

Greeters

Goal

To outline the appropriate duties and responsibilities of greeters at the polling place on Election Day.

Overview

Greeters may be the first person a voter sees and interacts with at the polling place on Election Day. Greeters need to be able to work courteously with the public.

Greeters should, at a minimum, acknowledge voters and assist them in opening the doors if needed. Additionally, greeters can serve as a resource for answering questions about the polling place and where an elector needs to go to register to vote or receive a ballot.

A greeter can help the traffic flow in the polling area by directing voters quickly to the correct location or table for registration or poll book check-in. The greeter position can be especially beneficial during high turnout elections.

Greeters may

- Direct voters to the correct ward, registration table or poll book table.
- Answer general questions about the voting process or direct questions to the Chief Inspector.
- Review a voter's proof of residence and/or photo ID and advise the voter if the document(s) is acceptable. The voter must still provide the document(s) to the election inspectors to register to vote or be issued a ballot.
- Check to see if a voter is in the right polling place by searching the voter's address in MyVote, on a district map or on another copy of the poll list.
- Direct voters to the correct polling place.
- Substitute for election inspectors taking a break if also trained and appointed as an election inspector.
- Assist with the curbside voting process.
- Help maintain clear pathways for voters to enter and move through the polling area in an orderly manner.

Greeters may not

- Participate in the canvass after the polls close.
- Participate in any official election inspector duties, e.g. canvass, voter registration, issuing ballots, unless appointed as such an official to substitute for election inspectors during breaks, lunch, or as other needs arise.
- Be counted toward the odd number of election inspectors required to be in the polling place on Election Day.
- Issue voter numbers.
- Check a voter for acceptable proof of residence and/or photo ID in place of the election inspectors' inspection of the documentation.

- Answer questions about the status of registered write-in candidates.
- Answer questions about the effect of a “yes” or “no” vote on a referendum.