

# VOTER GUIDE

QUEENS COUNCIL DISTRICT 23
GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 3

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# WELCOME

## ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, voters in City Council District 23 will choose a new City Council member to fill the seat vacated this summer.

In addition, voters in Queens and other boroughs will vote for other offices, such as District Attorney and judicial positions. This Guide provides profiles of candidates **running in Council District 23**, as well as general information about voting.

If you received this Guide in the mail, you are a resident of Council District 23 and are eligible to vote for your new Council member.

You can view customized information about all the races on your ballot in the online edition of the Voter Guide at <u>www.nyccfb.info/voterguide</u>. Also, watch the NYC Votes Video Voter Guide, produced in partnership with QPTV, on October 19th (6:30 pm), October 22nd (10 am), October 29th (10 am), or October 30th (9pm). Check page 4 for dates, times, and QPTV channels.

Make your voice heard in **District 23—go vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!** 

# WHERE DO I VOTE?

To find your poll site, visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com, call the voter hotline at 866-VOTE-NYC, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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#### NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

You can register to vote, change your registration, vote absentee, apply to be a poll worker and more with the New York City Board of Elections. Reach the BOE online at www.vote.nyc.ny.us, call the voter hotline, or visit in person at your borough's BOE office.

#### **GENERAL OFFICE**

32-42 Broadway, 7th Floor New York, NY 10004

(212) 487-5400

Hours: 9 am to 5 pm

#### **QUEENS**

126-06 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, NY 11415

(718) 730-6730

Hours: 9 am to 5 pm

#### **VOTER HOTLINE**

866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)

(212) 487-5496

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### **YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER**

#### You have the right to vote in a primary election if:

- You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary.
- You are inside your polling place no later than 9 pm on Election Day.

#### You have the right to vote in a general election if:

- You are a registered voter.
- You are inside your polling place no later than 9 pm on Election Day.

#### In any election, you have a right to:

- Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available and for which languages.
- · Ask election workers how to vote.
- Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these materials away with you when you finish voting.)
- Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- · Vote by "affidavit ballot" if your name is missing from the list of voters at your polling site.

#### You may have to show identification to vote in this election if you are voting for the first time at your polling place.

- · Acceptable forms of identification include valid photo ID or current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck, or government document that shows name and address.
- If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

### **UPCOMING ELECTION DEADLINES**

#### OCTOBER 14

Change of Address Deadline

#### **OCTOBER 23**

Mail-In Military Ballot Application Deadline

#### **OCTOBER 27**

Mail-In Absentee Ballot Application Deadline

#### **NOVEMBER 2**

- In-Person Military/Absentee Ballot Application Deadline (9 am to 5 pm)
- Mail-In Military/Absentee Ballot Deadline

#### **NOVEMBER 3**

- General Election—polls open 6 am to 9 pm
- In-Person Absentee Ballot Delivery Deadline (9 am to 9 pm)

## **ABOUT THE VOTER GUIDE**

The Voter Guide is produced by the Campaign Finance Board. This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the election at press time, even if the candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile in time to be included in this printed Guide. Because candidates can be removed from the ballot for legal reasons until just before the election, some candidates listed in this Guide may not appear on the ballot. Visit the online Voter Guide at www.nyccfb.info/voterguide for up-to-date general election information, or use the BOE's poll site locator at nyc.pollsitelocator.com to view your sample ballot.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates. All the candidates have affirmed under penalty of perjury that the information in their profiles is true to the best of their knowledge. The information provided by the candidates is reprinted as it was supplied to the CFB, except in the case of egregious errors and minor formatting issues, which may be corrected by the CFB prior to publication. The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of the New York City Campaign Finance Board.

## **NEIGHBORHOODS IN DISTRICT 23**



District 23 includes parts of Alley Pond Park, Bayside, Bellerose, Cunningham Park, Douglaston, Floral Park, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Little Neck, and Queens Village.

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 23 GENERAL ELECTION

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City's government. The City Council is responsible for passing local laws, making decisions about land use, investigating and overseeing city agencies, and approving the city's budget. Each Council member represents one of the 51 New York City Council districts. Council members receive an annual base salary of \$112,500. Council leaders and chairs of committees receive additional pay. Council members may hold other jobs in addition to their Council seats.

#### **Candidates**

BARRY GRODENCHIK (D)

JOSEPH CONCANNON (R, C, REF)

REBECCA LYNCH (WF)

PARTY KEY

D = Democratic

R = Republican

C = Conservative

WF = Working Families

REF = Reform

## DON'T MISS THE NYC VOTES VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

NYC Votes, in partnership with QPTV, brings you the Council District 23 Video Voter Guide. Hear directly from the candidates about their platforms so you can cast an informed vote on November 3!

MON, **OCT 19** 6:30 pm THU, **OCT 22** 10:00 am THU, **OCT 29** 10:00 am

FRI, **OCT 30** 9:00 pm

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### **BARRY GRODENCHIK** (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Director of Community Boards, Queens

Borough President Melinda Katz

Previous Occupation(s): Deputy Queens Borough President under Helen Marshall; New York State Assemblyman, Chief Administrative Officer for Queens Borough President Claire Shulman

Education: SUNY-Binghamton, Bachelor's Degree in Economics and History Organizational Affiliations: Barry has been honored by numerous community organizations, including the Bnos Malka Academy, the Taiwan Association, the

Korean American Association, the Southeast Queens Community Partnership

and the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty

Prior Public Experience: Deputy Queens Borough President under Helen Marshall; New York State Assemblyman, Chief Administrative Officer for Queens Borough President Claire Shulman



The most important issue facing our district is protecting our great schools. I attended public schools here in Eastern Queens and know that we must do everything in our power for our children and provide them with the resources they need to be successful.

#### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

In addition to education, public safety and quality of life issues are most important. Eastern Queens has been ignored by City Hall for far too long and I will be the advocate for middle-class families, homeowners, coop owners, tenants and small business owners across our community.

#### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

My experience and knowledge of the district and our local communities is unsurpassed. I've dedicated my life to helping Queens' families through my work in the NYS Assembly, the Queens Borough President's office and with local community boards and organizations. No one will fight harder for the issues we care about and no one knows how to get results like I can.

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## **JOSEPH CONCANNON** (R, C, REF)

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NYPD Captain, U.S. Air Force Veteran, Professor at SUNY Farmingdale, NY, Security Clearance Investigator (U.S. Government Agency contractor)

Previous Occupation(s): Assistant Commissioner for Community Affairs, City of New York

Education: Master's Degree in Public Administration; Bachelor's Degree in Government and Public Administration; John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: President Emeritus of InfraGuard NY Metro Members Alliance (an FBI partnership initiative)

Prior Public Experience: Deputy Director of Public Safety in the Mayor Rudy Giuliani's administration

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 23 you would address if elected?

The most important issue facing this district is the dangerous return to high crime rates. The number one job of an elected official, especially at the city level, is to maintain and preserve public safety. If elected, I would immediately meet with our local precinct commanders to establish a better working relationship between them and our City Council as well as meet with the Police Commissioner to help address the specific needs of the 23rd Council District. I would oppose any and all legislation that would handcuff our police officers in the performance of their job.

#### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Creating jobs and working closely with our local economy would be my major focus as City Councilman. I will fight against taxes and regulations that stifle business and kill jobs. I believe we need to re-focus on job training programs especially for careers in the trades. We have schools in the district that are not effectively maintained and funded. That must end. I will fight to fully fund our schools and give teachers the tools they need to teach our children effectively and not simply teach to the test. We must re-focus our efforts in education towards being leaders in STEM learning to prepare our children to work in a global economy.

#### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As the CEO of Integris Security and a 25 year veteran of the NYPD, I have unparalleled experience from both the private & public sector as well as the unique experience of being appointed by Mayor Giuliani to the position of Deputy Director of Public Safety, where I served as Chief Analyst of Public Safety Issues. I am well-equipped to deal with the safety needs of this city.

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## **REBECCA LYNCH** (WF)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic **Current Occupation: Public Servant** 

**Previous Occupation(s):** Assistant Commissioner for Community Affairs, City of New York

**Education:** Graduated from Townsend Harris High School in Flushing; M.S. 67 in Little Neck; and P.S. 186 in Bellerose. Received a Bachelors degree in Government from Colby College

Organizational Affiliations: Former Democratic District Leader; Former Executive Officer of the Eleanor Roosevelt Regular Democratic Club; Former Board Member of the Samuel Field Y in Little Neck and Former Board Member of the Alley Pond **Environmental Center** 

Prior Public Experience: Assistant Commissioner for Community Affairs, City of New York

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 23 you would address if elected?

Quality education for all our children is the cornerstone of our community. As a graduate of District 26 public schools and Townsend Harris High School, I know firsthand the opportunity good public education provides. We have excellent neighborhood schools but not enough to meet our needs. I will work to reduce overcrowding and fight for a new high school for our community.

#### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a woman born, raised and rooted in this district, I care deeply about keeping our community affordable for families and seniors, and will always fight back against escalating rents, condo and co-op taxes and water rates. I will be a strong voice for increased funding for essential services at our local community organizations and senior centers.

#### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

This district needs a strong, effective representative who can deliver for our community. As an Assistant Commissioner for Community Affairs, I worked closely with city agencies to cut red tape and provide services for residents throughout Queens. As an advocate, I worked to advance policies that improve the quality of life for families across the five boroughs. I know what it takes and will work hard to ensure that our community gets the attention and resources it needs to continue to be a great place to work and raise a family.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### VOTING

#### What is a primary election?

A primary election is held when more than one candidate wants a party's nomination and has successfully completed all the steps to get on the ballot. The winner of a primary election runs as that party's nominee in the general election held in November. If only one candidate is seeking a party's nomination, no primary is held for that office.

#### Can I vote in the primary election?

If you are a registered voter who is enrolled (by the deadline) in a party that is holding a primary election, you can vote in the primary. State party rules may allow non-enrolled voters to participate in certain primary elections; check with the BOE to find out if you are eligible.

#### What is a runoff primary election and can I vote in that?

If no candidate for a citywide office (mayor, public advocate, or comptroller) receives at least 40% of the vote in the primary election, a runoff primary election is held between the two candidates who received the most votes. If you were eligible to vote in a party's primary, you are also eligible to vote in any runoff primary held by that party.

#### What is a general election and can I vote in that?

In the general election, candidates from different parties compete to win elected office. You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for each office on the ballot. You can also vote "yes" or "no" on ballot proposals. All voters who registered by the deadline are eligible to vote in the general election.

#### What is a special election and can I vote in that?

A special election occurs when an office becomes vacant before the end of the scheduled term, for example, if the elected official resigns or is elected to a different office. When this happens, a special election is declared within a short period of time to fill the seat until the end of the term. You can vote in a special election if you are registered to vote by the deadline and you are a resident of the district in which the special election is held.

#### What is a ballot proposal?

A ballot proposal is a question placed on the ballot for voters to decide. Ballot questions may involve bond issues, or proposed amendments to the New York State Constitution or the New York City Charter. In some cases, an individual or group submits a petition to place a question on the ballot.

#### Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date. However, if you did not vote in the last two federal elections, or you moved without updating your address with the BOE, your registration may be considered "inactive" and your name may not appear in the voter roll at your poll site. You can still vote by affidavit ballot.

#### What if I moved within New York City since the last time I voted?

When you move, New York State law requires you to change your address with the BOE within 25 days. You do this by submitting a new voter registration form and filling in the information on the form, including information in the box labeled "Voting information that has changed." Fill in your new and old address, check the box for the party you wish to be enrolled in (do this even if you were enrolled in a party at your old address), and provide any other requested information. If you moved but you didn't change your address with the BOE before the deadline, you should go to your new polling place and vote by affidavit ballot. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

#### What if my name is not in the voter book when I sign in to vote?

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed on the mailing label of Voter Guides you receive from the CFB and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters before each election. A poll worker is available at each poll site to look up your name and address and determine which district you live in if you need assistance, or check the BOE's poll site locator.

Once you confirm that you are signing in at the correct table, if you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, you can still vote. Ask a poll worker for an affidavit ballot, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

#### Where do I go to vote?

You should receive a voter card in the mail 2-3 weeks after registering to vote that contains your poll site information. You can also check online by using the Board of Elections poll site locator.

#### What if I can't get to my polling place on Election Day?

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place due to absence from the county or New York City on Election Day; temporary or permanent illness or physical disability; hospitalization; duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or disabled; or detention in a veterans administration hospital, jail, or prison, awaiting trial or action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense that was not a felony.

#### There are two ways to vote by absentee ballot: by mail or in person.

- By mail: call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office.
- In person: Absentee voting in person begins as soon as the ballots are available (at least 32 days before an election) and ends on Election Day. It is conducted at your BOE borough office Monday-Friday and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 am to 5 pm, and until 9 pm on Election Day.

Please note: If the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed and you cannot appear at your poll site on Election Day because of an accident or sudden illness, you can send a representative to your BOE borough office with a written letter of authorization to obtain an absentee ballot on your behalf. A completed application and your completed ballot must be returned to your BOE borough office by 9 pm on Election Day.

#### I'm not sure what's on the ballot this election — where can I find out?

You can find out about candidates and ballot questions by visiting the online Voter Guide at www.nyccfb.info/voterguide. A printed Guide is mailed to voters when local offices (such as mayor and City Council member) or ballot questions are on the ballot.

#### I was convicted of a felony, can I vote?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you can register and vote after you complete your sentence and/or parole. See the Registering FAQ for more information.

#### I am currently homeless, can I vote?

Yes, if you register. See the instructions in the Registering FAQ.

#### Do I need to show identification to vote?

In most cases, you do not need an ID to vote. If you are voting for the first time, you may need to show a photo ID to verify you are who you claim to be.

#### I am a registered voter but my name is not on the voter roll at my poll site — can I vote?

Yes. If your name does not appear in the voter rolls but you are at the correct poll site, you may vote by affidavit ballot. You should double check your poll site location to verify you are at the correct site before asking your poll worker for an affidavit ballot. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a form so you can register for future elections.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### REGISTERING

#### How do I register to vote?

Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form at www.nyccfb.info, pick one up at your local BOE office or at many NYC agency customer service locations, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) to request one by mail. You can also register online (see next question). The deadline for postmarked and in-person registration submissions is 25 days prior to the election you wish to vote in.

#### Can I register to vote online?

Online voter registration is available through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at <a href="http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-">http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-</a> registration-application. You will need to set up a profile with a valid NYS driver license (or non-driver ID) number and your social security number to begin.

#### I don't know if I'm registered to vote — how can I find out?

Use the Voter Registration Look-up at https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

#### Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date, but it may be moved to inactive if you did not vote in the last two federal elections, or if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE.

#### What if I moved within New York City since the last time I voted?

When you move, New York State law requires you to change your address with the BOE within 25 days. You do this by submitting a new voter registration form and filling in the information on the form, including information in the box labeled "Voting information that has changed". Fill in your new and old address, check the box for the party you wish to be enrolled in (do this even if you were enrolled in

a party at your old address), and provide any other requested information. If you moved but you didn't change your address with the BOE before the deadline, you should go to your new polling place and vote by affidavit ballot. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

#### I am currently homeless, can I register and vote?

Yes, you have the right to register and vote. Fill out a voter registration form and write a location where you can be found, such as "Bench on Central Park on 86th Street", as the address where you live. You will be assigned a poll site based on this address. Write the address of a shelter, P.O. Box, or family member as the address where you receive mail. Your voter card will be sent to this address.

#### Does a felony conviction affect my right to register and vote?

You may **not** register or vote, if you have been convicted of a felony and for that felony:

- You are currently incarcerated; or
- You are under parole supervision.

You may register and vote if you were convicted of a felony and for that felony:

- You were sentenced to probation;
- You were not sentenced to incarceration or your prison sentence was suspended;
- You have served your maximum prison sentence, in which case you are able to re-register to vote;
- You were on parole and then discharged, in which case you are able to re-register to vote; or
- You have received a pardon.

#### Does a misdemeanor conviction affect my right to register and vote?

You can register and vote, even from jail, if you have been convicted of only a misdemeanor. The same rules apply whether you were convicted in a New York court, another state's court, or a federal court. You do not need to provide any documentation about your criminal record in order to register and vote.

## **NYC CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD**

The Campaign Finance Board is a nonpartisan, independent city agency that enhances the role of New York City residents in elections. The CFB's mission is to increase voter participation and awareness, provide campaign finance information to the public, enable more citizens to run for office, strengthen the role of small contributors, and reduce the potential for actual or perceived corruption.

The CFB's NYC Votes campaign promotes voter registration, voting, and civic engagement through community outreach and partnerships with public and private organizations. For information on programs and events for potential voters, call 212-409-1800.

The CFB enforces the Campaign Finance Act, which sets limits and restrictions on campaign contributions to candidates for local office. Candidates are required to disclose exactly where their contributions come from and how the money is spent. Candidates must also abide by doing business restrictions aimed at reducing the perception of "pay-to-play" in local government. The CFB also collects and discloses information about independent expenditures in local elections. The CFB makes this information public on its website.

Candidates have the option of joining the voluntary Campaign Finance Program, which provides public matching funds to qualified candidates who agree to abide by strictly enforced spending limits. The public matching funds program allows candidates with sufficient public support to run competitive campaigns without seeking out large campaign contributions or relying on personal wealth.

If you are interested in running for city office, or in learning more about how the CFB helps make NYC elections more open and democratic, please contact the CFB at 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007. You can also email us at info@nyccfb.info.

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## **HOW TO VOTE**



#### 1. GET YOUR BALLOT

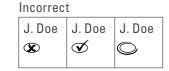
- Go to your designated poll site, sign in, and get your paper ballot and voter card from the poll worker.
- A privacy sleeve will be provided to shield your ballot from view after you have marked it.
- Go to the privacy booth or request to use the ballot marking device (BMD).



#### 2. MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

· Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.

## Correct J. Doe



- Do NOT use an "X" or a "√", circle the oval, or make stray marks on the ballot.
- For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.
- Do NOT fold your ballot.



#### 3. SCAN YOUR BALLOT

- Take your ballot and voter card to the scanner area.
- · Select your language of choice by touching the corresponding button on the screen.
- Insert your marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. The scanner accepts ballots in any direction and reads both sides. The scanner will notify you when your vote has been cast.

## **USING THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE (BMD)**

#### The BMD provides two ways for voters to access the ballot:

- 1. See the ballot on the display screen.
- 2. Listen to the ballot through audio headphones.

#### The BMD provides four ways for voters to mark the ballot:

- 1. Touch Screen
- 2. Key Pad (Braille)
- 3. Sip & Puff Device
- 4. Rocker Paddle

#### Follow these steps to mark your ballot using the BMD:

- · Decide how you will access and mark the ballot.
- · Insert your ballot into the feed tray.
- Select your preferred language.
- The BMD will guide you through the process of making your choices and reviewing your selections.
- To change a selection, select the contest or issue you would like to change and reselect the proper choice. Select "NEXT" to return to the summary screen.
- Select "Mark Ballot" to print your marked ballot.

- Take your printed ballot and voter card to the
- If you would like assistance inserting your ballot into the scanner, a poll worker will assist you.



## REMEMBER...

#### Turn your ballot over!

There may be candidates and/or ballot proposals to vote for on the back.

#### Be sure to vote for every office and every ballot question.

The scanner will not tell you that you failed to mark an oval for one or more races or ballot questions. This is called "undervoting." Look your ballot over carefully before you scan it. Be sure you voted for every race and every ballot proposal. Once the scanner accepts your ballot, you will not get a second chance to vote.

#### Fill in the oval completely.

Do not use "X" or "✓" or circle the oval.

#### Vote for only one person unless instructed otherwise.

In the first column of each row, the ballot will say how many choices you have. In most cases, it will say "Vote for ONE", but in some cases it may say "Vote for any TWO", "Vote for any THREE", etc. Please read the ballot carefully so you do not overvote or undervote.

#### You can vote for a write-in candidate.

If you want to vote for a candidate who is not listed on the ballot, you must: (1) completely fill in the oval in the area provided for write-in candidates and (2) write or stamp the name of the candidate in that same box.

#### There is more than one scanner at most poll sites.

Hand your voter card to the poll worker and he or she will tell you which scanner to use.



#### I made a mistake marking my ballot.

Do not try to erase or change your ballot. Ask a poll worker for a new ballot. Each voter can request up to 3 ballots total.

#### I "overvoted" (filled in too many ovals for a contest).

If you overvote, your vote for that office or ballot proposal will not be counted. If you realize you have overvoted before placing your ballot in the scanner, ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you insert a ballot with an overvote into the scanner, the display screen will show an error message with two choices. Select "Don't Cast - Return Ballot", and the scanner will return your ballot so you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you choose "Cast Ballot", the scanner will keep your ballot and your vote will not be counted for the contest in which you overvoted, but the rest of your choices will count.

#### The text is too small; I can't read my paper ballot.

There will be a magnifying sheet available. You can also ask to use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) or ask a friend to help you.