

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES



SAMPLE MEMORANDUM

TO: All Providers
FROM: Laura L. Nuss, Director
RE: Voting & Primary Day
DATE: DATE

DATE is Primary Day. This is a reminder to please work with the people you support who would like to vote, to arrange transportation or any other supports that may be needed so that they can exercise their right to vote. D.C. does not require a person to show identification to vote, but if the person has a voter registration card, it is recommended that he or she bring that to the polling place. You can help a person find their local polling place at:

<https://www.vote4dc.com/Voter/Home>.

The vast majority of D.C. citizens with disabilities, including citizens with disabilities are eligible to vote. According to the Board of Elections, to be eligible to register a person must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a DC resident.
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election.
- Not be in jail for a felony conviction.
- Not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law. (*A guardianship order will typically NOT strip a person of the right to vote in the District.*)
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside D.C.

If you support a person who would like to vote, but who has not yet registered to do so, he or she can apply for same day registration at their local polling place on Primary Day. If the person is registering to vote in the District for the first time, he or she must show proof of residence by providing one of the following types of documents:

- Current and valid District of Columbia DMV-issued ID
- Government check or paycheck
- Bank statement
- Current utility bill or lease
- Other government document showing the person's name and current District address
- Statement from a student housing/resident facility
- Statement of occupancy from a District of Columbia homeless shelter

Sample ballots and a voter guide are available at:

http://www.dcboee.org/popup.asp?url=/pdf_files/nr_1388.pdf.

If you have questions about whether a person who is under guardianship is eligible to vote, please contact Neha Patel, Deputy General Counsel at (202) 679-3142 or neha.patel@dc.gov. For general questions on voting rights of people with disabilities, please contact Erin Leveton, Program Manager, State Office of Disability Administration at (202) 730-1754 or erin.leveton@dc.gov.

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