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NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES

February 21, 2012 Revised March 22, 2012

TO: All Persons who are Candidates in the March 20,
2012, 27 State Senate Special Election:

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 for **the March 20, 2012, 27 State Senate Special Elections:**

All activities relating to any type of absentee, military, federal or affidavit ballot will be conducted at each Borough Office of the Board of Elections (locations of which are set forth in Schedule A).

All activities relating to the poll site voting system will be conducted at each Borough Voting Machine Facility of the Board of Elections (locations of which are set forth in Schedule B).

1. **Optical Scanning System Test Absentee, Federal, Military, Affidavit Ballots**

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 re-canvass absentee/federal/military and affidavit ballots. You or your representative designated in writing, may appear and observe the test(s) in the applicable Borough(s) where you are a candidate, which will be conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

BOROUGH ***DATE & TIME OF TEST***

Brooklyn **Friday, March 16, at 10:00 AM**

1. **INSPECTION OF ELECTION DAY PAPER BALLOTS**

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 to be used on Election Day **on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 A.M and 3:00 P.M.**

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

1. **BMD AUDIO VERSION OF THE BALLOT**

The Board of Elections in the City of New York will be placing Ballot Marking Devices (BMD's) in all of the poll sites for use by voters, including those with disabilities in each of the poll sites on Election Day.

A BMD marks a ballot which is scanned on Election Day or marks a BMD affidavit ballot which is verified and secured, and tallied at a later date.

Voters using the BMDs may choose an audio version of the ballot. Candidate names in English and Spanish, and transliteration of candidate names in Chinese and Korean will be made by Board of Elections staff in identified election districts under the Voting Rights Act.

As a candidate you have an opportunity to review this recording of your name and either approve it, or immediately request an alternate version. This review will be conducted on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.**

This review will take place at the Board of Elections Executive Office located at 42 Broadway, on the 7th floor in Manhattan.

4. RANDOM DRAW OF SCANNERS FOR AUDIT

New York State Election Law (Section 9-211) requires an audit of poll site scanners used on Election Day. The selection of scanners for this audit is done by random draw. The draw of scanners will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at 42 Broadway 6th floor.**

5. AUDIT OF SCANNERS

This Audit will begin at each Borough Voting Machine Facility (See Schedule B) on **THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.** and continue until completed including Saturdays and Sundays.

6. CANVASS AND/OR RECANVASS OF VOTES CAST

a. Poll Site Ballots

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-200 and 9-208 of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may be present and observe the re-canvass of votes cast on the Poll site Voting Systems and the canvass of any and all write-in votes cast on the Poll site Voting Systems. This canvass/re-canvass will commence on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.** and will continue until such canvass/re-canvass of all the Poll site Voting Systems is completed including Saturdays and Sundays.

The Board of Elections will have teams of bi-partisan staff to conduct the canvass/re-canvass. You may appoint one watcher for each bi-partisan team. This canvass/re-canvass will take place at each Borough Voting Machine Facility (See Schedule B).

b. Emergency Ballots

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-200 and 9-208 of the NYS Election Law, you or your representative designated in writing may be present and observe the canvass or re-canvass of any emergency and BMD ballots votes cast on Election day that could not be scanned on Election Day. This canvass and re-canvass will commence on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M** and will continue until completed including Saturdays and Sundays. This canvass/re-canvass will take place at each Borough Voting Machine Facility (See Schedule B). In the future, the Brooklyn recanvass will take place in the Borough Office (Scheduled A).

c. Absentee, Military, Federal and Affidavit Ballots

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, military, federal and/or affidavit ballots. This canvass will commence on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012 at 10:00 A.M** and will continue until completed, including Saturdays and Sundays. The Board of Elections will have teams of bi-partisan staff to conduct the canvass/re-canvass. You may appoint one watcher for each bi-partisan team. This canvass/re-canvass will take place at each Borough Office (See Schedule A).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Chief Clerk / Deputy Chief Clerk from your respective borough office.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Troy Johnson".

Troy Johnson
Coordinator,
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Attachments (Schedules A& B)

