFICATE. You can have them call our office at 753-5032 and we will instruct them on how to obtain one.

If you have a poll watcher, they must stay on the other side of the table. They can not interfere with your running of the polls at all. They can not speak about anything that has to do with the ballot. They are there simply to observe the voting process (that’s why they are called poll watchers)

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WATCHER CERTIFICATE
FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY

Section 6:500, Election Law

I/We, the undersigned, being __________________________ (holder/candidates)

of the __________________________ party, do hereby appoint __________________________

(watcher’s name)

county of __________________________

to be a watcher for the election to be held on __________________________ in the

(date of election)

election district, in the __________________________ ward (of applicable) of the town, city,
or village of __________________________, or the __________________ Assembly District

in Cortland County.

Signature __________________________ Title __________________________

GUIDELINES

* Watchers shall be appointed by the chair of any party committee or independent body whose candidates names appear on the ballot or any two or more candidates in a primary election.

* Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in which he/she is to serve.

* Watcher certificates must be delivered to an inspector at the election district.

* Not more than three watchers for any party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be appointed to serve at the same election district.

* Watchers may be present at the polling place at least fifteen minutes before the unlocking and examination of any voting machine or ballot box at the opening of the polls, until after the signing of the inspectors' returns and proclamation of the result.

* Not more than one watcher appointed by each party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be within the guard rail at any one time.
Poll Watchers

Poll Watchers are appointed by a political party or candidate. In a Primary, General or Special Election any party whose candidates are on the ballot are entitled to have a Poll Watcher. Poll watchers will likely come in to get a list of those that have already voted and return periodically throughout the day. They may also appear at the end of the day to gather election results.

Poll Watchers MUST:
- Show the Inspector a “POLL WATCHER’S CERTIFICATE.”
- Be a qualified voter in the County in which he/she is to serve.
- Be afforded the same rights as other voters.

Poll Watchers MAY:
- Witness the opening of the ImageCast Ballot Voting machines
- Observe proceedings
- Be given information as to who has voted
- Observe the canvass and tally at the end of the day

Poll Watchers MAY NOT:
- Sit at the Inspector table. They do not represent the Board of Elections
- Electioneer
- Disrupt daily proceedings
- Cannot remove the poll book from the table

Candidates

Candidates MAY:
- Observe the opening of the polling site
- Observe the canvass and tally at the end of the day
- Be a poll watcher

Candidates MAY NOT:
- Disrupt proceedings
- Electioneer within 100 feet of the polling site

Only the inspectors can sit at the table and have access to the poll book.

Electioneering...

Is when any advertisement, display, or speech, containing a political party or candidate’s name appears within 100 ft of the polling site.

Examples:
- Name Badges
- Buttons
- Name on a label attached to food
- Bumper Stickers
- Memorabilia (Pencils, rulers, etc.)
- Advertisements (newspapers, TV, brochures)
ASSISTING VOTERS

Along with the handwritten lists is a form called the ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. If a voter does not want to use the ballot marking part of the machine and prefers to vote with assistance, they can. They can have anyone of their choice except their Employer or their Union Official help them. So a spouse, parent, child, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, third cousin twice removed..... *As long as it is not their Employer or Union Official.* This form is filled out for any voter that needs assistance. You fill in the voter’s name and address and if you can, the registration number which is found to the left of the voter’s name in the book. You record the reason they need assistance. For example they have had a stroke, they have Parkinson’s, they have an injury that prevents them, whatever the reason that they cannot go in the voting booth and vote without assistance. Then you are going to write the person providing the assistance and their relationship to the voter. If a voter has no one to assist them and asks for inspectors help, **ONE FROM EACH PARTY MUST ASSIST!** There is never an exception to this rule!! Make sure you note both inspectors names on your ASSISTANCE PROVIDED Sheet.

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REMOVING A VOTER’S NAME FROM THE ELECTION ROLLS

For every election, you are given a small tablet for notes.

If a voter comes into the polling place and tells you that someone has moved out of Cortland County, you are provided a form in your colored folder that they need to fill out. We must have a family member’s signature, not an inspector’s, on the form in order to remove someone from our records. The voter should be encouraged to fill the form out right there and leave it with you to return in your bag to us. They can also take it and mail it in. Please make sure they understand that if they do not return the form to us, the family member’s name will still be in the book.
NAME CHANGES

If a voter has changed their name, BUT HAS NOT MOVED, they do NOT need to update their registration with the Board of Elections before being allowed to vote on the machine.

They will sign their old name above their pre-printed signature, and then sign their new name in the signature box.

You need to make sure you leave us a note on your note tablet from what old name to what new name.

Make sure you have the correct spelling for any name changes.
CHAIRMAN

The Chairman is picked by all the inspectors.

1. You get a $25.00 more for the day!!!

2. You will need to make sure all paperwork, Canvass Report, is filled out properly and all requested information is reported accurately.

3. You are responsible for keeping the polling place running smoothly.

4. You will be “orally proclaiming” the vote counts at the end of the night.

5. And finally, you need to call in the results after the polls close to the Board of Elections.

6. You need to make sure the Blue Bag is sealed and packed **properly** and **neatly** and returned to Board of Elections, along with the sealed security pouch. (Security pouch is **not** to be placed in the Blue Bag.)

7. Red Bag and Write-In section of the machine **properly** and **neatly** packed.

Just a note about calling in the results, the team of inspectors is just that, you work as a team. No one person can do it all that’s why we have several of you. So the only fair thing is for all of you to stay until every last task is done, including calling in election results.

**Numbers and signatures of inspectors must be **legible**!
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STREET FINDER/CITY STREET LISTS

The STREET FINDER is a very important tool at your polling place. It is so important that you use it so that voters are in the correct polling place.

The STREET FINDER is in alphabetical order by street and then by zip code. The zip code is what tells us where that street is so that we can determine the proper election district. You also need to pay attention to the evens and odds in the house range column. For example, some streets, even numbered houses are in a different election district than odd numbered houses. After the house range column is the polling place information and all the way to the right will tell you what election district it is. This is where you will verify if they are in the correct polling place and at the right table.

CITY ONLY –
It is important that you POST and USE LARGE street lists for voters to see and find their correct ward and election district.

- Smaller street lists are to be kept on the inspector table for reference.
AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS

The Affidavit Ballot and the Street Finder go hand in hand. If someone comes into your polling place and you do not find their name in the book, you have had the voter spell it and you have had another inspector check for you, the very next step you are going to take is to refer to your STREET FINDER. It is so important that you check the STREET FINDER to make sure that the voter is in the correct polling place and AT THE RIGHT TABLE. If you have more than one district at your polling place, DO NOT JUST HAND THE VOTER AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT. Most voters do not have an understanding of the process and think just because they are in the correct building they can just jump in the shortest line and vote.
Check the STREET FINDER to make sure they just don’t belong at a different table. If after you check the STREET FINDER, the voter belongs at another poll place, tell them where it is. If they are in the correct poll and the correct table, call the office at 753-5032 to confirm that you need to do an Affidavit Ballot.

1. Reassure the voter that doing an Affidavit Ballot is not the kiss of death. Most voters feel that doing a paper ballot is a waste of time and that it won’t count anyway so a little reassurance can go a long way.

2. Have the voter fill out the Affidavit Ballot Envelope.

3. Make sure that the voter dates and signs it.

4. Hand the voter a PEN and the ballot (the folded ballot that comes separate in your poll bag NOT A MACHINE BALLOT).

5. An Affidavit Ballot voter may vote his/her ballot in the voting booth.

6. The voter will place his/her ballot in the Affidavit Ballot Envelope and seal it.

7. Put the voted Affidavit Ballot Envelope in the LARGE envelope labeled AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS.
# AFFIDAVIT BALLOT ENVELOPE

## AFFIDAVIT OATH

### A Please provide the following required information

**Your name**

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**The address where you live**

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**Date of birth**

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**Party Enrollment**

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### B Please check each box that applies to you and fill in the appropriate blanks

- [ ] I have been informed by the inspectors that my registration record is not available to them, however I have duly registered to vote in this election district from the address given at left, and I remain a duly qualified voter in this district.

- [ ] I have moved within (insert County or New York City) since my last registration, and my previous address was:

- [ ] I was required to present identification when I voted today, but I did not do so.

- [ ] For Primary Elections Only: I am enrolled in the political party stated in the section at left, but the poll book does not reflect my correct enrollment.

### C Additional information to register to vote in the event that you do not have a valid voter registration on file

- **Qualifications**

  - Are you a citizen of the U.S.? [ ] Yes [ ] No

  - Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? [ ] Yes [ ] No

  - If you answer No, you cannot register to vote unless you will be 18 by the end of the year.

- **Voting history**

  - Have you voted before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

  - What year? ____________

- **Voting information that has changed**

  - Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before

  - Your name was __________________________

  - Your address was __________________________

  - Your previous state or New York State County was __________________________

- **Identification**

  - You must make 1 selection

    - [ ] New York State DMV Number ____________

    - [ ] Last four digits of your Social Security Number xxx–xx–___________

    - [ ] I do not have a New York State Driver's License or a Social Security Number.

- **Political party**

  - You must make 1 selection

    - [ ] Democratic party

    - [ ] Working Families party

    - [ ] Other ____________

    - [ ] Republican party

    - [ ] Independence party

    - [ ] I do not wish to enroll in a party

    - [ ] Conservative party

    - [ ] Green party

  - To vote in a primary election, you must be enrolled in one of these listed parties — except the Independence Party, which permits non-enrolled voters to participate in certain primary elections.

### D All voters must date and sign the oath below

- **Affidavit:** I swear or affirm that

  - I am a citizen of the United States.

  - I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.

  - I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.

  - This is my signature or mark in the box below.

  - The above information is true, I understand that if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to $5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years.

**Date** ____________  **Sign**

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**For Board Use Only**

**COUNTY OF:**

**CITY/TOWN**  **LEG/WARD#**  **ED#**  **AD#**
EMERGENCY BALLOTS

If your machine breaks down, NO, you do not shut the polling place down as tempting as it may be. We never tell the voter that the machine is broken so they will have to come back to vote, NEVER. What you do is this:

1. **CALL THE ELECTION OFFICE 753-5032.** We will contact the custodian and get them to you as soon as humanly possible.

2. The voters still have to go through all the motions just as if they were voting on the machine. You ask their name, their address, turn the book to them and they sign.

3. The voter is then handed a ballot, the ballot number is recorded on the STUB Number line, and on the handwritten list the number is recorded with an E or EM before it to mark it as an emergency ballot and don’t forget to check the Emergency ballot box on the ballot stub.

4. Unlock the emergency ballot slot on the front of the machine.
5. After the voter is done filling out the ballot, they slide the ballot in the emergency ballot slot.

6. After Technicians repair the machine, ONE OF EACH INSPECTOR will then remove the ballots from the emergency ballot slot and scan them through.

***REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOTS MUST BE HANDCOUNTED AT THE POLL SITE AND INCLUDED IN RESULTS AT THE CLOSE OF POLLS. KEEP REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOTS IN THE “REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOT” ENVELOPE.
PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primary elections are a little like a qualifying round. It’s an elimination process. Only voters registered in the party having the primary vote on primary election day. A voter cannot vote in any primary contest. They have to vote in the party in which they are registered.

When a voter comes into the polling place in addition to asking them their name and address, you will also need to ask them their party.

After the voter signs the book, you hand them the appropriate ballot according to the voter’s enrollment and record that stub number for the STUB Number.

Remember to place ballot in privacy sleeve before handing ballot to the voter.
WRITE-INS

AT EVERY ELECTION, VOTERS CAN DO A WRITE-IN

No matter if it is a Primary or General Election, a voter can do a write-in vote. At the bottom of every race on the ballot, there is a spot for a voter to write in a name. All the voter has to do is write in their candidate's name in the box and the machine will automatically scan it as a write-in.

Write-in Votes

Inspectors-
When instructing a voter on 'how to do a write-in,' be careful not to influence the voter on whose name to write-in.

If a voter inquires on doing a write-in you may:
• Explain that the write-in has to be under the correct office.
• The write-in will not be counted unless it is a legitimate name.

If the voter inquires as to the spelling of a name:
• You may tell them the spelling after the voter gives you the name. Please do not give the voter the names of write-in candidates, just the spelling when asked.

When counting the write-in votes:
• The vote will count if the name is easily recognizable, it does not have to be spelled perfectly.
• The write-in has to be written under the correct office.
MISCELLANEOUS

COURT ORDERS

It rarely happens, but every once in a while a voter will go to a Judge and get a court order to vote. If a voter comes into the polling place with a court order, you take the court order, write their name on the numbered list, give them a ballot and they VOTE ON THE MACHINE. They won’t be in your book, that’s why they needed the court order. All Court Orders need to be placed in the Miscellaneous Folder.

ABSENTEE VOTERS

Two things on absentee voters:

First, if someone comes in and tells you that they thought they would be out of town or not able to come for whatever reason, and that they voted by an absentee ballot, THEY VOTE ON THE MACHINE!!!! We will not let a person vote twice. All voted absentee ballots are compared to the book to make sure they didn’t vote in person. If they did, their ballot is pulled out and not counted.

Second, you CANNOT take a voted ballot that someone brings in for someone else. It will get to us too late to be counted. Tell them to bring “Aunt Sophie’s or Grandma’s” ballot to the Board of Elections before 9:00 p.m. If they insist that they are not going to bring it to us and just leave it anyway, make sure you make a note that you told them you could not take it, but they left it anyway.

VOTING ABSENTEE FOR INSPECTORS

If you do not work at the same poll site that you vote in, you can come in person to the Board of Elections and vote by absentee ballot. You have to come in person to the Board of Elections two weeks before an election, up to the day before the election. This will save you the hassle of trying to get away from the poll site you’re working to vote, as well as trying to grab a bite to eat.
Voucher for payment

In your red folder you will find vouchers. Each inspector needs to complete a voucher. If you are the Chairperson, please indicate that as well. You should be receiving your check in approximately one month from the Election date. Failure to complete the voucher will further delay your payment. Please do not wait until the end of the year to notify this office of non payment!

**POLL INSPECTOR PAY FORM**

| CLAIMANT: | 
| ADDRESS: | 
| CHECK ONE: PRIMARY _____ GENERAL _____ VILLAGE _____ |

| PER RESOLUTION NO. 143-09 POLL INSPECTORS - PLEASE fill out this form. your check cannot be processed without it. |
| DATES: | 
| TOTAL REQUESTED: | 

| FLAT RATE: $100.00 - PRIMARY | 
| $160.00 - GENERAL | 
| $100 - VILLAGE | 
| CHAIRPERSON ONLY - $25.00 | 
| INSPECTION TRAINING CLASS - $25.00 | 

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**CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE**

**DATE**
CLOSING OF THE POLLS/SHUTTING DOWN MACHINE

THE POLLS STAY OPEN UNTIL 9:00PM!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

No matter how tempting it will be to close up a little early even if the only votes you have had all day long are you inspectors.

SHUTTING DOWN MACHINE

1. You put the ibutton on the security pad.


3. **POLLING PLACES WITH MORE THAN ONE DISTRICT:**
   Print only ONE tape and cut apart each district.

   **REMINDER:**
   All inspectors NEED to sign this ONE tape.
4. Power Down

- Press 'press'
- Press 'press'
- Press 'press'
5. Using your key, open the Ballot Box door and turn the machine off by pressing the power button.

Wait until the screen goes black. Turn the machine off by pressing the power button.
6. Unplug the machine from wall outlet and put the plug with the extension cord back in clamp on machine.

7. Take headphones out of ATI.

8. Take ATI cord out of machine and ATI.
9. Snap off the Red seal that is on the Poll Worker door on the scanner. Leave on the seal that is on the Administrator side.

10. Remove the memory card: press the black button to the right of the card to release it, then pull the card from the machine.
11. Place the memory card and the ibutton in the security pouch.
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12. Also place machine printouts – Zero Report and Final Results, in the security pouch.

13. Zip and lock the bag, seal it **ONLY** after all paperwork (Canvass Report) is completed.

**RETURN SEALED SECURITY POUCH SEPARATELY WITH SEALED BLUE BAG, NOT INSIDE THE BLUE BAG.**
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CARE OF BALLOTS

Regular Ballots:
1. Remove blue bag from ballot box.
2. Separate ballots if you have more than one district.
3. Place ballots (according to district) in LARGE ENVELOPE labeled REGULAR BALLOTS. Use the large rubber bands found on the handwritten lists clipboard to attach ballots that do not fit inside the envelope.

Write-In Ballots:
1. Remove ballots from WRITE-IN SLOT.
2. Separate ballots if you have more than one district.
3. Place ballots (according to district) in LARGE ENVELOPE labeled WRITE-IN BALLOTS. Use the large rubber bands found on the handwritten lists clipboard to attach ballots that do not fit inside the envelope.

Ballot ID located lower right hand corner of ballot
The Chairperson now gets to “orally proclaim” the results. As they are “proclaiming”, one inspector is filling in the voting machine line on the Return of Canvass. **Read results from Canvass Book - not tape.**

Anyone can be there for the closing of the polls. They don’t need a poll watchers certificate. Everyone has the right to watch the closing, but they have to stay behind the “guard rail” as the State puts it. That means that they can be there but cannot come around the table where you are doing your paperwork. Most of the time, they want results, so have an inspector go to one of the sample ballots and write the results on it as the chairperson is “orally proclaiming”.

The chairperson now calls the numbers to report your results. 753-5032

**YOU HAVE TO CALL IN YOUR NUMBERS!!**

If you don’t have a phone in your polling place, and none of the inspectors have a cell phone you can use, please notify the Election office so we can make arrangements for a cell phone for your polling place.
Now it’s time to **pack your bags** and the machine. The bags should be repacked as neatly as they came to you. See “Blue Bag Contents at Closing” pp. 63 and “Machine Contents at Closing” pp. 64.

Replace the two foam pieces back on machine.

Return manual at end of the evening to its original location.

Put cover back on.

THAT’S IT, YOU’RE DONE!!!! You can all go home now and pat yourselves on the back for a JOB WELL DONE!
After the Polls Closed
(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors
as indicated below, AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY

BMD

Ballot Box seal __________________________
ATI seal ________________________________
Printer seal _____________________________
Printer CF Card __________________________
Memory Card (Administrator) seal __________
Memory Card (Poll Worker) seal ____________
Thermal Tape Seal ________________________

That the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors, under the
scrutiny of another member representing a different political
party, called off the vote for each candidate as shown on the
counters of the machine, and that such vote was recorded on
this Returns of Canvass sheet by an inspector and the poll
clerks.

That the vote as recorded on this Returns of Canvass was then
compared with the figures on the machine by being called
therefrom by an inspector of a different political party than the
one who first announced the vote.

That the machine is closed and locked.

We do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
Statement of the votes received by each candidate in this
election district.

1................................................................. Chmn.

2.................................................................

3.................................................................

4.................................................................

5.................................................................

6.................................................................

7.................................................................

8.................................................................

(Signed) Board of Inspectors.
The following items need to be placed in the BLUE BAG after the polls have been closed at 9:00 pm and brought back to the Board of Elections by the chairman.

- all full unused ballot booklets (don’t forget to record number unused on transmittal sheet in your report)
- all partially used ballot booklets (record numbers on transmittal sheet)
- all ballot stubs
- all unused blank paper used for handicapped voters
- all unused affidavit ballots and envelopes
- all poll books
- handwritten lists

- 6 envelopes for each district
  - regular ballots envelope (separate ballots according to district and place in envelope)
  - write-in ballots envelope (separate ballots according to district and place in envelope)
  - affidavit envelope (separate according to district and place in envelope)
  - voids envelope (separate according to district and place in envelope)
  - miscellaneous envelope (separate according to district)
  - rejected emergency ballots envelope (separate according to district and place in envelope)

- Red Folder Containing:
  - canvass reports-double check if you have more than one district
  - security seals/tags report
  - ballot booklet transmittal sheet
  - payment voucher

Place on top in Blue Bag before attaching proper seal.

Chairman returns above items in Blue Bag to the Board of Elections with proper seal after you have called in the results and closed your polling place.

Reminder: Return sealed security pouch separately with sealed Blue Bag, not inside the Blue Bag!!!!!
The following items need to be placed in the ballot box (voting machine) after the polls have been closed at 9:00 pm (locked in the machine).

RED BAG (to be placed on floor of ballot box at closing):
- ALL SIGNS: RUBBER-BANDED
  - CITY ONLY-STREET POSTERS TO PUT UP AND SMALL ONES FOR INSPECTOR TABLE
- 4 to 8 ballot privacy sleeves
- flag
- poster
- table talkers
- blue painters tape/duct tape/masking tape
- clear supply bag
- ruler
- magnifying glass
- string
- yellow election folder containing forms
- street finder
- extension cord

- return keys after you have locked the ballot box back to the machine where you found them wrapped around the arm of the monitor

WRITE-IN SECTION:
- sip and puff case
- plastic container with ATI
- 2 large black privacy folders for machine

REMEMBER: THE RED BAG SHOULD CONTAIN THOSE ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE NEEDED TO VALIDATE ELECTION RESULTS AND PLACED IN MACHINE.

RED BAG AND WRITE-IN SECTION SHOULD BE PACKED NEATLY!

MANUAL TO BE RETURNED TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION.
TO PREPARE MACHINE FOR A DISABLED VOTER:

1. Put blank ballot paper in the printer slot and attach privacy sleeve

2. Put button on “SECURITY KEY”

3. Hand voter the headphones, ATI (remote control) and attach the privacy sleeve to the printer. Give the voter some basic instructions as to what is going on. The machine will give them specific instructions.
4. When menu comes up, press “ACCESSIBLE VOTING”, the administrator’s screen will prompt you for a code (CHECK THE LIST OF CODES INSIDE THE POCKET OF THE FRONT COVER OF YOUR MANUAL FOR YOUR POLLING PLACE).

5. Voter marks the ballot using the ATI

6. After Voter is done with voting, the ballot will print and come out of the same slot you put the blank ballot paper in. This takes several minutes (so don’t panic 😊). Voter needs to place his/her printed ballot in the privacy folder provided.

7. Voter then takes the ballot and proceeds to the scanner.
SIP/PUFF INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the Sip/Puff from the plastic folder.

2. Attach the little black box on the device with the black connector cord, to the Sip ‘n puff port on the ATI (remote control, under the yellow arrows). The headphones stay connected under the blue arrows.
3. Put the earphone covers on the headphones.

4. The straw with the green filter attaches to the top of the device by screwing it in.

Remember to use the gloves that are in the plastic folder individually wrapped!
It attaches to a wheelchair by screwing into where the armrest comes out of the wheelchair (on the back of the armrest).

a. A voter using the Sip/Puff device only has two options, sip is the same as the red X, it makes selections, and puff is the same as the blue down arrow, it lets you go to next candidate.

b. After a voter is done, throw away the piece that went into their mouth, the rest of the unit gets placed back into the plastic bag, depending on which device your poll site has.
Select/Enter
Port for sip & puff and foot pedals
ATI (remote control)
Manual Voter Key-Pad
Port for headphones
Volume control
Help/Pause
Next Contest/Category
Next candidate
Audio Rate
Port for sip & puff and foot pedals
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Election Inspectors Oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Election Inspector according to the best of my ability."

Voter Assistance Oath:

Oath is sworn by a person, other than an Inspector, who assists an individual to vote. This must be taken before the person rendering assistance provides that assistance. Ask the proposed assistant if he or she swears or affirms the following:

"I will not in any manner request, or seek to persuade or induce the voter to vote any particular ticket or for any particular candidate, and that I will not keep or take any memorandum or entry of anything occurring within the booth, and that I will not, directly or indirectly, reveal to any person the name of any candidate voted for by the voter, or which ticket he had voted, or pursuant to law to give testimony as to such matters in a judicial proceeding." (Election Law 8-306.5)

Preliminary Challenge Oath:

For an individual who has been challenged and who is about to be questioned by the Board of Inspectors as to his or her voting qualifications swears:

"You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will make true answers to such questions as may be put to you concerning your qualifications as a voter."

(Election Law 8-504.1)

Qualification Challenge Oath:

For an individual who has been challenged and has responded to questions from the Inspectors as to his or her voting qualifications swears:

"You do swear (or affirm) that you are eighteen years of age, that you are a citizen of the United States and that you have been a resident of this state, and of Chemung County for thirty days next preceding this election, that you reside at the same address at which you have been duly registered in this election district, that you have not voted in this election, and that you do not know of any other reason why you are not qualified to vote at this election. You do further declare that you are aware that it is a crime to make any false statement. That all the statements you have made to the board have been true and that you understand that a false statement is perjury and you will be guilty of a misdemeanor." (Election Law 8-504.3)
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<td>A special paper ballot, which once voted, goes into a special envelope that must be accurately and completely filled out by the voter. This type of ballot is sometimes referred to as a <strong>provisional ballot</strong> and will need to be researched at Election headquarters. It is returned with election supplies, unopened.</td>
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<td>The primary group responsible for the conduct of elections. The Board of Elections is also known as the county board.</td>
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<td>Board of Inspectors</td>
<td>A group of four Inspectors who operate the polling site on election day. Each board appoints a Chairperson to lead the team of Inspectors. Boards of Inspectors are appointed by the Board of Elections.</td>
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<td>canvassing</td>
<td>The process of determining the validity of votes and processing ballots for results.</td>
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<td>Chairperson</td>
<td>The Board of Inspector’s polling site team leader who supervises election day activities.</td>
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<td>challenge</td>
<td>Calling into question the eligibility of a voter to vote.</td>
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<td>Challenge Report</td>
<td>Form that Inspectors complete to record voter challenges on election day.</td>
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<td>election district</td>
<td>A geographical area set off from another in the same municipality for voting purposes. Also called a voting district or precinct.</td>
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<td>emergency ballot</td>
<td>Ballots used when voting machines break down.</td>
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<td>guardrail</td>
<td>Area established by the Election Inspectors, which encompasses the voter sign-in area and the election equipment.</td>
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<td>general election</td>
<td>An election wherein voters are allowed to vote for candidates and issues without restriction due to party affiliation (in contrast to primary elections).</td>
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<td>Poll worker who sets up the polling site, processes voters, and canvasses votes. Also called an <strong>Election Inspector</strong> or poll worker.</td>
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<td>Notice to Voters</td>
<td>A statement given to voters who are precluded from voting on a voting machine that outlines the voter’s legal options.</td>
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### Glossary of Terms, Continued

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<td>poll book</td>
<td>A computerized list of voters, containing digitized signatures and important registration information.</td>
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<td>For polling sites that require more help than the four appointed Inspectors, additional poll workers called Poll Clerks are assigned.</td>
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<td>The physical location where voters go to cast their ballots during an election. Also called an election district site, poll site, or polling place.</td>
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<td>A person appointed by political party chairs, candidates, and/or other officials to observe the election day procedures at a polling site.</td>
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<td>An election in which voters in a jurisdiction select their respective party candidates for a subsequent election. The process by which a political party nominates candidates for the next general election.</td>
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<td>roster</td>
<td>List of voters appearing in the poll book.</td>
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<td>special ballot</td>
<td>Ballot issued to a voter who is unable to vote in person at his or her designated polling place for one of a set of specific reasons.</td>
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<td>Voter's Bill of Rights</td>
<td>A list of the rights of registered voters.</td>
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<td>The information shown in the poll book about a voter, such as name, address, and party affiliation.</td>
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<td>The set of all the machines and other equipment used in the voting process.</td>
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<td>A candidate in an election whose name does not appear on the ballot, but for whom voters may vote by writing in the person's name.</td>
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**SAMPLE RESULTS TAPE**

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**Cortland County**  
**2012 Federal Primary**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

**Tabulator Name:**  
0100088401082 SR. CITIZENS - Tabulator

**Tabulator ID:**  20

**Voting Location:**  
SR. CITIZENS

**Precinct:**  
Cortland #1, Cortland 2A

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**ELECTION DISTRICTS**

**B**E **W**A**R**D

**ELECTION DISTRICT #1**

**Ballot ID:** 15

**Ballots Cast:** 21

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**ELECTION DISTRICT #2**

**Ballot ID:** 16

**Ballots Cast:** 6

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**Democratic:**
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**Sample Ballot ID Located Lower Right Corner of Ballot**

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**Certification:**

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**When Calling in Results:**

**Read Results From Canvass Report Not this Tape!**

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**TOTALS for all Ballots**

**Total Scanned:** 27
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**Do Nothing with These Numbers - For Office Use Only!**

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**Unit Model:** 104 (Ver 1.03)
**Unit Serial:** UN/001 2795
**Protective Counter:** 002
**Software Version:** 1.32.7

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INSPECTORS’ RETURN
AND
Statement of Canvass
Of Votes Cast at the
VILLAGE ELECTION
HELD
March 16th, 2010

Cortland County Board of Elections Inspector Manual

Voting Machine No.

Village of: MCGRAW

County of: Cortland

Sheet No. 1
County of Cortland
Village of MCGRAW

SAMPLE CANVASS REPORT
STATEMENT OF CANVASS
of Votes Cast at the Village Election Held March 16TH, 2010
County of Cortland, State of New York

Total Number of Votes
Inspectors – Make entries on dotted lines only.  Recanvass – Make entries on solid lines only.

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<th>Total Votes on Machine No. 1</th>
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Board of Election Use Only

Central Counting

Absentee-Military Votes

Special Federal Votes

Affidavit Votes

Total All Votes (Add Columns 4 through 7)

Revised Total After Recanvass

Before the Polls Opened
(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors as indicated below, BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY
That, this day, before the polls were opened, we carefully examined each of the candidate and question counters and the public counter of the voting machine, and found that each registered 000.

BMD
Ballot Box seal
ATI seal
Printer seal
Printer CF Card
Memory Card (Administrator) seal
Memory Card (Poll Worker) seal
Thermal Tape Seal

That the keys were delivered to us in a sealed envelope; and that the machine number, protective counter number, and seal number, written on said envelope, corresponded to numbers found on the voting machine as above set forth, respectively.

1. ................................................................. Chmn.
2. .................................................................
3. .................................................................
4. .................................................................
5. .................................................................
6. .................................................................
7. .................................................................
8. ................................................................. (Signed) Board of Inspectors.
STATEMENT OF CANVASS
of Votes Cast at the Village Election Held March 16TH, 2010
County of Cortland, State of New York

Village of McGraw
_________________ Ward __________________ District

Located at .................................................................
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TO INSPECTORS
If two machines are used in this district, enter all machine
numbers, all seal numbers, and all protector counter numbers
on this sheet; and enter the vote registered on the candidate
and question counters in two columns on the following
sheet(s), under the heading “Vote on Machines.” When only
one machine is used in this district make all entries under
machine column heading “No. 1” Make all entries on the
dotted lines provided. Solid lines underneath the dotted lines
are for use during the recanvass only.

After the Polls Closed
(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors
as indicated below, AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY

BMD

Ballot Box seal .........................................................
ATI seal .................................................................
Printer seal .............................................................
Printer CF Card ....................................................... 
Memory Card (Administrator) seal .............................
Memory Card (Poll Worker) seal ............................... 
Thermal Tape Seal .................................................

That the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors, under the
scrutiny of another member representing a different political
party, called off the vote for each candidate as shown on the
counters of the machine, and that such vote was recorded on
this Returns of Canvass sheet by an inspector and the poll
clerks.

That the vote as recorded on this Returns of Canvass was
then compared with the figures on the machine by being
called therefrom by an inspector of a different political party
than the one who first announced the vote.

That the machine is closed and locked.

We do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
Statement of the votes received by each candidate in this
election district.

1.................................................................. Chmn.

2. .................................................................

3. .................................................................

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6. .................................................................

7. .................................................................

8. .................................................................

(Signed)  Board of Inspectors.
The candidates named below received the number of votes set opposite their respective names. **NOTE: Make entries on dotted line ONLY.**

**INSPECTORS FILL IN**

**VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

(Two Year Term)

(Vote for any TWO)

Counters

Vote on Machine No. 1

Absentee-Military, Special Federal, Emergency Vote

**BOARDS OF ELECTION USE ONLY**

Absentee-Military, Affidavit and Special Federal Central Counting

ADJUSTED TOTAL

**DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACES WITH AN “X”**

***REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOTS MUST BE HANDCOUNTED AT THE POLL SITE AND INCLUDED IN RESULTS AT THE CLOSE OF POLLS. KEEP REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOTS IN THE “REJECTED EMERGENCY BALLOT” ENVELOPE.***
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**Number of envelopes received**  
Number of envelopes unopened  
Number of envelopes opened  
Number of ballots missing from envelopes  
(Deduct Number of Ballots Missing from Number of Envelopes Opened and Record on Line Below.)  
Number remaining to be accounted for in the ballot box
State of New York

County of ___________________

We, the undersigned, the Inspectors of Election of the within named election district hereby certify that we have separately canvassed the vote cast for the aforesaid candidates and all questions submitted and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement thereof.

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Inspectors of Election                          Inspectors of Election

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Date

FOR COUNTY OFFICE ONLY
FOR CENTRAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS INSPECTORS USE

State of New York

County of ___________________

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have recanvassed the vote cast for the aforesaid candidates and have noted all additions, deletions or corrections to the inspectors canvass including those absentee votes counted at the Board of Elections, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement thereof.

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Name                                      Name

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Title                                      Title

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Date

(All corrections, deletions or additions to inspectors tally should be recorded on solid lines)