

## ElectionWatch/New York Election Day Ballot Marker Survey

**Please Print**

Voter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ If Student, List Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in talking to the media or civic groups about your experience voting? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Enter the name & address of Your poll site.	Name of site: Address of site: Borough/County:
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**Thanks for participating in the ElectionWatch/New York Election Day Monitoring Project.** Before you go to a polling site, you should read this short review of the most important things to know:

**This survey is specifically for those voters who have decided to use the new “ballot markers” this Election Day instead of the mechanical lever machines.** Each county across the state will have at least one location where this new technology will be offered. Designed to be more accessible to voters with disabilities, the ballot markers are available to all voters who wish to use them. These new machines will ‘mark’ and print out a voter’s paper ballot through the use of a terminal much like a bank ATM, to be later counted at the Board of Elections.

**Please fill out the information above, before or as soon as you get to your site.** You’ll then be filling out the “Ballot Marker” survey on the reverse of this page. You only need to fill out the shaded questions if you encounter a problem like a broken machine, being asked for ID or your name was not in the poll books. Please read and familiarize yourself with the questions before heading to the polls by reading each out loud.

**Problems or Questions?** In case you have any questions or if you identify problems on Election Day that you believe need immediate attention call our Election Helpline at 212.349.6460. Thanks again for your valuable participation.

**Submitting your results:** We need your survey results as soon as possible, preferably on Election Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Submit each of your survey responses only once. There are two ways to submit your form: The best way is to phone in your results to the ElectionWatch hotline at (212) 349 6460. Please retain this survey in your possession (don’t throw them out.) You can also fax your forms to (212) 349-1366, mail or drop off forms to: NYPIRG, 9 Murray Street, New York, NY 10007, Att: ElectionWatch.

This survey is designed to identify any problems that arise with the introduction of the new ballot markers being used across the state. We also want to discover if voters rights are being violated and to see if voters in different parts of the state are being treated differently from one another. Your participation is key to us determining what is happening to voters across the state. Even if you don’t experience any problems, we need you to submit your forms in order to make comparisons with what happened to other voters and to note successful introduction of this new technology.

This box is for additional comments continued from the reverse side of the survey. (Please note question number.)

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Surveyor (your) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County/Borough \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for participating in the ElectionWatch/New York Election Day Monitoring Project.** Before you go to a polling site, make sure you fully read the instructions on the reverse.

- 1. Once you were first directed to the line for using the ballot marker, how long was your wait to vote? Circle one.**
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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A) Less Than 5 Minutes  | B) 5 to 15 Minutes   | C) 15 to 30 Minutes  |
| D) More than 30 Minutes | E) More than an hour | F) Don't Know/Unsure |

### *Ease of operation of the Ballot Marker*

- 2a. How did you find the Ballot Marker to operate? Circle one and explain below:**
- |              |                    |              |                   |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| A) Very Easy | B) Moderately Easy | C) Difficult | D) Very Difficult |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|

- 2b. Were you offered any written or oral instructions on how to use the Ballot Marker?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 2b. If yes, did you find the instructions helpful enough to successfully use the Ballot Marker?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 3. Did you experience any problems with the Ballot Marker or at the poll site such as:**

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>a. Machine Breakdown or malfunction – including Paper Jams.</b><br>If Yes, Explain:           | Yes ___ No ___ |
| <b>b. Disability Access Problem</b><br>If Yes, Explain:  | Yes ___ No ___ |
| <b>c. Non-English/Language Assistance Problem</b><br>If Yes, Explain:                            | Yes ___ No ___ |
| <b>d. Did you experience any other problems when you went to vote today?</b><br>If Yes, Explain: | Yes ___ No ___ |

- 4. Were you offered the opportunity to review your printed ballot either visually or through reinsertion into a ballot marker to check for its accuracy.** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 5. Were you offered or given any written or oral instructions on completing the envelope for your ballot.** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 6. Please tell us anything else you think is important about your experience voting today.**