

Hosting a Polling Place

Finding polling places does not always work out so easily. Why? Oftentimes polling locations cannot be found due to a limited amount of space in a precinct or a lack of accessible sites. This is why we rely on the community to provide qualified polling locations. **Donate your business as a polling place for Election Day.**

Polling Place Minimum Requirements

- The room used for voting must have 600 square feet of useable floor space
- Restroom availability for poll workers
- Adequate lighting both inside and outside until the end of Election Day
- At least two electrical outlets
- Space enough to accommodate 2-3 electric voting machines, 2 table(s) and chairs
- If possible allow access prior to Election Day for a site visit and to set-up the room.

Equipment Delivery to Your Location

Delivery and pick up of the voting equipment is coordinated with a contracted vendor. Delivery occurs throughout the 10 days prior to Election Day. Scheduling arrangements are made by the contracted vendor with you directly. When scheduling delivery, a pick-up window is planned for the week following the election.

Polling Place Operational Hours

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Poll workers will arrive on-site at 6:00 a.m. and will usually leave by 9:00 p.m.

Early Set Up

It is helpful to allow the poll workers to set up the night prior to Election Day. You will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the group of poll workers who will be participating on Election Day. In addition, this will allow pressure to be relieved from poll workers from having to set-up early on Election Day. While this is not a requirement for becoming a polling location we encourage your cooperation with early set-ups.

Compensation

You will be compensated for the use of your business. This is also a satisfying way to make a real difference in the lives of the hundreds of thousands of voters who use the polls each election.