

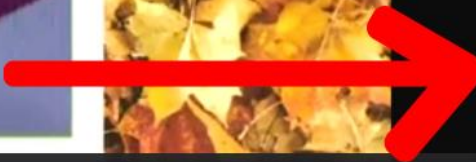


# Election Official Webinar

April 2023



Welcome



- Ask a Question
- Share Presentation
- Help
- Info



## Our Goal

For each eligible voter to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted



## Spring Primary

- \* 39% Voter Turnout Citywide
- \* 55 Wards with turnout greater than 40%



## Spring Primary

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- \*63% turnout – Ward 135 at Wellspring
- \*62% turnout – Ward 87 at Covenant
- \*61% turnout – Ward 64 at Blessed Sacrament
- \*61% turnout – Ward 35 at TPC Wisconsin
- \*60% turnout – Ward 71 at Wingra
- \*59% turnout – Ward 86 at Sequoya
- \*59% turnout – Ward 19 at Olbrich

## Spring Primary

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- \*57% turnout – Ward 67 at Bethany UMC
- \*56% turnout – Ward 90 at Wellspring
- \*56% turnout – Ward 85 at Midvale
- \*54% turnout – Ward 40 at Bethany Evangelical
- \*54% turnout – Ward 80 at Thoreau
- \*53% turnout – Ward 88 at Covenant
- \*53% turnout – Ward 15 at Lake Edge

# Spring Primary

- ✳️ 52% turnout – Ward 29 at East High
- ✳️ 52% turnout – Ward 92 at Asbury UMC
- ✳️ 51% turnout – Ward 17 at Whitehorse Middle School
- ✳️ 50% turnout – Ward 16 at Pinney Library
- ✳️ 50% turnout – Ward 41 at Lapham Elementary
- ✳️ 50% turnout – Ward 66 at First Baptist
- ✳️ 50% turnout – Ward 96 at Alicia Ashman Library

# Spring Election

- ✳️ Prepared for 100% voter turnout
- ✳️ Two-sided ballot
- Official Use Section on back

The image shows a sample of a two-sided ballot for the Spring Election. The ballot is divided into two columns: the left column for contests and the right column for the official use section. The contests include:

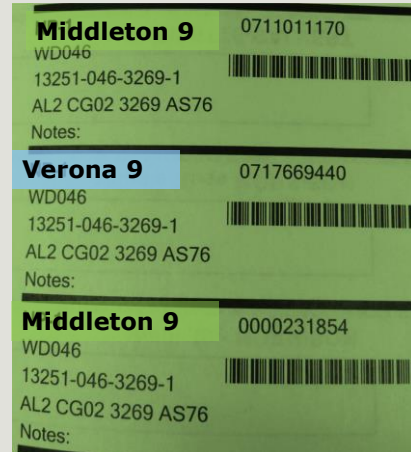
- General nonpartisan**
  - Justice of the Supreme Court: Vote for 1 (Candidates: Janet C. Prohaska, Daniel Kelly)
  - Court of Appeals Judge: District 4 (Candidates: Chris Taylor, [blank])
  - Mayor: Vote for 1 (Candidates: Gloria Reyes, Salya Rhodes Conway)
  - Superintendent: District 16 (Candidates: Joel Carter, [blank])
  - School District: [blank]
  - School District of Mount Pleasant: [blank]
  - County: [blank]
- Referendum**
  - Question 1: Conditions of release before conviction (Candidates: [blank])
  - Question 2: Cash bail before conviction (Candidates: [blank])
  - Question 3: Statewide-based driver's license (Candidates: [blank])
  - Question 4: Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for national legislative and congressional elections in the state? (Candidates: [blank])
  - Question 5: Should the Wisconsin Legislature adopt an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution creating a new right to privacy that would protect rights such as abortion, same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage? (Candidates: [blank])
- Referendum (cont.)**
  - Municipal: Establish the Charter Ordinance of the City of Madison to provide for staggered two-year terms for members of the Common Council beginning in 2025, with the 2025 Spring Election including one year terms for all other offices and in subsequent elections the terms for all offices shall be two years? (Candidates: [blank])

The official use section on the right includes:

- Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 4, 2023 for Candidates on Ballot No. 102
- Ballot issued by: [blank]
- Signature of election inspectors: [blank]
- Signature of voter: [blank]
- For Official Use Only: Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be returned (Overcast, Damaged, Other)
- Signature of voter: [blank]
- Signature of election inspectors: [blank]

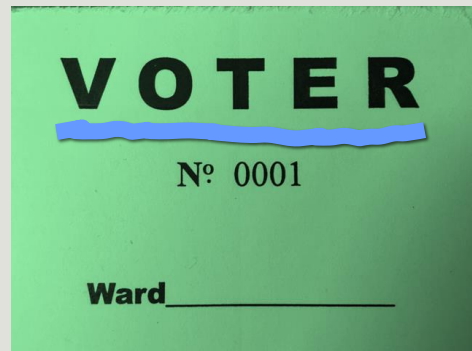
## School Districts

- \* A ward may have up to three school districts
- \* If a voter needs a ballot with a stripe in a color different from the color of the poll book, the school district will be highlighted on the poll book



## School District Splits

- \* Use a highlighter to notify ballot table of correct ballot style
- \* Confirm school district with voter at both poll book and ballot table



## Referenda

- \* We may not discuss or explain the meaning of referenda questions
- \* We may only refer to the posted Explanatory Statement

**No political discussions in the polling place.**

## Referenda

- \* Selecting Next allows voter to skip a referendum or office on the ExpressVote
- \* Selecting Exit will cancel marking anything on the ballot card



## Referenda

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### State

**Question 1: Conditions of release before conviction.** Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm?

Yes

No

## Referenda

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**Question 2: Cash bail before conviction.** Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent witness intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses?

Yes

No

## Referenda

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**Question 3:** Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?

Yes

No

## Referenda

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### County

Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state?

Yes

No



## Referenda

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Should the Wisconsin Legislature adopt an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution creating a new right to privacy that would protect rights such as abortion, same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage?

Yes

No

## Referenda

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### **Municipal**

Shall the Charter Ordinances of the City of Madison be amended to establish staggered two-year terms for members of the Common Council beginning in 2025, with the 2025 Spring Election including one-year terms for alders in even-numbered Districts and in subsequent elections the term for all alders shall be two years?

Yes

No

# Referenda

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School District
Shall the Monona Grove School District, Dane County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$6,000,000 for the 2023-2024 school year; by an additional \$1,600,000 (for a total of \$7,600,000) for the 2024-2025 school year; and by an additional \$6,200,000 (for a total of \$13,800,000) for the 2025-2026 school year and thereafter, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining current programs and staff and operational expenses?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
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# Questions

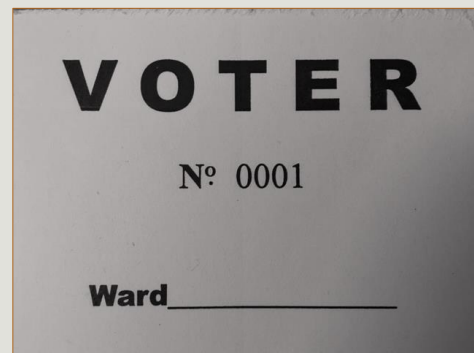
## Task Rotation

- \* All poll workers understand what is happening throughout the polling place
- \* Allows us to catch mistakes sooner



## Suggestion from February

- \* One poll book official hands out voter slips, the other asks voters to sign the poll book



## Request

- \* If someone voted absentee, please do not write in their poll book signature box



## Voter ID

- \* Proving identify, not address
- \* Do not compare address on ID to address on poll book



## Ballot Table

- \* Two poll workers initial each ballot
- \* Wisconsin Elections Commission would like both sets of initials applied in front of the voter
- \* Try this out by placing second registration official at ballot table

<b>Official Ballot</b> <b>Nonpartisan Office and</b> <b>Referendum</b> <b>April 4, 2023</b> <b>for</b> <b>C Madison Wd 021</b>
<b>Ballot Issued by</b> <hr/>
<hr/> Initials of election inspectors

## ExpressVote

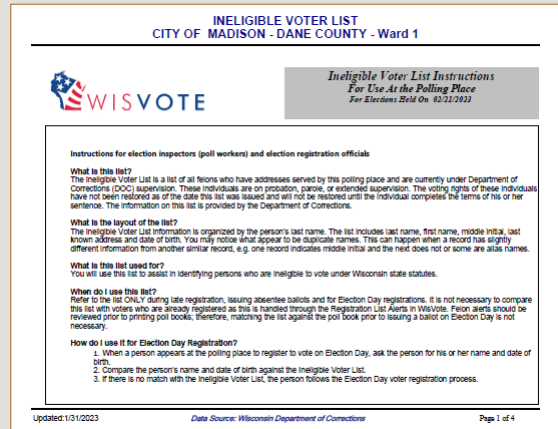
- \* Would you like to mark your ballot using a touchscreen, or a pen?



## Q&A from February

\* Which absentees do we check against the ineligible list?

➤ All of them



## Q&A from February

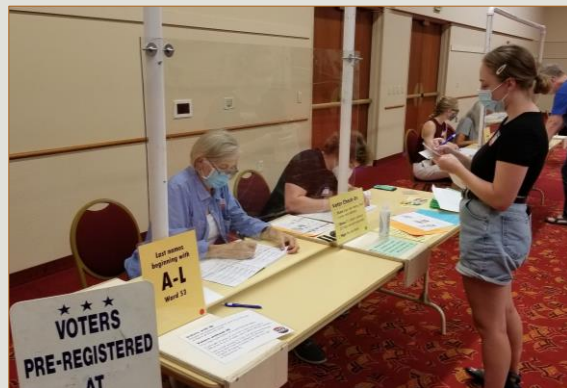
\* When is a witness address complete?

➤ House number, street name, city

➤ Or enough information to find address

❖ Room number, residence hall & city

❖ Street address & zip code



## Q&A from February

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\* What if an absentee voter did not date their signature?

- Date not required
- Process absentee



## Absentee Signatures

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- \* In February, a polling place rejected an absentee for “no witness signature”
- \* There *was* a witness signature – same last name as voter, but a different first name, and a similar handwriting style
- \* Both the voter and witness signatures clearly had different first names, and both were on the poll book
- \* Genetics influence some handwriting characteristics
- \* Going forward, please run rejections by Chief Inspector

## Poll Book Documentation

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- \* At five polling locations in February, voter slip numbers for some absentee ballots were recorded in the poll book for the correct last name, but an incorrect first name
- \* Slow down and double-check that we are giving the right person credit for voting



## Absentee Ballot Deliveries

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- \* Ask, "Are you the voter?"
- \* May not ask for ID





## If Not the Voter

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- \* Ask, “Are you delivering the ballot because the voter has determined that they require assistance returning the ballot due to their disability?”



## If Not the Voter

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- \* If yes, “Are you someone other than the voter’s employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union?”
- \* If yes, accept ballot



## Voter Registration

- \* Do not separate voter from their proof of address
- \* Do not separate voter from their registration form before they are at the new registration poll list

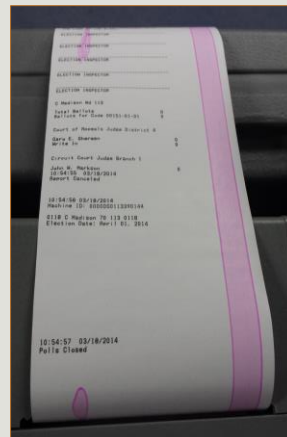
### Acceptable Proof of Address

*may be electronic*

- A – Affidavit from agency providing homeless services
- B – Bank/Credit Union/Credit Card/Mortgage Statement
- C – Care Facility Contract/Intake Doc.
- G – Government Document/Check (includes federal, state, county, city, tribal, UW, Madison College, public schools)
- H – Certified Housing List from UW-Madison or Edgewood College
- P – Paycheck
- R – Residential Lease (effective today)
- S – Student ID w/ Fee Statement
- T – Tax Bill from this year or last year
- U – Utility Bill (water, gas, electric, cable, internet, cell, landline) issued within last 3 months
- W – WI Driver License/ID, unexpired

## Q&A from February

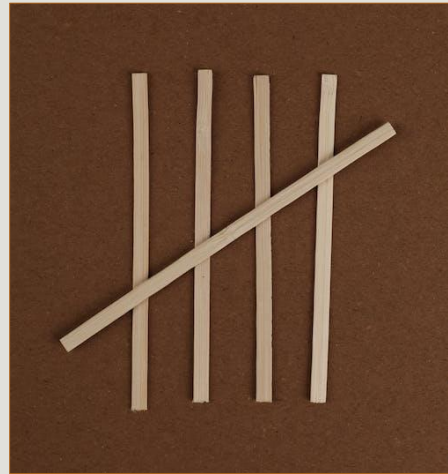
- \* At what point as we close the polls can we remove voted ballots from the tabulator cart?
  - After printing, announcing, and modeming the results



## Write-Ins

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- \* If there are write-ins to tally, you will have write-in tally sheets with specific instructions



## Write-Ins

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- \* If a voter writes in a candidate on the ballot for that office, the results tape will need to be adjusted

### Spring Flower Vote for 1

- Tulip
- Daffodil
- Write-In Tulip

## Voter Intent

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- \* The act of writing out a candidate's name demonstrates the voter's intent, even if they filled in the oval for another candidate

### Spring Flower Vote for 1

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## Adjusting Results Tape

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- \* Document on Inspectors' Statement
- \* Note on results tape

### Spring Flower Vote for 1

- Tulip
- Daffodil
- Write-In Tulip

## Subtle Acts of Exclusion

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- \* When we do not see our voters as individuals, it can make them feel dehumanized, embarrassed, traumatized, and invisible

**sorry,  
Wrong  
Asian**

## Voter Feedback from February

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*I experienced an incident today at my polling place that left me feeling uneasy, disrespected, and racially profiled.*



## Voter Feedback from February

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Today, as I have every election since I turned 18, I arrived at my polling place at 12:30 pm. I had to update my address as my family has moved and thus changed my polling place assignment. I brought all the required documents and was fully prepared. As soon as the chief inspector received my documents, she had me get back in line. This is where the issue arose.

## Voter Feedback from February

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My updated voter registration forms were then handed to another young Asian woman in line, about 10 people ahead of me, who looked at the chief inspector with a confused expression. The chief inspector replied, "Was it not you who just registered to vote?" It was not, it was me.

## Voter Feedback from February

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The chief inspector then looked over at me, realizing her mistake, which she did not acknowledge. I think she thought I was too far away to hear what came next. Then, another poll worker nodded her head in agreement, and replied, "You two just look so similar."

## Voter Feedback from February

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We look nothing alike.

Two unrelated Asian women who have never met, never even spoken a word, spaced about 10 people away from each other.

No apologies were made, and I cast my ballot.

## Voter Feedback from February

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This is not the first time I have been racially profiled during a voting-related interaction in Wisconsin. I am a proud Wisconsinite, a proud woman of color, and consider it a privilege to be able to vote for the many millions of people in this country who are not able to.

## Voter Feedback from February

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However, I should not need to endure racism, aggression, and lack of accountability when I am performing my duty as a U.S. citizen. I should not feel like my vote is unwanted, when it is my birthright.



## Voter Feedback from February

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My personal information should not have been presented to a complete stranger, because she was misidentified as me, due to an action of ignorance and racism which was then confirmed, protected, and validated by another poll worker.

## Voter Feedback from February

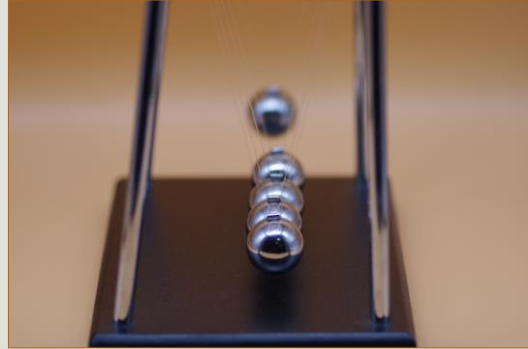
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I hope you will take my words sincerely, and understand that action must be taken to ensure that Wisconsin voters of Color understand that our vote is needed, and our vote is important.

## Reminder

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- \* We judge ourselves by our intentions, and we judge others by their impact
- \* We need to look at the impact of what we say and do



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## Questions

## Record Your Training

- \* In webinar attendance, “Click Here to Complete This Course”
- \* Take the Quiz

The screenshot displays the 'Online Poll Worker Training' interface. At the top, it says 'WELCOME! Maggie McClain' and 'Logout'. The course is titled 'Webinar Attendance (to let us know you watched)'. Below this, there is a video player showing a dog and the text 'Thank you! MadisonVotes@CityofMadison.com'. To the right of the video player, there is a 'Quiz' section with a 'Take the Quiz' button circled in green and a green arrow pointing to it. The progress indicator shows '0 of 1 Successfully Completed'.

## Thank you!

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