

Is Your Poll Accessible to All?

Volunteer on Tuesday, November 6

Sign up today! www.dlcvm.org/polls

Join us to survey 250 polls across Virginia.

Choose 5 polling locations in your community OR
Commit to 2 hours of surveying locations near you.

Everyone has the right to accessible polls!

Curbside voting
Clear path of travel

Accessible entrance
Correct equipment



Questions contact:

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or 804.225.2042

Volunteer Instructions

We are looking for 50 teams of 1-3 people on Tuesday, November 6, to commit to:

- ☐ 2 hours of surveying voting polls in your county OR
- ☐ Surveying 5 or more voting polls in your county

What does surveying the polls mean?

The goal is to evaluate or audit five issues of accessibility at each polling location. These issues of accessibility can create barriers for people with disabilities to vote on-site. Our goal is to check out 250 locations. Once we gather the results, we can request changes before the next election.

Why are we doing this project?

The disAbility Law Center of Virginia is dedicated to helping people fight for their rights. One of those rights being the right to vote. Only 40% of polling locations are accessible for people with disabilities and it's time for a change. Your survey results will allow our staff to advocate for changes with each of the registrar's offices to make each poll location more accessible. You are making a difference!

Attached you will find the following documents to assist you:

1. **The Voting Rights Survey form you will need to complete for each voting location.**
Once the survey is over, please scan, fax, or email a picture of the form back to info@dlcv.org or complete the survey online at www.dlcva.org/voting-rights-survey
2. **Instructions on how to conduct a survey.**
3. **A list of all the voting precincts in your county.** Please select at least 5 locations (or what is reasonable to complete in 2 hours) to visit on Election Day between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm. If you have extra time, feel free to do more.

We will hold trainings by phone on Tuesday, October 30, at 11:30 am; Wednesday, October 31, at 3:30 pm; and Monday, November 5, at 1:30 pm. If you are not able to make any of these trainings, please contact Susan at susan.herzick@dlcv.org or 804.225.2042.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email info@dlcv.org or call 804.225.2042.

Thanks,

Susan Herzick
disAbility Law Center of Virginia
Director of External Relations

Voting Rights Survey

Please fill in the below survey and return to info@dlcv.org or mail to 1512 Willow Lawn, Ste 100, Richmond VA 23228 or complete the survey online at <https://www.dlcva.org/voting-rights-survey>

Volunteer Name(s): _____ Date: November 6 Time: _____

Location/Precinct: _____ County: _____

Fill in the below questions:

Issue/Barrier	YES	NO, please explain or take a picture
Did you see Curbside Voting or a sign for it?		
Are the handicapped parking spaces the closest spots to the door?		
Was there a smooth, clear Path of Travel from the parking lot to the front door?		
Was the doorway accessible?		
Did they have accessible Voting Equipment?		
Any other problems found?		

I can't thank you enough for the time you are giving for this ongoing project!

Return to: Sophia Nelson

Email form or picture to: info@dlcv.org

Fax: 804.662.7057

Instructions on how to conduct a survey

Items to bring:

- Pen or pencil
- Clipboard
- Several copies of the survey
- Optional: hat, sunscreen, jacket, snacks

In Advance

1. Map out the voting locations you want to survey.
2. Schedule a time to go to each location. We recommend doing all 5 on the same trip.

Please be very kind and respectful of the voting staff and the residents who are voting at the location. Do not disrupt voters.

If asked, identify yourself as a volunteer of the disAbility Law Center of Virginia. Please follow any directions of the polling staff.

If you have any issue, call our office at 804.225.2042 and ask for Sophia or Susan.

November 6—Day Of



Gather all materials you will need to survey the 5 locations. Repeat the following steps for each location. Feel free to take pictures of the locations.

1. Drive to a polling location.
2. Before parking, drive by the entrance. Did you see Curbside Voting or a sign for it?

Photo: Can be a person standing outside or signage with a phone number to call for assistance.



3. Park.
4. Walk to the handicapped parking spaces. Are they the closest parking spaces to the door? What else do you notice about the spots?

Photo: Handicapped spots should be marked in blue with blue signs. Any other sign shape is not correct.



5. Follow the path of travel from the handicapped spots to the front door. Was there a smooth, clear Path of Travel from parking lot to the front door? (Imagine rolling or walking unsteadily.)

Photo: There should be a curb cut and no barriers along the route to the door.



6. Go through the doorway. Was the doorway accessible? Was the door propped open? Was it heavy? Was there a button to automatically open it?

Photo Example of good and bad



7. Walk to the voting room. Take a peak in the room. Do you see any voting equipment?

Photo: Voting booths should be marked accessible or be lower. Some may have technology assistance.



8. End of survey. Thank anyone you spoke with. Document any notes.
9. Travel to the next voting precinct.
10. When you finish, please scan or take a picture of the survey and email to info@dlcv.org or fax to 804.662.7057. Email any pictures you took of the locations with identifying information.

Thank you so much for giving your time for this ongoing project!

Follow up:

We will gather the results and investigate any locations with violations of the Help America Vote Again Act. All issues will be reported to the correct registrar's office to be corrected before the next election. Thank you!