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Upcoming Election

November 4th, 2008

YOUR VOTE,

Curbside Voting

Voters with limited mobility can vote “curbside” or outside the polling place. They should go to their polling place and ask someone to go in and ask poll workers to bring a ballot out to them. The poll workers should bring the voter a ballot within a reasonable period of time.



Accessible Polling Places

Voters with physical disabilities, whose polling place is not accessible, may request a different polling place assignment so that they may vote in a more accessible polling place. They should contact their local election authority to make this request. Voters can find their local election authority by visiting

www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp
or calling **(800) NOW-VOTE.**

Accessible Voting Systems

Every polling place must have an accessible voting system for individuals with disabilities including audiovisual accessibility. Accessible systems include an audio ballot to make selections or the ability to enlarge text so that voters can read the on-screen ballot with ease.



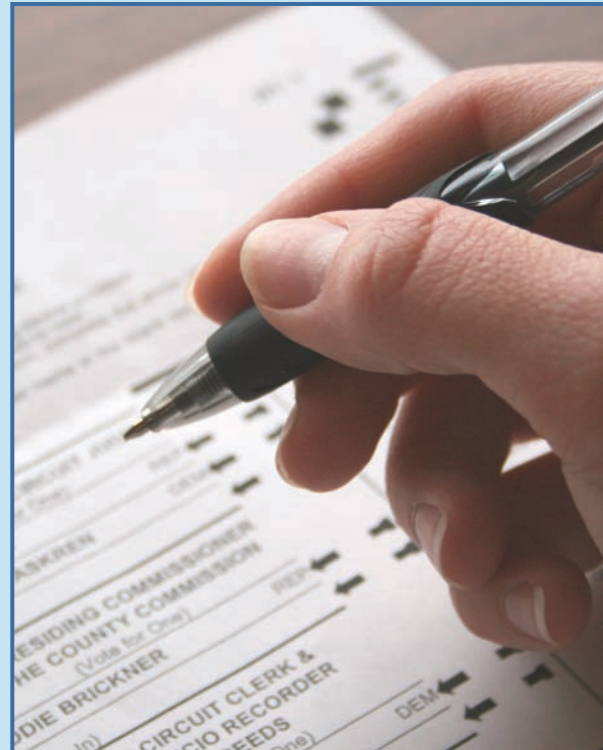
YOUR VOICE

Permanent Absentee Voting

Voters with a permanent physical disability may request to be placed on a designated list so that their local election authority can automatically mail an absentee ballot application directly to them prior to each election. Voters will need to make this request directly to their local election authority who will send them further information. Voters can find their local election authority by visiting:

www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp

or call (800) NOW-VOTE



To register to vote online, please visit

www.sos.mo.gov/RegisterToVote

Or call 800-NOW-VOTE to request a voter registration form be mailed to you.

**Remember, the last day to register is
October 8th. Election Day is
November 4, 2008.**

If you would like to request this information in an alternate format, please contact us at 1-800-669-8683.

Dear Missourians,

One of my duties as Secretary of State is to ensure free and fair elections by making sure that EVERY voter can participate on Election Day.

This year Missourians will hold a very important election where important decisions will be made and local, state and federal elected officials will be selected. I want to make sure that every Missourian can vote regardless of physical disabilities. In fact, those with physical limitations may be able to have specific voting arrangements made if they are:

- Unable to leave their house without assistance
- Visually impaired or are legally blind
- Limited in their mobility

I hope Missourians will take some time to review the enclosed information. Those who would like to learn more about Missouri elections should visit my website at www.sos.mo.gov or call my office at **(800) NOW-VOTE**.

Very truly yours,



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

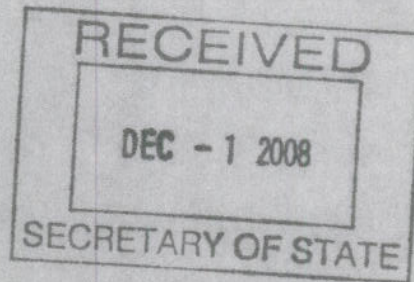


Disabled Citizens

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Dear Ms. Carnahan,

From the staff and board of DCAI we want to express our sincere appreciation for your assistance with the accessibility problems in Washington County.

The Grant you offered the County to comply with HAVA standards was the pivotal point in the County's decision to comply for the November 4th elections.


Originally, 13 of 18 sites were inaccessible to people with disabilities. After your generous offer of accessibility funding, Washington County made a decision to comply with accessibility for all sites except 2. I wish all State Government would act with such haste and responsibility as your office for access improvements during the past election. Your staff was top notch and Mr. Ron Berry bent over backwards to ensure the operations were being met.

Unfortunately, we are now embroiled in a lawsuit with the County over the Courthouse accessibility. I am certain this is a suit we will win in court. I find it ironic the county would move or make accessible 11 voting sites yet leave the primary place of County commerce inaccessible to people with disabilities.

Regardless, your actions and those of your staff reflect public service to the disabled constituency in the highest order.

Once again, I want to applaud the efforts of your office on behalf of the Board of DCAI, the staff of DCAI and all of your constituents with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Blakley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Blakley
Executive Director

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Cc: Ron Berry
DCAI Board of Directors