



Concerned Voters of Centre County

<http://concernedvoters.org>

Dear Poll Worker/Watcher,

Thank you for volunteering to participate in our democracy as you work or watch the polls today. While we all hope for a smooth and trouble free election, our group will be watching the machines and documenting any problems we find, from voting machine problems to voters complaints, and long lines.

Critical times for watching the machines are 6AM-9AM and 6PM-till pollworkers go home. Poll watchers ARE allowed to watch the opening and closing procedures, before and after polls close.

We ask that observers **PLEASE TAKE NOTES AND RECORD YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON PAPER.** Be sure to include in your notes as many specific details as you can get such as: Serial numbers from machine(s), Time of day, and precinct location.

MAJOR ISSUES / Potential Problems

* Include serial number of all machines reported.*

- Touchscreen fails to report that vote was accepted
- Error messages appear on the touchscreen
- Machine has incorrect time of day
- Technicians, repair persons working on one of the voting machines
- Memory cards are replaced on Election Day (before, during or after voting)
- Zero Tape not posted in polling place in morning or Results Tape not posted on door in evening.

• Zero Tape

Document if zero tape is not posted and if machine is used anyway. Document any printer jams, prints over previous entries, not visible, etc.

• Machine Failures

Blank screen, fails to power up, freezes, delays opening of polls, other. Include serial number, length of any delays, and how problem was handled. Record any error message that appears on a screen and if possible take a picture of the screen.

• Machine Records Voter Preference incorrectly

Premarks choice, differs from paper trail printout, switches vote to another candidate on initial screen or in final summary screen - note the difference, voter cannot change vote displayed, was machine taken out of service.

• Voter access card or PEB problem

Times out, locks out voter, gets stuck or left in machine, other.

• User Interface Issues

Screen has poor readability, flickering, dim, skipping, buttons stick, other.

• **Language Issues** Voter language not available, switches languages, translation problems, other.

• Disabled Access Issues

Wheelchair inaccessibility, audio, braille, or magnification inadequate or unusable, accessibility attachments don't work, machine gives person unable to use hands no means to vote, other.

• Straight Ticket Issues

Cannot vote straight party ticket, cannot change selected offices, straight party choice fails to cast vote for party's candidate in one or more races, others.

• Security Issues

Machines stored in unlocked location, memory cards not secured, machine connected to telephone line or wire during Election Day, machine uses wireless connection, seals broken or missing, other.

• Results Tape Issues

Precinct results tapes are printed at the end of the day. Document if result tapes are not posted. Document any printer jams, prints over previous entries, not visible, won't print at all, missing races, other.)a

BALLOT ISSUES

• Provisional Ballot Issues

Failure to offer provisional ballot to any voter not on voter lists, mishandling of provisional ballots, other.

• Emergency Paper Ballot Issues

In touchscreen precincts, emergency paper ballots not on hand in case of equipment breakdown, emergency ballots are used or counted as provisional ballots, other.

• Ballot Display Issues on Touchscreens

One or more candidates or questions are missing from the ballot displayed, incorrect ballot is displayed, other.

AT END OF DAY, PLEASE GET A COPY OF THE FULL RESULTS FROM THE PRECINCT

1. Number of voters who signed in
2. Numbers on public & protective counters
3. Number of absentee ballots
4. Number of provisional ballots
5. Full count for all races on machines & absentees

ELECTION DAY HELP AND QUESTIONS:

call Mary (814) 769-9566

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1-888-SAV-VOTE and 1-866-OUR-VOTE