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# **NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES**

February 22, 2010

TO: All Persons who are candidates in the March 16, 2010 Special Election for Queens 13<sup>th</sup> Senate:

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Election Law of the State of New York, the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Board of Elections and the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures adopted by the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York, please take notice of the following information:

All activities relating to any type of paper ballot will be conducted at the Queens Borough Office of the Board of Elections (located at 126-06 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11415).

All activities relating to the mechanical voting machines and Ballot Marking Device(s) (BMD's) will be conducted at the Queens Borough Voting Machine Facility of the Board of Elections (located at 66-26 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379).

## 1. Optical Scanning System Test

Pursuant to the provisions of New York State Board of Elections Rule 6210.11, you or your representative designated in writing may attend a test of the optical scanning system used to canvass and/or recanvass paper ballots used in the Special Election. You or your representative designated in writing, may appear and observe the test(s), which will be conducted on

**Friday, March 12, at 10:00 AM**

## 2. Inspection of Voting Machines, BMD's & Paper Ballots

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-128(2) of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may inspect the voting machines & BMD to be used in the March 16, 2010 Special Election on

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of  
10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.**

- (b) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-128(1) of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may inspect the paper ballots, including the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) ballots, to be used in the March 16, 2010 Special Election on

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of  
10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.**

**Note:** This inspection will take place at the Queens Borough Voting Machine Facility, **NOT** the Borough Office.

### **3. CANVASS AND/OR RECANVASS OF VOTES CAST**

#### **MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS**

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-102 and 9-208 of the NYS Election Law, (as amended by Chapter 116 of the Laws of New York State 2009) you or your representative designated in writing may be present and observe the recanvass of votes cast on the voting machines and the canvass of any and all write-in votes cast on the voting machines. This canvass/recanvass will commence on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, at 10:00 A.M.** and will continue until such canvass/recanvass of all machines is completed.

The Board of Elections will have a team or teams of Board staff to conduct the canvass/recanvass. You may appoint a sufficient number of watchers to have at least one watcher with each team.

- (b) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-200 and 9-209 of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may be present and observe the canvass or recanvass of any emergency and BMD ballots votes cast on Election Day. This canvas and recanvass will commence on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 10:00 A.M.** and will continue until completed.
- (c) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-200 and 9-209 of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may be present and observe the canvass of votes cast on any and all valid absentee and/or affidavit ballots. This canvass will commence on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010**, immediately following the recanvass of emergency ballots (if any), and will continue until completed, including Saturday and Sunday. Candidates may appoint a sufficient number of watchers to ensure adequate representation throughout the canvass of the paper ballots

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Chief Clerk – Barbara Conacchio - or Deputy Chief Clerk – Katherine A. James - either in the Queens Borough Office [Telephone: **(718) 730-6730**] or the Voting Machine Facility [Telephone: **(718) 417-2026**].

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these matters.

Very truly yours,

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