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Subject: suggestions from the LWV of Huntington

Dear Sirs,

The Voter Service Committee of the LWV of Huntington met and reviewed the HAVA Implementation Plan. Although we all agreed that as much should be done as possible to not disenfranchise voters, our members felt that having poll books displaying a message in the signature box, indicating to the inspector that the voter must provide ID prior to voting and also providing space for a notation by the inspector that the ID requirement has been met, (p13) would be cumbersome and add to confusion and delays on Election Day. Our two members who are poll inspectors indicated that especially during the busy hours, this change. As for the voter education, (p33) we wondered if there was a role the LWV could play. We do go into schools already and educate high school seniors and would be willing to help with educating voters on the new machines, would create chaos. On page 34, administrative costs are discussed. Our local newspaper, Newsday, reported on the extensive overtime that was paid to staff at the BOE this year. Knowing that any change is going to produce more work, we were wondering if it would be more efficient and cost effective, and if more staff were hired rather than to pay overtime to present staff.

We hope these comments are helpful.

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