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Mr. John Ravitz, Executive Director
Board of Elections (BOENYC)
32 Broadway, 7th Floor
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Dear Mr. Ravitz:

At its January 2007 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following resolution:

Whereas, observable election procedures that ordinary citizens can witness, understand, and attest have been properly conducted are the basis for public confidence in elections; and

Whereas, direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machines prevent citizens from witnessing and understanding the handling of votes; and

Whereas, New York State law requires the New York City Board of Elections to select new voting technology to replace the mechanical lever machines which we currently use; and

Whereas, New York State law allows the New York City Board of Elections to select either a precinct-based Paper Ballot/Optical Scan system or a Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system; and

Whereas, paper ballots can be marked by voters with disabilities and/or non-English languages by the use of accessible ballot-marking devices; and

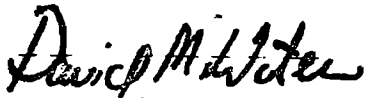
Whereas, precinct-based Paper Ballot/Optical Scan systems can provide the advantages of quick election-day results and accessibility without the risks associated with electronic voting;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Community Board 3 urges the New York City Board of Elections to select a precinct-based Paper Ballot/Optical Scan system as the new voting technology for the City of New York;

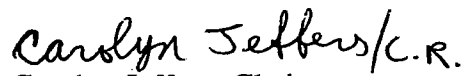
And be it further resolved, that Community Board 3 urges the New York City Council to go on record as supporting the selection of a precinct-based Paper Ballot/Optical Scan system by passing Resolution 131 as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



David McWater, Chair
Community Board #3



Carolyn Jeffers, Chair
Human Services Committee

cc: Valerie Vazquez, BOENYC
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