Polling Place Accessibility Checklist

Precinct #_____

Name of Polling Place _____

Address _____

Name/Organization of Monitor _____

1. PARKING

○ Polling place does NOT have a parking lot.

○ Polling place has a parking lot, but the route to the accessible entrance is not accessible. Why? _____

○ Polling place has a lot with an accessible route to the accessible entrance.

Lot already has ____ permanently designated spaces for people with disabilities.

Lot has no permanently designated spaces; poll workers designated ___ spaces.

Is route from parking to accessible entrance clearly marked? ☐Yes ☐No

Is the location of designated parking clear from the main-voter entrance? ☐Yes ☐No

○ Polling place has street parking only.

Is there an "Accessible Parking" sign posted on the street?

○ Yes.

Is sign posted as close to the "curb cut" as possible? ☐Yes ☐No

○ No

2. ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

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

○ Yes

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

○ No, there is no accessible entrance.
What makes the entrance inaccessible? _____

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

○ Yes
○ No _____

c. Does the accessible entrance have a ramp?

○ Yes. Ramp is at least 36 inches wide. ☐Yes ☐No
Ramp has handrails. ☐Yes ☐No
Landing at top of ramp is at least 5-ft. long. ☐Yes ☐No

○ No, the accessible entrance is at ground level.

3. CURB-SIDE VOTING

a. Is curb-side voting available? ☐Yes ☐No

b. Is the sign posted in plain view from the road?
☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A ☐ Fixed upon Request

c. Are any election workers manning the curb-side option? ☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A

4. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

Walk the path from the accessible parking space, either on the street or in the parking lot (if there is one), and from the street in front of the main entrance, all the way to the accessible voting machine.

a) Are there any obstructions that might make it difficult for someone in a wheelchair to navigate this path?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Fixed upon Request

If so, please explain: _____

b) Are all doorways along the path at least 32 inches wide?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request

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c) Is the path free of an abrupt rise greater than ½ inch?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ N/A

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d) Is the route free of objects projecting into the path that could not be detected by a person who is blind using a cane?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request

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e) Are doors without external handles or that are otherwise difficult to open (heavy or with a handle that requires grasping or twisting of the wrist) propped open?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request

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f) Are any loose mats or rugs secured with duct tape?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request ☐ N/A

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

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

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

Can a voter in a wheelchair reach the call buttons? ☐Yes ☐No

Are controls marked with raised or Braille characters? ☐Yes ☐No

Does the elevator have audible floor indicators? ☐Yes ☐No

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

Is elevator big enough to accommodate a wheelchair user? ☐Yes ☐No

○ No

5. DOOR BELL

Where is the door-bell placed? _____

Is the door-bell working (do poll workers respond)? ☐Yes ☐No

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6. VOTING

a. Are magnifying glasses available at the voting demonstration table and the check-in table?

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Made available upon Request

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

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Made available upon Request

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

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request

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

☐Yes ☐No ☐ Fixed upon Request

NOTES: _____

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Please note any obstructions or other problems below. Report any serious problems immediately by speaking to the precinct captain or calling the **Board of Elections at (202) 727-2194. The ADA Coordinator can be reached directly at (202) 727-2524.**

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