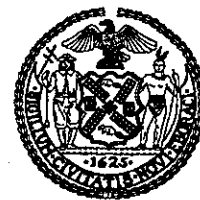




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COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER, OTHER OFFICIALS, & ADVOCATES CALL FOR KEEPING LEVER VOTING MACHINES AS THE BEST SECURITY & ONLY AFFORDABLE VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW YORK VOTERS

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Councilmember Helen Diane Foster, other elected officials, and election integrity advocates announced that a resolution will be introduced today at the Stated Council Meeting calling for the continued use of lever voting machines in New York. Councilmember Foster stated, "The continued use of lever voting machines provides the best security and the only affordable voting equipment for New York voters."

The Resolution states: "Calling upon the New York State Legislature, the New York Board of Elections, the New York United States Senators, the New York Congressional delegation, and the New York Governor, to take all appropriate actions that may be necessary to enable New York counties to continue using lever voting machines supplemented by accessible voting technology for people with disabilities."

Foster stated, "Keeping lever voting machines in New York is in the best interest of the public because they are secure, inexpensive to use, and built to last indefinitely."

Election integrity advocate Teresa Hommel stated, "There are thousands of news reports of failures of computerized voting equipment, showing that we voters can never be sure that our votes will be counted as we intend. New York's law requires audits of only 3% of the new equipment. That means 97% is "trust-me" vote counting. Proper security and audits might make the new technology secure, but New York can't afford it."

Foster also pointed out the high cost of the computerization of voting technology. "It would be unwise in a time of limited resources to change to a voting technology that would dramatically increase the cost of elections, especially when we already own our own lever voting machines."