

District of Columbia

VOTERS GUIDE



Presidential Preference Primary

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Introduction to the January 13, 2004 Voters Guide

Dear D.C. Voter:

Welcome to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics' first edition of the District of Columbia Voters Guide.

This guide has been published by the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics and includes new voting procedures, new federal law, sample ballots, candidate statements and other very important information. We hope you find this election resource valuable in helping you make an informed vote in the January 13, 2004 Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Please visit our comprehensive website at www.dcboee.org for additional voting information.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002

Following the 2000 Presidential Election, the United State Congress began examining ways in which the election process could be improved. The focus of this effort was to improve the administration and efficiency of elections, to further secure democracy against fraud or administrative error, and to provide all citizens with an equal opportunity to participate in the election process.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) was a result of this congressional effort. This significant election reform legislation is designed to ensure that every vote counts and that every voter has the right to vote a secret ballot, while at the same time taking reasonable steps to safeguard the integrity of the election process.

As a result of this legislation, all states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, will be enacting a number of changes in the way elections are administered. These changes will be phased in over the next few years so that by the 2006 general election all changes should be in effect.

While most of the changes will not be apparent to District voters since the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics was already in compliance with most of the HAVA requirements, new changes such as signage and technology will be more obvious.

Beginning with the January 13, 2004 Presidential Preference Primary Election, each of the District's 142 polling places will have one Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touch-screen voting machine equipped with audio technology in place to permit disabled voters to cast their ballots independently. New signage will be displayed at every polling place advising voters of their rights--including procedures for resolving voter disputes, as well as the new identification requirements for some first-time voters.

These changes, and others, will help ensure that the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics' already established national reputation as a leader in the field of election administration will be enhanced and strengthened.

JANUARY 13, 2004 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Earlier this year, the Council of the District of Columbia passed new legislation to move the presidential primary normally conducted in May to January 13, 2004. This election, while non-binding, will be the first presidential primary to be held in the nation during the year 2004.

Only voters registered with the Democratic and D.C. Statehood Green Parties will be eligible to vote in the January 13, 2004 Presidential Preference Primary Election. The D.C. Republican Party will not participate in the January primary but instead will hold a presidential preference caucus on Tuesday, February 10, 2004. The Democratic Party will hold its caucus on Saturday, February 14, 2004. For more information about your party's caucus, please contact the party's leadership. That information is available at the Board's website at www.dcboee.org or is located on page 16 of this guide.

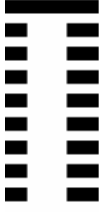

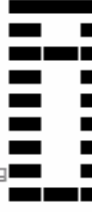



Voters registered with the Democratic and the D.C. Statehood Green Parties will be voting for their presidential nominee. For the first time the Board has requested a "statement of candidacy" from each of the candidates in the election. The candidate statements of 300 words or less were due to be filed with the Board not later than Friday, November 28, 2003.

Candidate statements and sample ballots for Democratic and D.C. Statehood Green Party voters, along with the recall measure ballot appear on the next several pages of this guide.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary Election, all voters residing in Advisory Neighborhood Commission Single Member District 4B07 may cast a ballot FOR or AGAINST the recall of their Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

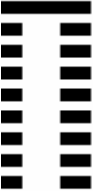

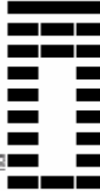











As always, sample ballots will appear in the "District Extra" section of The Washington Post on January 8, 2004.

The Democratic Party Sample Ballot

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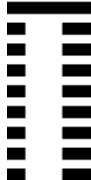







Only voters registered in the Democratic Party will be eligible to vote the Democratic Party ballot.

D.C. Statehood Green Party Sample Ballot

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<p>TO VOTE: Complete the arrow to the right of your choice, like this: </p>			
<p>STATEHOOD GREEN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE <small>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1)</small></p> <p>SHEILA BILYEU  </p> <p>DAVID COBB  </p> <p>NO CANDIDATE  </p> <p>Write In, if any  </p>		<p>TO VOTE: Use the No. 2 Pencil to connect the broken arrow pointing to your choice, like this:</p> 	
<p>OFFICIAL BALLOT STATEHOOD GREEN PRIMARY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JANUARY 13, 2004</p>			
		<p>TO VOTE: Use the No. 2 Pencil to connect the broken arrow pointing to your choice, like this:</p> 	
<p>For each office, vote only for the number of candidates indicated. (DO NOT USE RED INK)</p>			

Only voters registered in the D.C. Statehood Green Party will be eligible to vote the D.C. Statehood Green Party ballot.

The Recall Measure

	<p>N 1 ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JANUARY 13, 2004</p>		
<p>TO VOTE: Complete the arrow to the right of your choice, like this: </p>			
<p>ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 4B07</p> <p>RECALL MEASURE</p> <p>The purpose of this measure is to determine whether PAUL E. MONTAGUE, the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 4B07, shall be removed from office.</p> <p>FOR the recall of PAUL E. MONTAGUE ←  <small>ANC Commissioner for SMD 4B07</small></p> <p>AGAINST the recall of PAUL E. MONTAGUE ←  <small>ANC Commissioner for SMD 4B07</small></p>		<p>TO VOTE: Use the No. 2 Pencil to connect the broken arrow pointing to your choice, like this:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICIAL BALLOT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 13, 2004</p> <p>TO VOTE: Use the No. 2 Pencil to connect the broken arrow pointing to your choice, like this:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>For each office, vote only for the number of candidates indicated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(DO NOT USE RED INK)</p>	

Only voters residing in Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4B07 will be eligible to vote FOR or AGAINST the recall of their elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

Candidate Statements

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Carol Moseley Braun

I am running for president of the United States because I believe in inclusion, hope and new ways to resolve old problems.

I have the experience, ability and ideas to heal and renew America. In all my public service – as a federal prosecutor, county administrator, state representative, U.S. senator and U.S. ambassador – I have broken down barriers, built bridges and brought people together to achieve solutions in the public interest first.

Through partnerships for peace, prosperity and progress we will renew the American dream of freedom and opportunity.

We will reject the bluster and bravado that has so soured our international alliances, and rebuild our global relationships.

We will respect individuals' private lives, professional endeavors and civic engagements.

And we will work for democracy in our nation's capital by fighting for D.C. voting rights.

Without increasing spending, we can provide health security emphasizing wellness, restoring the provider/patient relationship and maintaining a high quality of care. Embracing a single payer system that does not depend on employment will provide universal health coverage, boost our international competitiveness, stimulate our domestic economy, and let workers keep more of their pay.

We can improve education while empowering parents and teachers to pursue excellence and innovation. Our national interest is bound up in providing quality public education for every child.

As president, I will give you an America as good as its promise.

My record shows that I tell people what I believe, do what I say and hold myself accountable. As early as my time in the Illinois legislature, I filed a resolution calling for statehood for D.C.; as a U.S. senator I worked with Eleanor Holmes Norton for the District. I hope that work and my record will encourage District residents to support my candidacy.

Carol Moseley Braun

Candidate Statements

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Harry Braun, III

Given that energy profoundly impacts the environment, the economy, and foreign policy, and given the exponential nature of the global energy and environmental problems, we on *Spaceship Earth* are indeed like passengers on the *Titanic*, and we only have a limited amount of time to fundamentally change course. While the Bush administration is focused on increasing America's addiction to fossil and nuclear fuels, Democratic candidates are promoting to merely "conserve" these rapidly-diminishing and environmentally-destructive energy sources. In either case, such policies are analogous to rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*.

As a technical analyst and author of *The Phoenix Project: Shifting from Oil to Hydrogen*, I am the only presidential candidate who has proposed a 5-year integrated energy, economic and environmental plan that will make America energy independent of all fossil (oil, coal and natural gas) and nuclear fuels. This will be accomplished by mass-producing wind-powered hydrogen production systems, including sea-based "Windship" systems, whose deployment will also save the remaining ocean ecosystems from extinction.

Instead of waiting for fuel cells, it is far quicker and much less expensive to simply modify everyone's existing vehicle to use hydrogen, the only "universal fuel" that can power every vehicle (including aircraft), appliance or power plant. Hydrogen is also the only fuel that is safer than gasoline, and if it is made from water and solar energy, it is both pollution-free and inexhaustible.

The key to this "transition of substance" is to pass Fair Accounting Act legislation that will end the subsidies to fossil and nuclear fuels, and thereby provide the market incentives for oil companies to become solar hydrogen companies. The result will be "sustainable prosperity without pollution." Details on this Phoenix Project plan, as well as my proposals on foreign policy, education, healthcare and urban planning are on the **BraunforPresident.US** website.

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By Harry Braun

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Jeanne Chebib

My efforts are to follow the steps of John Adams and others who started “we the People” of the United States Constitution and ideas for the equality and justice for all, and opportunities to all.

I am opposed to colonialisms that bring our Nation to war with no real rights: Our Constitution and writing of our Ancestors who came from many countries in the research for a land to be free, away from Kingdoms dictate and enslaving their people that we now rediscover in the old USA which has become an enslaving new camp at the hands of the old slavers which are back in force.

I will work for free schools for our children, to be able to reach the highest degrees, Ph.D.'s, engineering, etc., which means free education paid by the state, and our industries are to be back to our workers in our land. Monroe letter has used the excuse that in his letter says' that we have to send our Navy to protect our shipping lines": at that time, we were exporting our goods and our steel. Now we import, and I am the victims of harassment through our actual government because of our Amendment I for which I fight for, Amendment II, the Right to the Peoples to keep and bear Arms, which shall not be infringed, as necessary, being necessary to the security of a free State. My Oath of office I have long ago declared officially that I will protect the United States Constitution from enemies from inside and outside. This includes the peoples who fleece our Nation by exporting our workers jobs where they make more money.

Let's work together and God Bless this Nation and its peoples.

Jeanne Chebib
Candidate for President
400 N.J Avenue – P.O. Box 1730
Washington, DC 20013

Howard Dean Democratic Party

No Statement of Candidacy was received by the November 28, 2003 deadline.

Arthur H. Jackson, Jr. Democratic Party

No statement of Candidacy was received by the November 28, 2003 deadline.

Candidate Statements

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Dennis Kucinich

"Dennis Kucinich is running for President to stop the fear, and renew our hope. Kucinich grew up in a big city, and was elected Mayor of Cleveland at age 31. As Mayor, he saved the public electric utility from privatization.

In 1996 he defeated an incumbent Republican Congressman with the support of both blue collar Whites and African Americans. He works closely in the Congress with his colleague, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, to protect the rights of D.C. residents.

Dennis Kucinich was the first to oppose the war in Iraq. He is the only one running who voted against the Patriot Act. He has led the fight against the costly occupation of Iraq--"U.N. in, U.S. out!"

Kucinich believes the War on Drugs has turned into a War on the Poor. He supports treatment, not just punishment. He supports medical marijuana, and the decriminalization of marijuana. He opposes the death penalty, supports affirmative action, affordable housing, and cosponsors Rep. John Conyers' reparations bill.

Kucinich supports Enhanced Medicare for All, his program to cover all Americans with comprehensive health care. He proposes cutting the military budget by 15% to pay for universal pre-kindergarten for our kids. He will roll back the tax cuts for the wealthy, using the money to pay for free tuition for public college students.

Dennis is a strong environmentalist, and has the highest labor rating of anyone running. He will cancel NAFTA and the WTO, work to repeal Taft-Hartley, and supports the right to organize and card check.

Dennis Kucinich fully supports D.C. Statehood, and other voting rights reforms such as same day voter registration, instant runoff voting, clean money campaign finance reform, and the restoration of the right to vote to ex-felons.

Dennis Kucinich believes a better world is possible. Please join him.

Contact: "Kucinich for President"

11808 Lorain Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44111

866/413-3664

216/251-5974 fax

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

There are two issues which define the present challenge to all candidates for the 2004 U.S. Presidential nomination. The first is U.S. military policy. The second is the failure of the present Administration and most among the U.S. Congress to acknowledge the reality, for the U.S.A. itself, of the world's presently onrushing general monetary-financial crisis. The conditions of the poor within the District of Columbia itself contain a sharp and brutal reflection of those two much-neglected realities. This D.C. primary election puts the baby, those and related issues, on the doorstep of the Presidency and Congress, where responsibility for that neglected child of government belongs.

The present military policy of the U.S. government is that doctrine of preventive nuclear-armed warfare which Vice-President Cheney attempted to introduce, unsuccessfully, during his service as Secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush. This is the policy which Vice-President Cheney has been pushing since the immediate aftermath of the nightmare of September 11, 2001. Since January 2002, as a result of that policy, U.S. relations with the rest of the world have degenerated to a degree beyond anything in our memory of the past century and earlier.

The U.S. is gripped by a monstrous, cancerously growing national current accounts deficit. Our national debt spirals at an accelerating rate. Nearly all of the Federal states of the nation are now virtually bankrupt. The very name of "general welfare" has become a cruel insult to the sections of our national population within the ranks of the lower eighty percent of family-income brackets. This economic problem can be solved, if our nation is willing to think like the President Franklin D. Roosevelt who rescued the nation from Coolidge-Hoover catastrophe to build us, once again, into being the greatest productive power on this planet during the first two post-World War II decades.

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Candidate Statements

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Al Sharpton

I'm running to revive and reclaim our democracy and everywhere I go throughout America during this campaign, I will be challenging and urging students and grassroots activists, local city councils and mayors, county commissioners and school boards, state legislators and governors – as well as local and national leaders and organizations – to pass proclamations and resolutions, and to lobby Congress to support the four amendments in my platform: the RIGHT to vote, the RIGHT to a public education of equal high quality, the RIGHT to health care of equal high quality and the ERA, equal RIGHTS for women.

And, yes, I will challenge members of the U.S. House and Senate – and all the presidential candidates—to support this legislation. This campaign will serve as a launching pad and beginning for a new human rights and voter registration movement in this country. We are going to fight for each of these amendments – one at a time—throughout this campaign and beyond.

I'm running to win, and nobody knows—until they are actually nominated in Boston in July 2004—who will win the Democratic nomination and be elected President in 2004. We do know that only ONE of us will win.

But if I can help to advance this 10-point agenda, my campaign, the Democratic Party, and the American people will all have won and been well served.

This platform provides a rationale for my running, and gives meaning and uniqueness to my campaign. I'm running on a platform of HUMAN RIGHTS and CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS that will greatly benefit ALL of the American people. www.al2004.org

REVEREND AL SHARPTON IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT TO:

1. Raise issues that would otherwise be overlooked.
2. Increase political consciousness and awareness.
3. Stimulate more people to get involved in the political process.
4. Increase voter registration.
5. Strengthen our REAL national security by fighting for human rights, the rule of law, and economic justice at home and abroad.
6. Fulfill American democracy by supporting voting rights or statehood for the 600,000 disenfranchised citizens of the District of Columbia.
7. Declare the RIGHT TO VOTE A HUMAN RIGHT.
8. Declare EDUCATION A HUMAN RIGHT.

Rev. Alfred Charles Sharpton

Democratic Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Vermin Supreme

Vermin Supreme, a friendly fascist, a tyrant you can trust. Let him run your life. He knows what's best for you. Proper dental hygiene is essential to proper social order. "Effective use of tarter control will prevent the need for crowd control later."

-Gingivitis has been eroding the gum line of this great nation of ours long enough and must be stopped!

For too long this great nation of ours has been suffering a great moral and oral decay in spirit and incisors. A country's future depends on its ability to bite back. We can no longer be a nation indentured, our very salvation is at stake. Therefore we must brace ourselves, bite the bullet, and now more than ever, as we hurdle forward over the bridgework into the twenty-third century, may we become together a nation of gleaming smiles from sea to shining sea.

THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY. DO NOT BE FOOLED BY FALSE TEETH PROPHETS!

This law is not about:

Dental commando squads or warrantless random no knock dental inspections.

Government issued toothpaste containing addictive yet harmless substances.

Video surveillance through two way bathroom mirrors.

Electronic tracking, moisture and motion sensor devices in all toothbrushes.

Novelty floss dispensers.

Dental re-education center.

Gene splicing to create a race of winged monkeys to act as tooth fairies.

Computer chip dental implants with laser scanners at all toll booths and supermarkets.

The fluoridation of every beverage or even preventative dental maintenance detention facilities.

What this mandatory toothbrush law is really about is:

STRONG TEETH FOR A STRONG AMERICA.

Gingivitis has been eroding the gum line of this great nation of ours long enough and must be stopped!

All politicians are vermin. I am Vermin Supreme. I shall lie to you, because I can. I will Promise anything and deliver nothing. I am the peoples' candidate, you are the people.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN TURN UP THE BRIGHTNESS KNOB, OF THE FUTURE,
TOMORROW, TODAY.**

Candidate Statements

Democratic Party Candidates

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Florence Walker

Democratic Party

No statement of Candidacy was received by the November 28, 2003 deadline.

Lucian Wojciechowski

The motivation for me to run for president of the United States has never been so powerful as it is now. My main objective when I decided to run was to replace Alan Greenspan in the Treasure Dept., return the monies to investors in T notes, bonds, & bills, or certificates at banks and money markets at investment brokers that is due to them. My offices have been watching the T Curve since Alan took office & our democratic economists have decided that par at this time should be at 6.154% on the 30-year note. We plan a 25, 50, 75 & 100 year note, so we can build solid highrise miles long in leisure areas. Return to investors the monies that are due them from investment lost, because of miscalculation of the treasury interest rates.

But as I started to campaign for office, 2 women filed fake charges against me, forcing me to go to court, crippling my campaign. They caused me to miss the presidential debates. The Imperial County Case # CM06035B continued with the District Attorney maliciously prosecuting me. In the end the hand picked jury said guilty to a crime I did not commit, lewd conduct. So we decided to run a petition for initiative or, through Congress an order to shut down the whole court system, removing lawyers from the bench & replacing them with psychics & psychiatrists. They have the answers. Eliminating corruption, lawyer, lawyer. Leading an appeal path to a psychic psychiatrist, probably in leisure cities. Eliminates the public defenders office, if you want a lawyer, hire one. Eliminates the District Attorneys Office, if you complain, you prosecute or hire a lawyer. Eliminates the probation dept. No more innocent people on probation. No psychologists studying innocent people to drain state funds. No more juries, the psychic is enough. Also a module that if you stipulate, a lawyer cannot contact you by phone, internet, TV, mail or enter on private property. It will be hooked up in the companies systems. Also no lawyer needed in any corporate case, etc.

I ask the people of the United States to give me the power to put people of corruption out of our offices. To make this nation a more safe place to leave to our families.

Lucian Wojciechowski

Candidate Statements

D.C. Statehood Green Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

Sheila Bilyeu

We need a President who cares about JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE. We need fairness in all areas of our lives and our Government. It should be of the people, by the people, and for all of the people; not of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. The person with the most money should not be able to buy the election. When 80% of the money is contributed by 2% of the richest people, they get what they want and the rest of us often get screwed. The poor and middle class often pay by having their children wasted in wars and their tax money wasted on war instead of a better quality of life for all the people. The Constitution and the highest laws of the land are often ignored; unless one can buy a good lawyer, judge etc.; we often lose. The rich often buy injustice at the expense of their poorer fellow citizens. As someone who has been deliberately victimized by the Government over and over again including having them trick me into a fraudulent operation that has messed up my life, you can be sure that I will stand up for your rights and do my utmost to shape up the Government. I have been poor and middle classed so I understand the plight of struggling people. As a trained counselor and citizen, I understand what people need and care deeply that people are treated fair and Just. I have fought for the Justice of others and myself. I have a passion for Justice and a great deal of energy when it comes to fighting for Justice. Please join me in this fight and help make our country and Government one that is like we learned in school that it should be and one that we all can have confidence in and be proud of.

Please vote for Ralph Nader if he runs and me for V. President.

Sheila Bilyeu

Candidate Statements

D.C. Statehood Green Party Candidate

(Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.)

David Cobb

I am writing to advise you of my efforts to win the Green Party nomination to run for President of the United States. I have filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), created a FEC Candidate Committee, am actively fundraising, and have been traveling the country since late Sept. I have already traveled to 7 states, and will have traveled to over 17 by the end of this year alone.

As many of you may know, I currently serve as General Counsel for the national Green Party. I helped found the Green Party in Texas in 1999, co-coordinated the Texas ballot access petition drive in 2000 (we collected 76,100 signatures in 75 days), managed Ralph Nader's 2000 campaign in Texas, and ran for Attorney General in Texas in 2002. In that campaign, I helped grow the GPTX from about 6 local chapters to over 20. Since I am seeking the Green Party nomination for President, I believe I owe it to Greens to articulate my personal strategy. I have consistently and publicly said that I will follow the national Green Party's mandate for a strategy if one is developed by the Coordinating Committee. I sincerely hope that the party is able to come to general consensus on some agreed upon strategy. My personal goals, tactics and strategy are described at <http://www.gwu.edu/~action/2004/cobb.html>. It is my attempt to describe the nuanced strategy I believe will grow the Party in 2004. Additional information is available on my campaign website, which is www.votecobb.org

It is worth noting that I am (so far) the only candidate willing to make public my personal preferred strategy, and the only candidate willing to publicly pledge to follow the Party's direction if a different strategy is developed. I am also the only candidate (to my knowledge) who is traveling across the country in an effort to grow the Party and to earn the Party's nomination. The Green Party is the only non-corporate political party that is growing and that runs sufficient candidates for office to be honestly described as a national political party. I mean no disrespect to the Labor Party, the New Party, or any of the various Socialist Party organizations. But the reality is this: There is only one alternative to corporate controlled politics at the ballot box. Only one political party consistently runs candidates in active opposition to "Empire Building" foreign policy. Only one party is poised to be the electoral arm of the growing movement for peace, justice, ecology and democracy. That party is the Green Party. I am proud to be a member of it.

In solidarity,

David Cobb

www.votecobb.org

Major Political Party Caucuses & Conventions

In the District of Columbia, candidates for President are nominated by the political parties at their national conventions – based on the results of the presidential primary, party caucuses and conventions, or both.

Rules and Procedures

Each political party has the authority under the United States Constitution to adopt rules to govern the delegate selection process and other party activities that occur along with the caucuses and conventions. These party rules specify the number of delegates from each District and the procedural rules for conducting the caucuses and conventions.

Specific questions about the nominating procedures should be directed to the local party committee of the respective party. The addresses and telephone numbers of the local party committees are as follows:

Local Party Committees

D.C. DEMOCRATIC PARTY: Phone (202) 554-8790
CHAIRPERSON: A. Scott Bolden
ADDRESS: 499 South Capitol St., SW
Fairchild Suite 110B
Washington, DC 20003

D.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY: Phone (202) 296-6070
CHAIRPERSON: Betsy W. Werronen
ADDRESS: 1275 K, NW Suite 102
Washington, DC 20005
www.dcgop.com

D.C. STATEHOOD GREEN PARTY: Phone (202) 232-1724
CHAIRPERSON: Adam Edinger
ADDRESS: 1739 Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
adam@mintwwod.com

Dates of the Party Caucuses and Conventions

Democratic Party	Saturday, February 14, 2004 Saturday, March 6, 2004
Republican Party	Tuesday, February 10, 2004
D.C. Statehood Green/National Green Party	Saturday, June 24-27, 2004

Election Date and Polling Place Hours

The Presidential Preference Primary is January 13, 2004.

Polling Place Hours for all elections are:
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Below is a list of the District of Columbia's 142 Polling Place Locations.

District of Columbia Polling Place Locations

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| 1 | Terrell Jr. High School
1 st & Pierce Streets, NW
Recreation Room | 9 | Metropolitan Memorial United
Methodist Church
3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Vestry Hall |
| 2 | The International Monetary Fund
Center (IMF)
720 – 19 th Street, NW
IMF Center | 10 | Horace Mann Community Center
4430 Newark Street, NW
(rear of Mann school)
Multi-Purpose Room |
| 3 | St. Mary's Court,
725 – 24 th Street, NW (between G & H
Streets)
Dining Hall | 11 | International Union Of Operating
Engineers
2461 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Union Hall |
| 4 | West End Public Library
24 th & L Streets, NW
Large Meeting Room-2 nd Floor | 12 | St. Alban's Parish
3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Guild Hall
Accessible side entrance adjacent to
playground |
| 5 | Christ Episcopal Church
1350 31 st Street , NW (near 31 st & O
Streets) Keith Hall- Use O Street
entrance to access ramp | 13 | St. Margaret's Episcopal
1820 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Parish Hall |
| 6 | Hardy Middle School
35 th & T Streets, NW
Auditorium | 14 | St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish
1772 Church Street, NW
Guild Room |
| 7 | Hardy Recreation Center
45 th & Q Streets, NW
Recreation Room | 15 | Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 – 16 th Street, NW
Community Room (Lower Level)
use side entrance on P Street |
| 8 | Palisades Recreation Center
Dana & Sherrier Places, NW
Gymnasium | | |

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16	<p>Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church 1701 – 15th Street, NW Fellowship Hall (Lower Level) Accessible rear entrance</p>	27	<p>Eaton School 34th & Lowell Streets, NW Auditorium</p>
17	<p>Metropolitan AME Church 1518 M Street, NW Douglas Hall Accessible side entrance.</p>	28	<p>Church of the Annunciation 3810 Massachusetts Avenue NW Parish Center</p>
18	<p>Henry C. Gregory Family Life Center 1509- 9th Street, NW Heritage Hall</p>	29	<p>Second District Police Station 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW Community Room</p>
19	<p>Dunbar Senior High School 1301 New Jersey Avenue, NW Gymnasium/Armory</p>	30	<p>Janney School Albemarle Street & Wisconsin Ave, NW Multi-Purpose Room Accessible side entrance</p>
20	<p>Gage-Eckington School 3rd & Elm Streets, NW Auditorium-Accessible entrance (lower level)</p>	31	<p>St. Columba's Episcopal Church 4201 Albemarle Street, NW Church Hall Accessible entrance located on 42nd Street.</p>
21	<p>Metropolitan Baptist Church 1225 R Street, NW "Koinonia" Room</p>	32	<p>Wesley Methodist Church Connecticut Avenue & Jenifer Street, NW Fellowship Hall (first floor)- Use Connecticut Avenue entrance</p>
22	<p>Garnet-Patterson Jr. High School Vermont Avenue & V Street, NW Auditorium Accessible entrance located on V Street</p>	33	<p>Murch School 36th & Ellicott Streets, NW Auditorium- use rear entrance on Ellicott Street</p>
23	<p>MPD Boys and Girls Club 2500 – 14th Street, NW (at 14th & Clifton Streets) Computer Room and Library</p>	34	<p>Edmund Burke School 2955 Upton Street, NW (near Connecticut Avenue) Gymnasium (Lower Level) Use ramped entrance.</p>
24	<p>Marie Reed Learning Center 18th Street & Kalorama Road, NW Living Room</p>	35	<p>H.D. Cooke School 17th & Euclid Streets, NW Auditorium (Lower Level)</p>
25	<p>Goodwill Baptist Church 1862 Kalorama Road, NW Fellowship Hall</p>	36	<p>Latin American Youth Center 1419 Columbia Road, NW Community Room</p>
26	<p>Oyster School 2801 Calvert Street, NW Gymnasium – use ramped entrance on 27th Street</p>		

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37	Meyer School 11 th & Clifton Streets, NW Multi-Purpose Room – use 11 th Street entrance.	47	Powell School Upshur & 14 th Streets, NW Multi-Purpose Room Accessible ramped entrance off of alley.
38	Bruce-Monroe School 3012 Georgia Avenue, NW Music Room – use entrance on Irving Street.	48	Sharpe Health School 4300 – 13 th Street, NW (between Upshur & Allison Streets.) Auditorium – use South entrance on 13 th Street.
39	Mt. Pleasant Library 16 th & Lamont Streets, NW Meeting Room – use Lamont Street entrance.	49	Raymond School 10 th Street & Spring Road, NW Science Room Accessible entrance located on Rock Creek Church Road
40	Bancroft School 18 th & Newton Streets, NW Assembly Hall- use entrance on Newton Street.	50	Chevy Chase Community Center 5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW Auditorium Accessible rear entrance next to the parking lot.
41	Trinity AME Zion Church 16 th & Oak Streets, NW Great Hall – use entrance on Oak Street	51	Lafayette School Broad Branch Road & Northampton Street, NW Gymnasium – use parking lot entrance on Northampton Street.
42	Mt. Rona Baptist Church 3431 – 13 th Street, NW (near Monroe Street) Dining Room (Lower Level)	52	St. John’s College High School 2607 Military Road, NW Roth Gymnasium
43	Park View Recreation Center 639 Otis Place, NW Recreation Area	53	Brightwood Elementary School 13 th & Nicholson Street, NW Multi-Purpose Room
44	Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine 4250 Harewood Road, NE Shawel Room	54	West Elementary School Farragut Street, NW (bet 13 th & 14 th Streets) Gymnasium – use entrance located at 14 th & Farragut Streets.
45	MPD – Regional Operation Command 801 Shepherd Street, NW Community Room	55	Barnard Elementary School Decatur Street, NW (bet. 4 th & 5 th Streets) Multi-Purpose Room
46	Clark Elementary School 4501 Kansas Avenue, NW (near Allison Street) Multi-Purpose Room – use left entrance on Kansas Avenue.		

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56	Truesdell Elementary School 8 th & Ingraham Streets, NW Multi-Purpose Room	67	Bunker Hill Elementary School 14 th Street & Michigan Ave, NE Auditorium Accessible entrance adjacent to the parking lot.
57	Rudolph Elementary School 2 nd & Hamilton Streets, NW Multi-Purpose Room Accessible entrance near Ingraham Street.	68	St Francis Hall 1340 Quincy Street, NE Reception Room
58	Fourth District Police Station 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW Community Room	69	Taft School 18 th & Perry Streets, NE Recreation Area
59	Coolidge Sr. High School 5 th & Tuckerman Street, NW Armory	70	Burroughs Elementary School 18 th & Monroe Streets, NE Multi-Purpose Room- Use entrance on Monroe Street
60	Nativity Youth Center 6000 Georgia Avenue, NW Gymnasium	71	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church Annex 3015 – Earl Place, NE Fellowship Hall
61	Fort Stevens Recreation Center 1327 Van Buren Street, NW Multi-Purpose Room	72	Langdon Park Recreation Center 20 th & Franklin Streets, NE Community Room (1 st floor)
62	Shepherd Elementary School 14 th Street & Kalmia Road, NW Auditorium – Use ramped entrance on 14 th Street.	73	Slowe Elementary School 14 th & Jackson Streets, NE Library (Lower Level)
63	Takoma Elementary School Piney Branch Road & Dahlia Street, NW Auditorium	74	Shaed Elementary School 301 Douglas Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room
64	Rabaut – Administrative Building North Dakota & Kansas Avenues, NW Recreation Area – use rear entrance on 2 nd Street.	75	Harry Thomas Recreation Center 1801 Lincoln Road, NE Gymnasium
65	LaSalle Elementary School Riggs Road & Madison Street, NE Auditorium	76	Bethesda Baptist Church 1808 Capitol Avenue, NE Community Room
66	Backus Middle School South Dakota Avenue & Hamilton Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room Accessible entrance adjacent to parking lot.	77	Delta Towers Apartments 1400 Florida Avenue, NE Community Room
		78	Ruth K. Webb Elementary School Mt. Olivet Road & Holbrook Street, NE Auditorium

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79	Browne Jr. High School 850 - 26 th Street, NE (near Benning Road) Auditorium	91	Watkins Elementary School 12 th & E Streets, SE Multi-Purpose Room
80	St. Benedict the Moor Church 320 - 21 st Street, NE Imperial Room Accessible rear entrance	92	Kenilworth Elementary School 44 th Street, NE (between Nash and Ord Streets) Auditorium
81	Miner Elementary School 601 - 15 th Street, NE (near F Street) Gymnasium	93	Houston Elementary School 50 th Place & Lee Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room Accessible entrance at the rear of the school.
82	Sherwood Recreation Center 640 - 10 th Street, NE Social Hall	94	Merritt Elementary School 50 th Place & Hayes Street, NE Community Room
83	J.O. Wilson Elementary School 660 K Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room - use entrance located on 7 th Street.	95	Drew Elementary School 56 th & Eads Streets, NE Auditorium - use entrance located at 57 th & Eads Streets.
84	Stuart-Hobson Middle School 4 th & E Streets, NE Auditorium	96	Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church 25 - 53 rd Street, NE (near Ames Street) Fellowship Hall
85	Medlink 700 Constitution Avenue, NE Auditorium (A-Level)	97	Peace Lutheran Church 15 - 49 th Place, NE Fellowship Hall
86	Eliot Jr. High School Constitution Avenue, NE (Between 17 th Place & 19 th Street) Recreation Room Accessible - entrance adjacent to the parking lot.	98	Smothers Elementary School 44 th & Brooks Streets, NE Multi-Purpose Room - Use rear entrance of the school.
87	Payne Elementary School 15 th & C Streets, SE Auditorium - use entrance at the rear of the school parking lot.	99	Ward Memorial AME Church 241 - 42 nd Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room
88	St. Monica's Episcopal Church 1340 Massachusetts Avenue, SE Parish Hall	100	Thomas Elementary School Anacostia Avenue & Grant Street, NE Auditorium
89	Hine Jr. High School 7 th & C Streets, SE Auditorium - use rear entrance, far end of parking lot, on 7 th Street.	101	River Terrace Elementary School 34 th & Dix Streets, NE Auditorium
90	Tyler Elementary School 10 th & G Streets, SE Auditorium		

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102	Benning Public Library 3935 Benning Road, NE (near Minnesota Avenue) Meeting Room Accessible entrance at the rear of the library.	112	Anacostia Public Library 18 th & Good Hope Road, SE Conference Room
103	Plummer Elementary School Texas Avenue & C Street, SE Auditorium – use ground level entrance.	113	Senior Wellness Center Alabama Avenue & 30 th Street, SE Multi-Purpose Room
104	Nalle Elementary School 50 th & C Streets, SE Auditorium – use ground level entrance.	114	Ketcham Elementary School 15 th & U Streets, SE Auditorium
105	Harris School 53 rd Street & Call Place, SE Multi-Purpose Room – use entrance located on D Street.	115	Seventh District Police Station 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE Community Room
106	Davis Elementary School 44 th Place & H Street, SE Auditorium Accessible – rear entrance, next to the parking lot.	116	New Image Community Baptist Church 1839 Alabama Avenue, SE Fellowship Hall
107	Sousa Middle School 37 th Street & Ely Place, SE Multi-Purpose Room (Lower Level)	117	Turner Elementary School Alabama Avenue & Stanton Road, SE Auditorium - use ramped entrance on Stanton Road.
108	Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Community Room Accessible – rear entrance, near parking lot.	118	Garnet C. Wilkinson Elementary School 2330 Pomeroy Road, SE Gymnasium
109	Ryland Methodist Church 3200 S Street, SE Fellowship Hall	119	Birney Elementary School Martin Luther King Avenue & Sumner Road, SE Auditorium
110	St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 3601 Alabama Avenue, SE Multi-Purpose Room	120	McGogney Elementary School Wheeler Road & Mississippi Ave, SE Parent Center (Ground Level) – use side entrance. Accessible entrance located next to the parking lot.
111	St. Francis Xavier Church 2806 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE John Bailey Room – use the Center for Employment Training entrance for ground level access (2815 O Street, SE)	121	Draper Elementary School Wahler Place, SE (between Wheeler Rd. & 9 th Street) Auditorium
		122	Ballou Senior High School 3401 – 4 th Street, SE Armory (Accessible entrance adjacent to parking lot)

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123	Martin Luther King Elementary School 6 th Street & Alabama Avenue, SE Multi-Purpose Room	134	Allen AME Church 2498 Alabama Avenue, SE Multi-Purpose Room – use rear entrance, adjacent to parking lot.
124	Washington Highlands Library Atlantic Street & South Capitol Terrace, SW Meeting Room	135	Mt. Bethel Baptist Church 1901 First Street, NW (at 1 st & Rhode Island Ave) Church Hall- use ramped entrance on Rhode Island Avenue.
125	Hendley School 6 th & Chesapeake Streets, SE Auditorium	136	All Souls Episcopal Church 2300 Cathedral Avenue, NW Undercroft Room (Lower Level) – use side entrance from parking lot.
126	Bald Eagle Recreation Center Martin Luther King Avenue & Joliet Street, SW Multi-Purpose Room	137	Garrison Elementary School 12 th & S Streets, NW Multi-Purpose Room – Accessible entrance adjacent to parking lot.
127	St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church 222 M Street, SW Fellowship Hall	138	Capital Memorial Adventist Church 3150 Chesapeake Street, NW (one block East of Connecticut Avenue) Fellowship Hall – Accessible entrance adjacent to parking lot.
128	Friendship Baptist Church 900 Delaware Avenue, SW Junior Church Hall – Accessible entrance adjacent to parking lot.	139	Thurgood Marshall Elementary School 31 st Place & Fort Lincoln Drive, NE Community Service Area
129	Martin Luther King Library 901 G Street, NW A-5 Meeting Room	140	Anacostia Sr. High School 16 th & R Streets, SE Auditorium
130	Lutheran Church of the Reformation 212 East Capitol Street, NE Multi-Purpose Room (Lower Level)- use West entrance.	141	Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center 2000 – 14 th Street, NW North Lobby
131	Van Ness Elementary School 5 th & M Streets, SE Auditorium	142	Jefferson Jr. High School 801 – 7 th Street, SW Auditorium
132	D.C. Center for Therapeutic Recreation 3030 G Street, SE Gymnasium		
133	Orr School 22 nd Street & Minnesota Avenue, SE (near Naylor Road) Library – use rear entrance, adjacent to parking lot.		

Absentee Voting

Registered voters who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day because of illness, physical disability, or travel may vote by absentee ballot.

There are two (2) ways for District voters to cast an absentee ballot:

- Vote in person at the Board's office; or
- Cast an absentee ballot by mail.

In-Person Absentee Voting

Absentee voting in person begins fifteen (15) days before any election and ends the day before Election Day. In-person absentee voting is conducted at the Board of Elections' Voter Services Office. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For the January 13, 2004 Presidential Preference Primary, in-person absentee voting will be available at the Board's office at 441 – 4th Street, NW, Suite 250 North, Washington, DC on the following dates:

▶ **Monday, December 29 – Wednesday, December 31, 2003**

▶ **Friday, January 2 – Monday, January 12, 2004**

Please note that the Board's office will be closed on January 1, 2004 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

By-Mail Absentee Voting

Mail absentee ballot requests must be made in writing, and include the following information in order to be processed:

- Name of the voter;
- Address on the voter's registration;
- Address to which the ballot is to be mailed (if different);
- Reason for requesting the absentee ballot (illness, disability, travel, etc.); and
- Signature of the voter.

You may apply for a mail absentee ballot for one election, an entire election year, or request to be a permanent absentee voter. Please feel free to use the mail absentee ballot application on the following page to request a ballot.

Please mail your signed absentee request to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics, 441 – 4th Street, NW, Suite 250 North, Washington, DC 20001-2745.

For the January 13, 2004 Presidential Primary, your mail request must reach the Board by **January 6, 2004.**



Application for Mail Absentee Ballot

Please Print Clearly and Fill Out Completely

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address Where You Live: _____ Zip Code: _____

Where We Should Send Ballot (if different) _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

YOUR REASON FOR REQUESTING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT (Title 3 DCMR § 715.2):

- Temporarily outside the District
- Will be hospitalized on Election Day
- Uniform or Overseas Citizen
- Board Employee
- Confined to an institution but not judicially declared incompetent
- Physical Handicap or Disability
- Incarcerated but not on a felony conviction
- Temporary or Permanent Illness
- Sequestered for Jury Duty
- Religious Reasons

Mark all elections for which you need an Absentee Ballot:

- January Presidential Primary
- September Primary
- November General
- Special Election
- Permanent request (all future elections)

Your Signature: _____

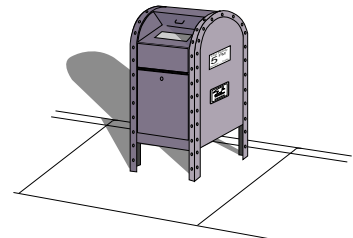
(You must sign to receive a ballot.)

Your application must be received by at least 7 days before the election.



Mail your absentee ballot application to:

District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics
441 – 4th St, NW, Ste. 250N
Washington, DC 20001-2745



Other Special Services

Assistance in Voting

Each of the District's polling places has a trained voting assistance clerk on staff. This person is available to help senior citizens, disabled persons, or other voters who may have trouble voting that may request assistance. If you wish, you may choose a person other than the voting assistance clerk to help you. Call 727-2525, for more information.

Curbside Voting

If you are driven to the polling place, but cannot do not wish to come inside because of age, or disability, you may vote "curbside" from the car.

When notified that someone wishes to vote "curbside", one of the pollworkers will bring a ballot to the car and assist you as needed. We suggest that you call ahead to inform us that you wish to vote "curbside". Call 727-2525 for more information, TDD device 639-8916.

Accessible Website

The Board has made its website accessible to the visually impaired. For more information, visit our website anytime of the day or night, at www.dcboee.org.

Larger Print Ballots

Ballots are now being printed with larger size fonts to accommodate those persons with a visual impairment. Large poster-sized ballots and magnifiers are also available in each of the polling places.

Spanish Ballots

Each polling place will have a small quantity of Spanish-translated ballots. Large poster-sized Spanish-translated ballots are also available in each of the District's polling locations. If you would like to vote using Spanish ballot, please see your polling place official.

What's New!

In response to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, and the District of Columbia's State Plan, there will be several new changes at the polling places beginning with the January 13, 2004 Presidential Preference Primary.

To ensure that all voters are advised of their rights to cast a secret ballot at the polls on Election Day, the Board has implemented the following new changes at the polls:

What you will see:

- **New Accessible Voting Equipment;**
- **New Signage;**
- **I.D. Requirement for First-Time Voters who Registered by Mail;**
- **Voter's Rights;**
- **New Procedures for Processing Special/Provisional Ballot Voters;**
and
- **Youth Pollworkers (ages 16-17).**

Samples of each of the new signs and an introduction to the new voting equipment are available on the following pages.

New Technology

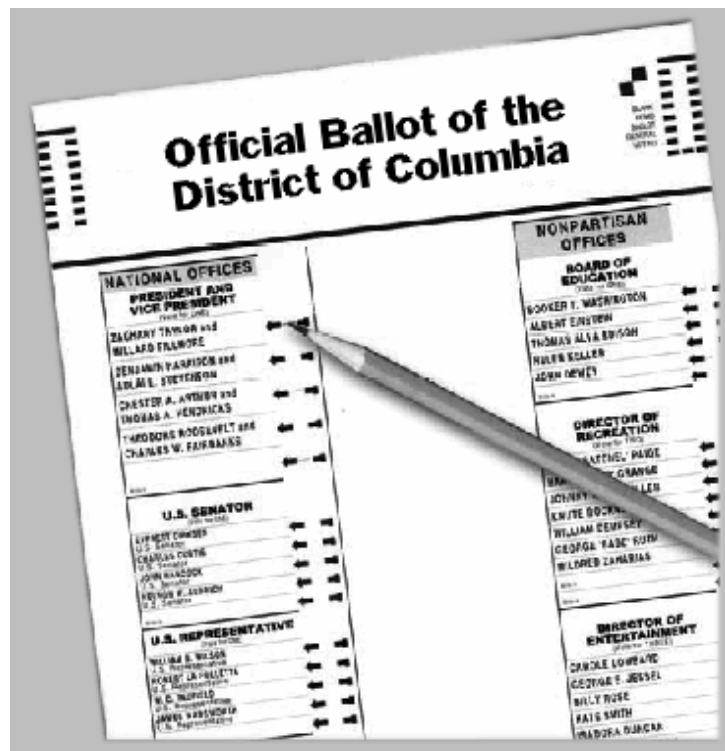
The Optech Eagle Voting System

In September 2002, the Board upgraded its voting process to an optical scan voting system. The Optech Eagle Voting System, an optical scanning device, is the primary voting system to be used in the District of Columbia. Voters used the Optech Eagle scanning system for the first time during the 2002 September primary and the November 2002 general election.

The Optical Scan ballot is voted by using a No. 2 pencil which will be provided by the Board at the polls on Election Day. Voters will complete the arrow beside the candidate of their choice. Voters who make a mistake or spoil their ballot will be issued a new ballot.

This voting system permits the pollworker to transmit election results via modem to the Board's central office once the polls close.

If you are a new voter and would like a demonstration of the Optech Eagle Voting System, please call our office at 727-2525 to make an appointment.



Voters will complete the arrow beside the candidate's name.

Accessible Voting Equipment

The Edge AVC Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) Voting System

In addition to the Optech Eagle optical scan voting system, the Board will place one touch-screen Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) voting unit (*AVC Edge Advantage*) in each of the District's 142 precincts. The AVC Edge voting system is accessible to the disabled population.

The AVC Edge DRE voting system has an optional **audio component and hand-held device** attached to each voting unit that provides an unassisted voting option to voters that are visually impaired or those who have trouble reading. The device can also be easily manipulated by individuals with mobility impairments.

The ballot image is located within the voting unit. The AVC Edge DRE Voting System allows voters to review their ballots, notifies the voter of an overvote, and provides them with an opportunity to correct their ballot in case of an error.

AVC Edge Voting Unit



Audio and Hand-held Devices



New Signage

District of Columbia Voters' Rights

AS A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- **Inspect a sample ballot posted in the polling place;**
- **Vote in privacy at a polling place, regardless of physical disability;**
- **Receive instructions on how to operate the voting equipment;**
- **Bring voter information materials into the voting booth;**
- **Take your time when voting;**
- **Ask for and receive assistance in voting from anyone you choose including a pollworker;**
- **Vote a Special/Provisional Ballot if your name is not on the list of voters in your precinct;**
- **Receive a new ballot if you make a mistake before casting your ballot;**
- **Cast a ballot if you are in line when the precinct closes;**
- **Vote free from threat or intimidation from election officials or any other person; and**
- **Cast a ballot using voting equipment that accurately counts all votes.**

New Signage

NOTICE TO FIRST-TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTERED BY MAIL

FIRST-TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTERED BY MAIL

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT:

Federal law requires all first-time voters who registered by mail to show identification prior to voting.

Before voting, you must show one of the following documents with your name and address:

- a valid and current photo identification;
- current utility bill;
- bank statement;
- government check;
- paycheck; or
- any other document that includes your name and address.

NOTE: If you included a copy of one of these documents along with your mail-in voter registration application, you do not need to show identification on Election Day.

Special/Provisional Ballot Voting

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates the use of special/provisional ballot voting in all federal elections in every state, including the District Columbia and U.S. territories.

Voters required to cast a special/provisional ballot include:

- Voters whose names do not appear on the precinct listing of eligible registered voters;
- certain first-time voters who registered to vote by mail on or after January 2, 2003, and who have not produced one of the required voter identification documents (or a copy of the document if voting absentee by mail); or
- individuals who vote in an election for Federal office as a result of a court order or any other order extending the time established for closing the polls by D.C. law.

First-time voters who included either their driver's license number or the last four digits of their social security number will not be required to vote a special/provisional ballot on Election Day.

The special/provisional ballot voter must execute a written affirmation stating that he or she is a registered voter and eligible to vote in the election.

The information provided by the special/provisional ballot voters in their affirmation must be verified before the ballot is counted. The information is checked against relevant records, including voter files, motor vehicle records or other voter registration agencies that may have failed to timely transmit registration information to the Board.

As in the past, the polling place official will provide the special/provisional ballot voter with written information stating the reason that he or she was required to cast a special/provisional ballot, and instructing them on how to appeal the Board's decision to reject their ballot.

HAVA changes the way the Board may notify voters of its determination to reject their special/provisional ballot. HAVA restricts access to information about an individual special/provisional ballot to the voter who cast the ballot.

Beginning with this election, the Board has established a *toll-free access number (1-866-328-6837)* for any individual who casts a special/provisional ballot to discover whether their vote was counted or not counted, and if their vote was not counted, the reason that their ballot was not counted. Special/Provisional voters may access this information beginning on the Tuesday following the election (January 20, 2004).

Additionally, and beyond the HAVA requirements, the Board will send letters to every special/provisional ballot voter to notify them of the disposition of their ballot.

Youth Pollworker Program



The Board will again conduct the Youth Pollworker Program (YPP) for the 2004 elections which was implemented during the 2002 election cycles. The aim of the YPP is to allow the District's public, charter, and private school students to work inside the voting precincts on Election Day. The YPP is an educational program for high school students that provides an opportunity for them to gain experience working with the public and serving the community.

While students may not be eligible to vote, the Program provides them with an opportunity to work side-by-side with Election Day Workers in the polling place assisting voters. Student participation in the program affords them with hands-on experience which will provide them with a broader view of the electoral process.

As a member of the precinct team on Election Day, students can be compensated for their services at the polling place in one of two ways. They can earn credit toward community service hours or receive a stipend in the form of a check for working on Election Day. The student along with a faculty advisor decides which of the two options they will select.

The District's requirements for a student to work at the polling place are that the student must be:

- at least 16 years old;
- a high school junior or senior in good standing enrolled in a public, charter, or private secondary school in the District of Columbia;
- a resident of the District of Columbia;
- in possession of a social security number; committed to approximately one hour of training prior to Election Day; and
- committed to working at the voting precinct for a minimum of four hours on Election Day.

The Board implements the YPP by coordinating its activities with school administrators, teachers, parents and legal guardians, and students.

To apply students must submit a completed application form to the Board of Elections and Ethics which includes written approval from the school administrator. It must also contain written approval from a parent or legal guardian. All of this information should be submitted on a form provided by the Board which can be obtained by calling 727-2525 or downloading it from the Board's website at www.dcboee.org.

**► Important Dates
to Remember:**

January 13, 2004: **Presidential Primary Election Day** (Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

January 6, 2004: **Last day to request a mail absentee ballot.**

January 23, 2004: **Last day for the Board to receive your mail absentee ballot.** (Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day.)

Future Elections:

September 14, 2004 **District Primary**

November 2, 2004 **Presidential General Election**

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