

ELECTION NEWS 2017



I am excited to announce that the Board of Registrars is engaging in a pilot program and will be using electronic poll pads at 3 of our precincts this year. The board is partnering with our vendor, LHS, who is conducting a field test to help move towards State certification. Our vendor, LHS, will be coordinating with the KNOWiNK Company. The three precincts are 3-1 & 3-2 at the Our Lady of Fatima church and 5-3 at the McCarthy School.

The poll pads will be used to check in voters. **The regular, paper voting lists that you are familiar with will still be used as the official check in/check out precinct record.**

If you Early Voted last year, you saw this new technology in action. I believe most, if not all of our voters, loved this technology.

The poll pads search by name. You will simply state your name and then confirm your address, similar to the way you have always checked in at the polls. The great news about this technology is, **IF YOU CHOOSE**, you may use your Mass Driver's License to check in. The poll pad will have the ability to scan the license bar code for voter look up.

THIS IS NOT AN I.D. REQUIREMENT BUT RATHER A WAY TO ACCELERATE THE CHECK IN PROCESS. SIMPLY HAVE YOUR LICENSE READY TO HOLD UP IN FRONT OF THE POLL PAD.

I am hopeful that poll pads are certified for the 2018 State Election and that the City will have the ability to consider use of this technology going forward for faster, easier check in.

Thank you, Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk.