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Ms. Susan Beals, Ms. Rachel Lawless and Ms. Claire Scott:
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January 22, 2024

Dear Ms. Beals, Ms. Lawless and Ms. Scott:

As you are aware, the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) staff and volunteers surveyed polling sites across the Commonwealth during the November 2023 election. We surveyed a total of 579 polling sites and early voting registrar offices during this past election season. Attached, please find our report complete with data and our recommendations for your review. The report does compare last year's findings to this year's findings

dLCV would like to meet with you in February 2024 to discuss our report findings and recommendations. We further hope to discuss how we can continue to collaborate together to provide the best possible voting experience for Virginia voters with disabilities. Please send available dates and times that we can have a Zoom meeting in February. Please note, dLCV is not available on the following dates: 02/01 all day, 02/02 all day, 02/07 in the afternoon, 02/08 all day, 02/15 all day, 02/16 in the afternoon and 02/20 before 11:00. We respectfully request that you respond to us by Thursday February 1, 2024 with possible meeting dates and times in February. We look forward to a meeting in the days to come.

dLCV further request that if you would like to make any written comments to our report that you please submit them to us by Thursday, March 1, 2024. dLCV plans to publish

the report and hopefully your comments via our website and Social Media in Mid-March 2024.

Thank you in advance for your attention to the matters set forth in this communication. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 662-7305, or Rachel.loria@dLCV.org.

Sincerely,

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January 9, 2024

Ms. Susan Beales, Commissioner of Elections
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Dear Commissioner Beales,

As you are aware, the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) is the Commonwealth's designated Protection and Advocacy Agency for Virginians with disabilities. As you are further aware, dLCV is mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (PL 107-252) to advocate for the rights of Virginia voters with disabilities. Through dLCV's Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA) program, we do the following:

- Educate individuals, communities, poll workers and the Board of Elections about the voting rights of people with disabilities;
- Monitor and investigate complaints about polling place accessibility and privacy;
- Collaborate with other voting rights advocates for systemic change for people with disabilities;
- Participate in the implementation of provisions of the Help America Vote Act affecting people with disabilities; and
- Assist and represent individual voters with disabilities to access state-based administrative grievance processes.

Part of this work also includes surveying polling sites on Election Day to determine if sites are accessible and taking corrective action if sites are not accessible. Every election day, dLCV staff and volunteers travel to different localities in Virginia and survey polling places from that locality.

This year, dLCV staff and volunteers completed 579 surveys across all regions of the Commonwealth. Through the surveys, we learned that approximately 92% of the sites had appropriate curbside voting signs, 87% had accessible parking spots closest to the door, 88% had an accessible pathway to the door, and 86% had accessible doors that could be opened with a closed fist.

This report gives details regarding the specifics of this data. Additionally, we have included the charts in a separate attachment to depict data from the last two years.

New Data in 2023

While all surveyors surveyed the exteriors of polling places, surveyors were instructed to only survey the interiors of their own polling places. Additionally, while we included a question for poll workers about the use of curbside voting, we did not require surveyors to speak to poll workers if they were not comfortable doing so, or if a poll worker was not available.

Only 15% of the poll workers that we surveyed noted that curbside voting creates specific obstacles. According to the 168 surveyed poll workers, obstacles to curbside voting included: distance (number of steps) to voting desk from the curbside voting spot, malfunctioning equipment (doorbell), signs blowing over, not enough signage, and the location of the sign (in some cases). When our surveyors spoke with poll workers about curbside voting, the majority the poll workers reported that it was not an additional burden, though some stated that they did not have enough curbside voting signs. Others stated that it was a long walk to get inside to the voting entrance, which increases the amount of time it takes to assist with curbside voting.

Another issue that dLVCV found is that that 43% of the polling places did not have signage inside letting voters know that they could ask for assistance in marking their ballot from a poll worker if needed. Of the sites that had a notice that voters can request assistance, 73% did not tell voters that there was a form to request assistance. dLVCV is concerned that only 27% of the signs directed voters to a specific form. There are several counties that had issues that dLVCV would like the Department of Elections to address. A sample of such localities and issues are listed below. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of issues but merely examples. We have attached photos of problematic issues as well as graphs and data in this letter for your reference. Please further note that dLVCV staff and volunteers only entered their own polling places and cannot comment about interior issues at sites we did not enter.

Curbside Voting

While 92% of polling places in our sample did have signage for curbside voting, several counties notably failed to display appropriate signage at the polling places we surveyed, including:

- **Amelia County**—0 of 4 (0%) had appropriate signage
- **Essex County**—2 of 4 (50%) had appropriate signage
- **Halifax County**—1 of 5 (20%) had appropriate signage
- **New Kent County**—7 of 10 (70%) had appropriate signage

Surveyors also noted that many curbside voting signs used fonts that were too small to be legible. Others noted that the signs had blown over in the wind.

Barriers to Curbside Voting

In **Stafford**, poll workers at 6 of the 9 sites noted that curbside voting can be an additional burden. The surveyor for Stafford County did not provide additional details. In **Orange County**, the surveyor noted that poll workers reported that there were a lot of steps to get to the voting desk from the curbside voting area, which created an additional physical burden for poll workers. In **Fairfax**, some poll workers stated that the curbside voting signs were confusing to voters.

Accessible Parking Spaces

Across the Commonwealth, 87% of polling places we surveyed had accessible parking spaces that were located closest to the entrance. In **Charlottesville**, our surveyor noted that the entrance ramp was further from accessible parking than the stairs. This is the Registrar's Office and a building that is used for other purposes, so the lack of accessibility is especially concerning. Additionally, the following counties had issues with accessible parking spaces not being closest to the entrance at half or more of the surveyed polling places:

- **Charlottesville**—1 of 1 (100%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door
- **Falls Church**—1 of 2 (50%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door
- **Galax**—1 of 2 (50%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door
- **Grayson County**—7 of 13 (53%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door
- **Halifax County**—4 of 5 (80%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door
- **New Kent County**—6 of 10 (60%) of accessible spaces were not closest to the door

In addition to the above issues, some of the sites in **New Kent** did not have signage at all. Two of the five sites we surveyed in **Surry** did not have accessible parking at all.

Voting Entrance vs. Accessible Entrance

Our surveyor in **Virginia Beach** noted that 1 of the 7 sites had a different accessible entrance. When she went to Haygood Methodist Church, she noted that the entrance "was around the corner, a few feet away. She said she "talked to someone in a motorized wheelchair who had just come out and said that when she went to the door, it was locked and her daughter had to go around and open the door so she could get in." The surveyor then said that she, herself, went up the ramp to check it was now unlocked.

In **Halifax**, at Dan River (South Boston Fire Station), the accessible entrance was in the back of the building and the voting entrance was in the front of the building.

Another surveyor in **Grayson County** noted “Grayson Highlands School could be an accessible voting location if the main entrance were used.”

Smooth Clear Path of Travel from Parking Lot to Front Door

Our surveyors found that 8 of the 19 localities we surveyed in **Loudoun County** did not have a clear path of travel from the parking lot to the door. In **Buckingham**, 4 of the 6 sites did not have a clear path of travel to the door, largely due to loose gravel parking lots.

In **Cumberland**, 2 of the 3 sites did not have a clear path of travel to the door; one site had very uneven sidewalk and another site had grass, which can be tricky to walk on.

In **Mecklenburg**, 6 of the 9 sites did not have accessible pathways to the door, due again to uneven gravel parking lots.

Accessible Doors

Our surveyor in **Amelia County** noted that none of the 4 sites they visited had doors that could be open with a closed fist and, at the time, none of the doors were propped or held open.

Of the 28 sites that dLCV visited in **Chesapeake**, 11 had inaccessible doors.

In **Prince Edward**, 3 of the 6 sites we surveyed had inaccessible doors. A surveyor reported that, when she passed the site later, there was a cone holding the door open, so there is a chance the cone had been removed and someone replaced it.

Audio Ballot Equipment

Our surveyor in **Dinwiddie** noted that one site did not have visible audio ballot equipment. Our surveyors in **Prince William** also noted that there was one site that did not have accessible audio ballots. Surveyors were told to only ask this question at their own polling places, so responses to this question were limited.

Operation of Accessible Machines

In **Henrico**, dLCV staff witnessed that a voter needed to use the audio ballot equipment, and no one knew how to operate the machine. The poll workers had to call the registrar, who had to come to the site (Belmont) and fix the machine. This process took an additional 25 minutes. Another Henrico voter (Parham East Registrar Office) noted that “[t]he woman I spoke with did not know how to access the equipment, but she pointed out someone who knew how. My only concern is that there are only a few people who know how to set up the machine.”

A third Henrico voter (Montrose Elementary) noted that “there was no lowered booth available. They used a student desk with the cardboard shield. There has always been a lowered booth at this location every time I vote. They tried to lower it but stated that it would not lower.” Surveyors in **Fairfax** noted that one site did not have accessible machines and a surveyor in **Prince William** had similar findings.

Signage for Assistance

Prior to the election, it was dLCV's understanding that Department of Elections would distribute signage to polling sites that noted that, if a person needed help voting, they could ask for assistance. Unfortunately, 43% of our surveyors did not see any notices about asking for assistance in their polling place. Many of our surveyors who spoke to poll workers were told that a form was available if people needed help or asked for help. dLCV is concerned that individuals do not know that they can request help. Once again, surveyors only answered this question at their own voting location, so as to not disrupt the voting process.

Barriers to Voting During Special Elections:

dLCV received a complaint from a voter who voted at the 1/09/2024 election in Virginia Beach (District 1). The voter tried to enter the polling place at the typical voting entrance, but she saw there was a handwritten sign directing voters to the front of the building. The following is a quote from the voter related to her experience "The accessible parking was nowhere near the polling place entrance. And there was no signage at the accessible parking locations or curb cuts from the driveway to show an accessible path. (I do not have a physical disability and was not trying to use an accessible path of travel). The polling place entrance was through a patch of grass that had floor mats lining this outside path through the grass. The mats were wet and not level (it was raining). The door to enter the polling place was propped open. There was an approximately a 2" step to enter the doorway. No ramp. When I entered I pointed this out to the polling place worker and was told they would take a voting apparatus to a voter who could not traverse the 2" step. I pointed out that the person would first have to park in a path of travel not marked to the polling site and cross over the wet, uneven floor mats that were placed over the grass to make the request as there was no polling staff outside." The voter also reached out to another person who uses a wheelchair and votes at the same location. She pointed out that this person tried to enter the front door because there was no notice to enter anywhere else. She tried to enter and was told that she could not enter and that she could vote from her car. Voters were told to not enter through the accessible entrance.

Recommendations

In response to our 2023 polling place surveys, dLCV recommends the following:

1. Registrar offices for each county should hang a poster at each polling place telling individuals that if they need assistance with voting, they should ask an election official for the Elect 659 Form according to 24.2-649 of the Code of Virginia.
2. Moving forward, dLCV recommends that the Board of Elections allow dLCV to conduct a statewide training for poll workers to teach more about disability etiquette.
3. dLCV advises all registrars of their legal obligation to provide curbside voting: "An area for voting outside of the polling place will be clearly marked and with instructions prominently displayed on how the voter is to notify an officer of election of their request to vote outside of the polling place"
4. dLCV advises all registrars that they have an obligation under both federal and state law to provide accessible parking and a path of travel that is the shortest distance

possible. The spot should be marked with an upright sign noting accessible parking and have an accessible route to the entrance which is level, stable and firm in all directions. The accessible parking places should be the closest to the accessible entrance. dLVCV further recommends that the voting entrance be the same as the accessible entrance.

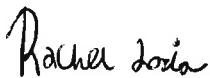
5. dLVCV is aware that there have been some changes to training materials for poll workers. dLVCV requests to collaborate with the Board of Elections, review these changes, and offer suggestions.

6. dLVCV advises that Special Elections should be run the same way as general elections. Voters who need an accessible entrance should be able to enter through the accessible entrance and not told to vote from their vehicle because that is the only method available.

7. dLVCV recommends that the Board of Elections issue regulations to allow dLVCV staff and volunteers access to polling locations to monitor inside on Election Day to ensure voters with disabilities have equal access to vote once inside their polling location.

dLVCV would like to meet with you or your designated staff at the State Board of Elections in February in order to discuss the findings of this report and determine how we can work together to best assist Voters with Disabilities.

Regards,

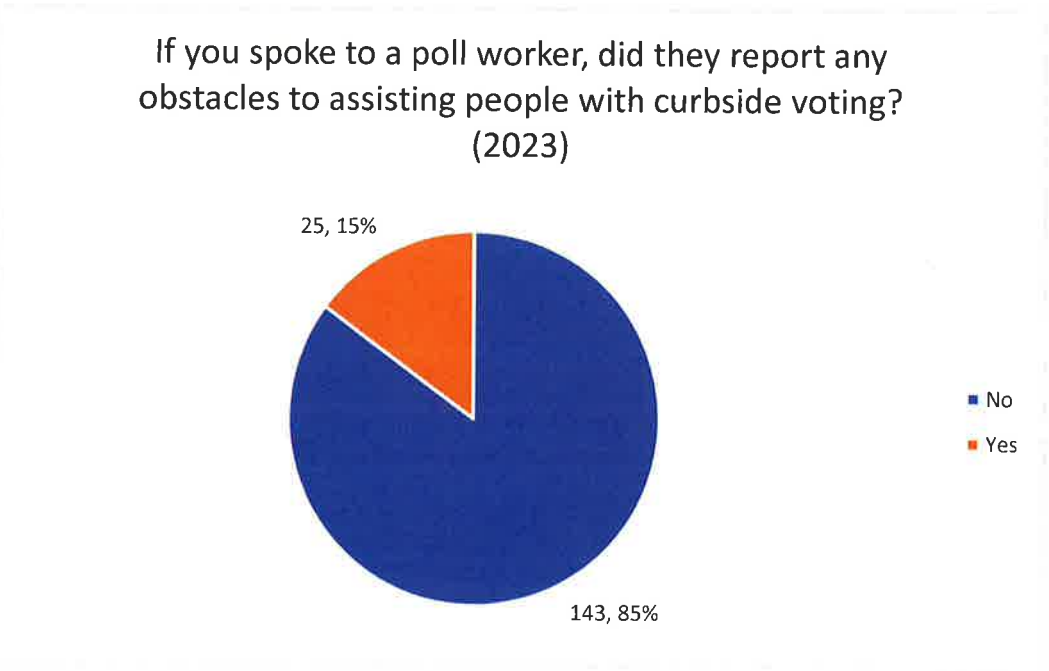
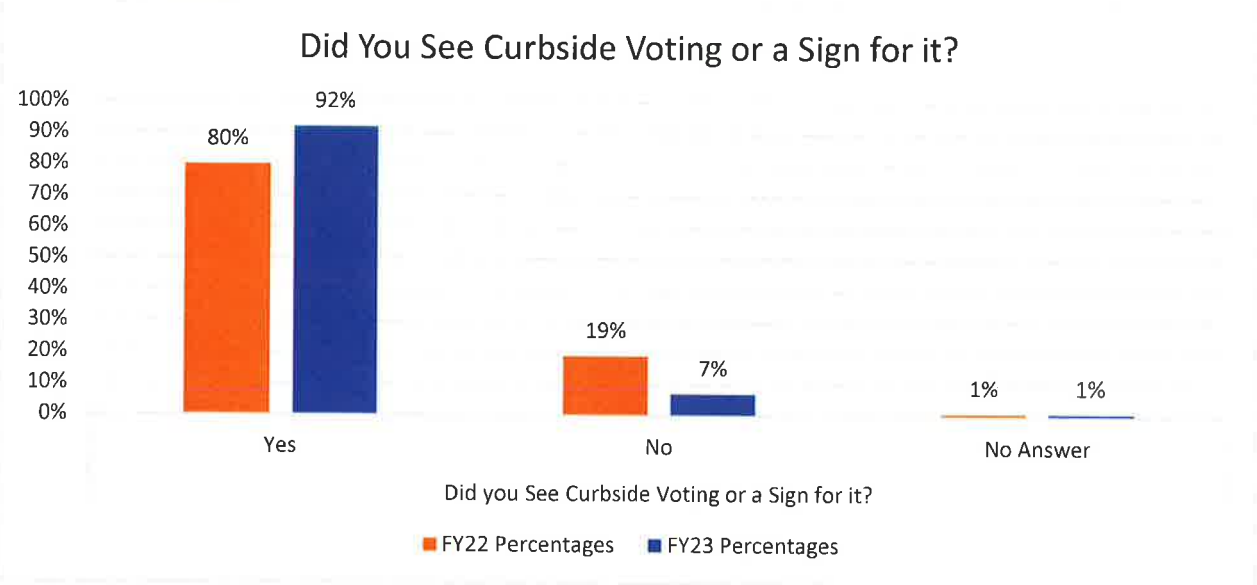


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dLCV 2023 Voting Accessibility Attachment

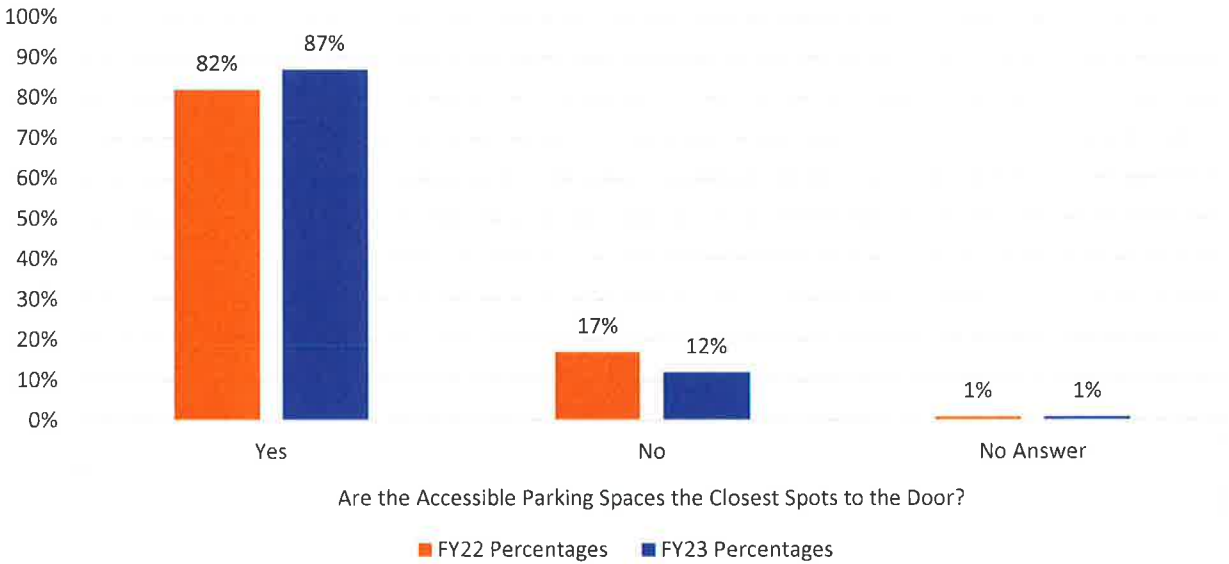
Survey Data

Curbside Voting



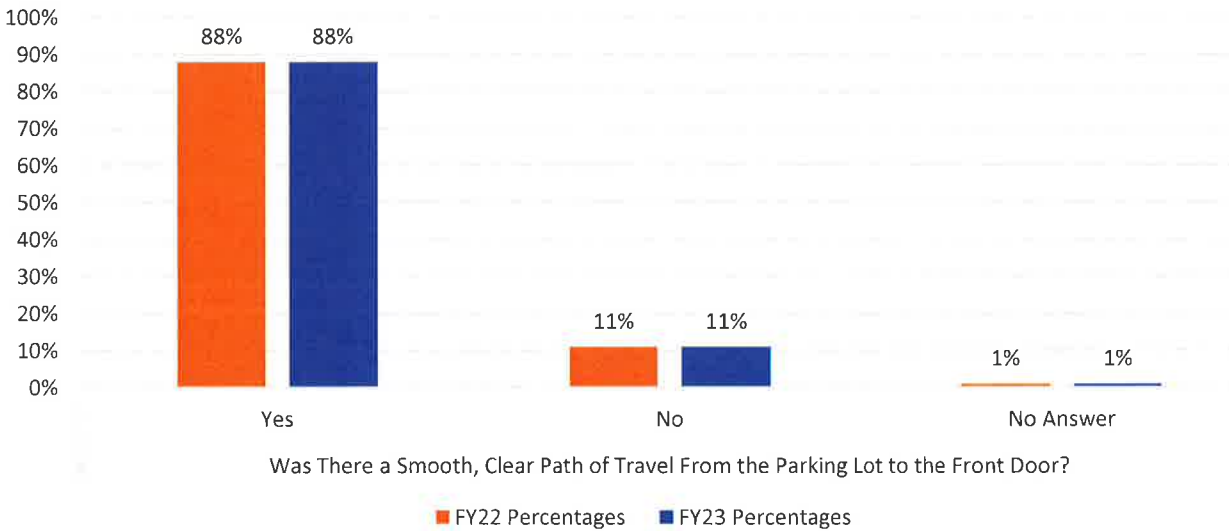
Accessible Parking

Are the Accessible Parking Spaces the Closest Spots to the Door?



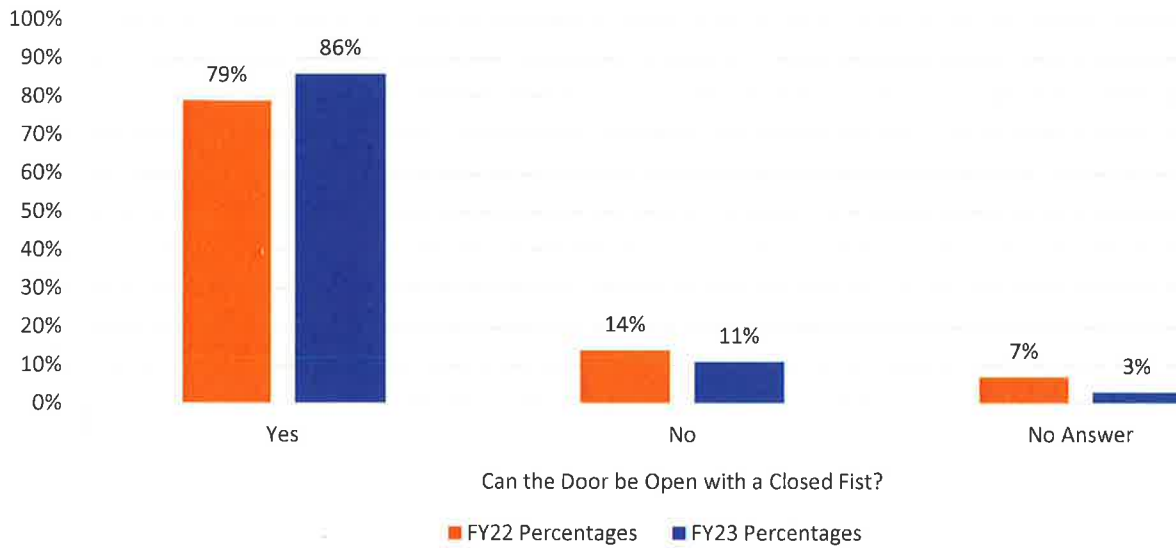
Path of Travel

Was There a Smooth, Clear Path of Travel From the Parking Lot to the Front Door?

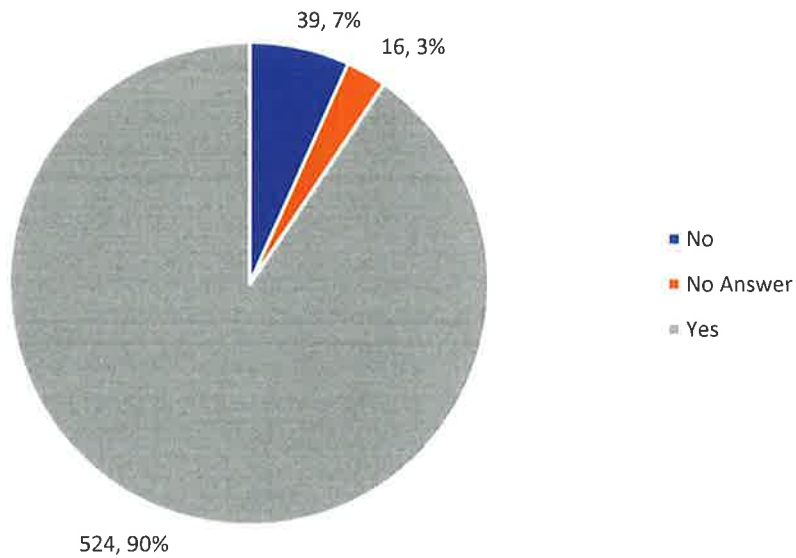


Accessible Doors

Can the Door be Opened with a Closed Fist?

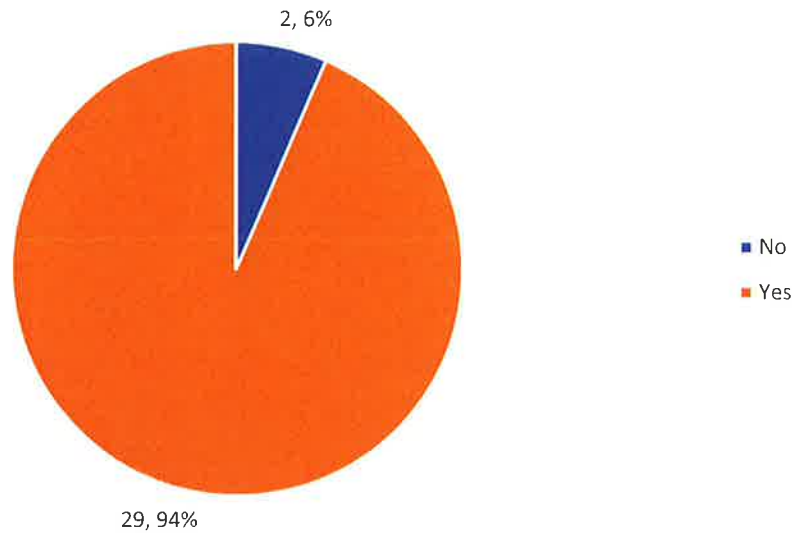


Is the accessible entrance the same as the voting entrance? (2023)

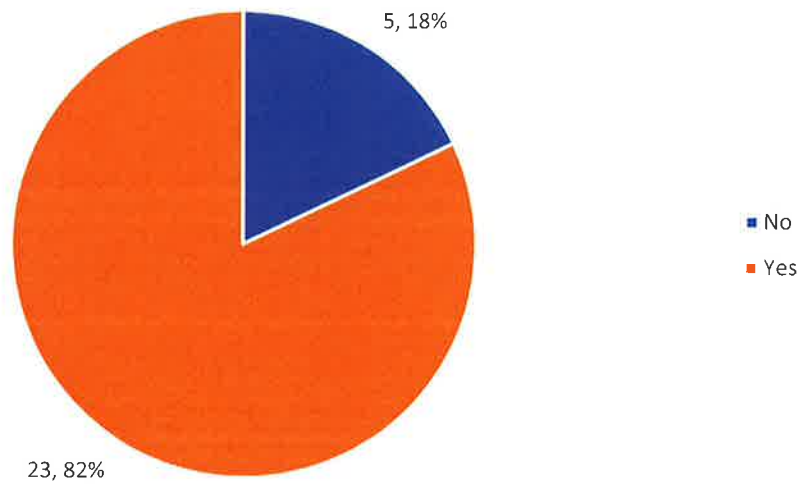


Polling Place Interiors

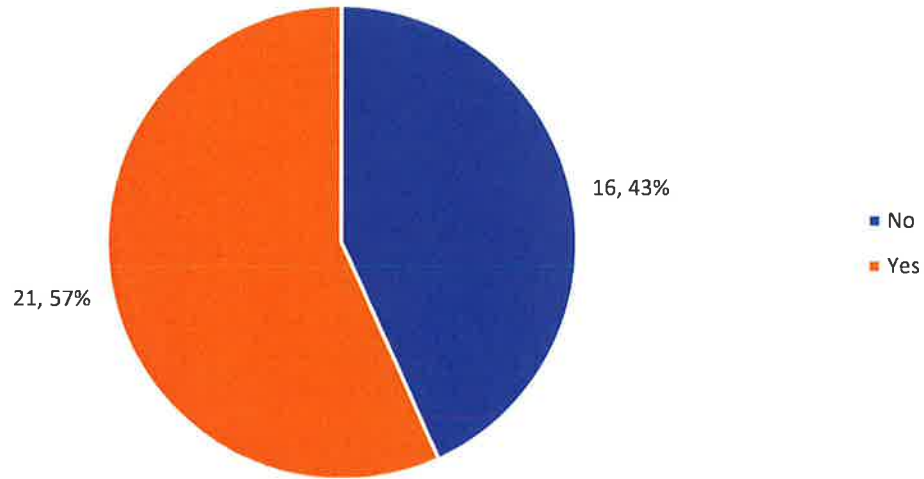
When you are voting at your own precinct, is there audio ballot voting equipment? (2023)



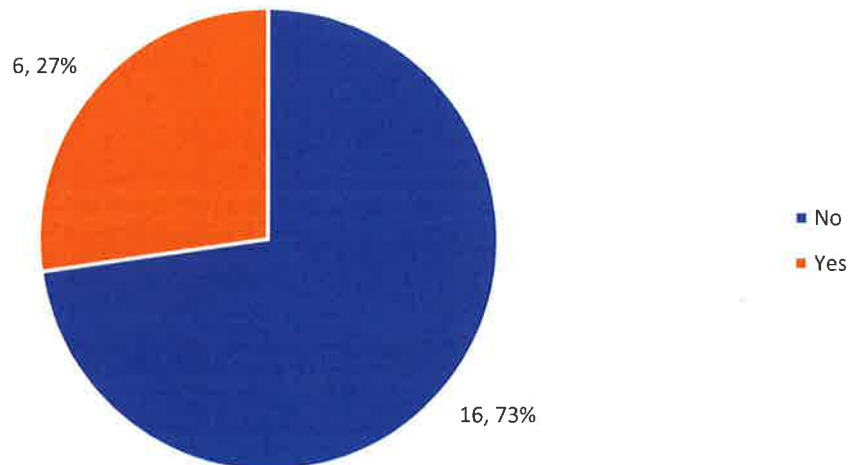
Do poll workers know how to operate and set up the audio ballot machine? (2023)



When you are in your own precinct, do you see a sign noting that voters can ask a poll worker for assistance with the voting process? (2023)



On the sign to request assistance for voting, does it state that there is a form to complete to have assistance in voting? (2023)



Polling Place Photos

Curbside Voting



Above: New Kent- Providence Forge. No sign to reflect curbside voting or accessible entry with curb-cut.



Above: Essex- 454 Lloyds Road. No Curbside Voting Signage



Above: Coleman Community Center, Halifax. No Curbside Voting Signage.

Accessible Parking Closest to Door



Above: Charlottesville Registrar's office. The surveyor has parked and passed the stairs (pictured) and is standing on the ramp. The ramp is further from accessible parking.



Above: Mecklenburg County, (Boydton Life Station). Surveyor did not see accessible parking.



Above: Coleman Community Center, Halifax. Only street parking available.

Accessible Path of Travel



Above: Evergreen Mill Elementary School, Leesburg VA. Inaccessible path to the door.



Above: Gravel Lot in Buckingham County. Not clear path of travel to door.



Above: Grass and Gravel lot in Mecklenburg.

Accessible Entrance vs. Voting Entrance



Above: Halifax (South Boston Fire Station). Different accessible entrances and voting entrances.

Accessible Doors

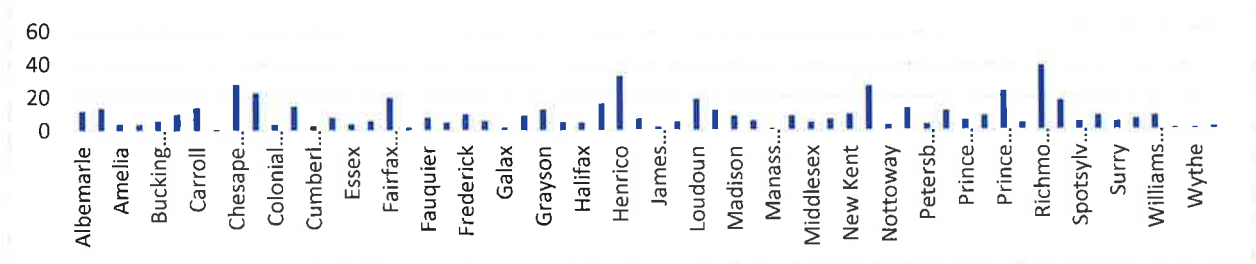


Above: Inaccessible doors in Chesapeake, VA.

Preliminary Voting Data

Total Surveys: 579

Polling Places Surveyed Per County, 2023



Albemarle	12
Alexandria	14
Amelia	4
Arlington	4
Buckingham	6
Caroline	10
Carroll	14
Charlottesville	1
Chesapeake	28
Chesterfield	23
Colonial Heights	4
Culpeper	15
Cumberland	3
Dinwiddie	8
Essex	4
Fairfax City	6
Fairfax County	20
Falls Church	2
Fauquier	8
Fluvanna	5
Frederick	10
Fredericksburg	6
Galax	2
Goochland	9
Grayson	13
Greene	5
Halifax	5
Hanover	16
Henrico	33
Hopewell	7

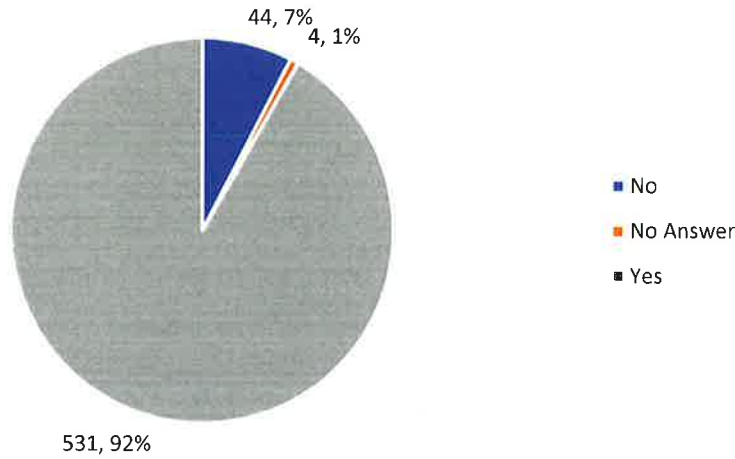
James City	
County	2
King & Queen	5
Loudoun	19
Louisa	12
Madison	9
Manassas	6
Manassas Park	1
Mecklenburg	9
Middlesex	5
Nelson	7
New Kent	10
Newport News	27
Nottoway	3
Orange	13
Petersburg	4
Powhatan	12
Prince Edward	6
Prince George	9
Prince William	23
Radford	4
Richmond City	39
Roanoke City	18
Spotsylvania	5
Stafford	9
Surry	5
Virginia Beach	7
Williamsburg	9
Winchester	1
Wythe	1
York	2

WHEN were surveys completed?

No Answer	10
1/8/2023	1
2/21/2023	6
6/20/2023	1
10/3/2023	1
10/24/2023	1
10/27/2023	2

10/28/2023	1
11/4/2023	1
11/6/2023	2
11/7/2023	551
11/8/2023	2

Did you see curbside voting or a sign for it?



No	44
Albemarle	1
Amelia	4
Caroline	1
Carroll	2
Chesterfield	5
Culpeper	2
Essex	2
Fauquier	1
Fluvanna	1
Frederick	1
Goochland	1
Grayson	1
Halifax	4
Hanover	2
James City County	1
Manassas	1
New Kent	3
Prince Edward	1
Prince George	2
Richmond City	8

Comments:

Accessible parking spaces were present, but no signage for curbside voting.

Accessible route marked, but did not see signs for curbside voting.

Asked when I entered, the sign said as there but small and turned the wrong way; Polk worker went out to fix and thanked me when I left

Curbside voting sign mixed in with candidate signs and not visible. Had to ask someone where curbside voting was located.

Did not see curbside voting signs anywhere.

Don't see anywhere in sight

Had to ask for it's there is a sign but it's hard to see/ uploading picture

I did not see a curbside voting sign. I only saw a blue and white accessible sign with a wheelchair icon and the word "Access". The sign had an arrow that pointed around the side of the building, away from the primary entrance. I drove around the building and did not find any additional voter entrances or signs for curbside voting.

I did not see a curbside voting sign. There was a large blue sign with white writing that said "Handicapped Accessible" with a white wheelchair icon and an arrow pointing to the voting entrance.

I do not see it.

Made two passes and did not see any signs for curbside voting.

No curbside voting sign displayed

No curbside voting sign. I only saw a blue sign with white writing that said "Handicapped Access" with a white wheelchair icon and an arrow pointing to the right (away from the voting entrance).

No curbside voting signs. The only sign related to accessible voting was a large blue sign with white lettering. It said "Access" with a white wheelchair icon and an arrow pointing to the general voting entrance. My phone died at this precinct, so I couldn't take any photos. Sorry!

No sign or any communication re curbside

No sign or poll worker

No sign visible from parking lot

No signage for curbside voting or poll workers outside.

No signage or anything indicating curbside voting is available.

No visible curbside voting signs

No, have to go inside

None visible from parking lot.

regular handicap spaces but no curbside voting sign seen

Since it was a school day and handicapped spaces were full, there was a special handicapped parking space. When I inquired inside about curbside voting, they said the driver just needed to honk the car horn.

The signage in general to this precinct was poor. You had to be looking hard for it at the front of the building only to find out the voting entrance was in the rear. Once there, there was no signage for curbside voting.

There are no signs or anything indicating curbside voting.

There is not curbside voting or signage to indicate it as an option.

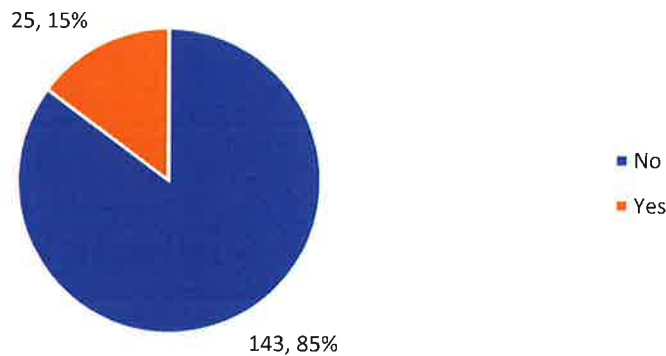
There was a handicapped accessible sign but no curbside voting sign. A worker was waiting by door however. They couldn't locate the sign and will put it in their report. They had 2 curbside voters so far.

There was no sign

This is my precinct. I did not see a sign, but when I asked inside they said that curbside voting was available.

Unusually chaotic parking lot so it's possible I missed it but I only saw accessible parking temporary signs

If you spoke to a poll worker, did they report any obstacles to assisting people with curbside voting?



Yes	25
Alexandria	1
Dinwiddie	1
Fairfax County	1
Falls Church	1
Fauquier	1
Hopewell	1
Loudoun	1

Newport News	5
Orange	1
Powhatan	1
Prince George	1
Richmond City	1
Roanoke City	2
Stafford	6
Williamsburg	1

Comments:

Not enough signage. Hope to have more next year.

Poll worker stated that he and another worker counted the steps from the voting desk to the curbside and it was about 160 steps one way. He said that this takes a long amount of time for each curbside voter and they had 12 curbside voters so far.

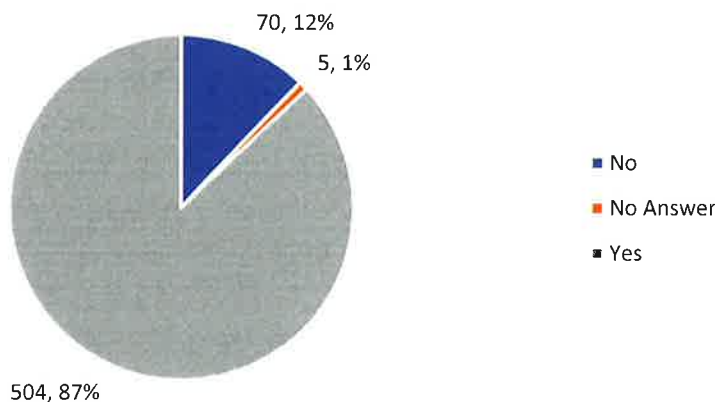
Poll worker told me that the bell at this location was not working earlier but it has been fixed

Says sometimes they don't see people but there is a phone number to call

Sign keeps blowing over

The location for the signage has been reported as confusing some voters. At some locations, the signage (curbside voting + phone number, etc) has been denoting an area for parking and using the sign. At this location, the signage is close to the voting entrance, but near a fire lane. Some poll workers have reported that some voters will park there, but that because it is a fire lane (see pavement color and sign above curbside signage) they must move and park in a designated accessibility spot or another non-accessible parking spot. The poll worker said this has caused confusion around peak times.

Are the accessible parking spaces the closest spaces to the door?



No	70
Alexandria	3
Buckingham	2
Charlottesville	1
Chesapeake	2
Chesterfield	1
Dinwiddie	1
Fairfax County	4
Falls Church	1
Fauquier	1
Frederick	3
Galax	1
Grayson	7
Halifax	4
Hanover	2
Henrico	2
Hopewell	2
King & Queen	2
Loudoun	9
Manassas	1
Mecklenburg	4
Middlesex	1
New Kent	6
Nottoway	1
Prince William	2
Richmond City	2
Spotsylvania	1
Surry	2
Virginia Beach	2

Comments

8 permanent accessible parking places for the main entrance - not close to voting entrance and lacks an accessible path of travel

Accessible parking is available; however, curb cuts are at opposite end of building from entrance, leading voters to travel and cross paths of traffic.

Accessible parking is to the side of the building

Accessible parking places at main entrance - temporary accessible parking places set up near entrance but they were most definitely not proper accessible spots - the only accessible parking places with access aisles and an accessible path to the door were far away at the main entrance (see photos)

Accessible spaces were across the parking lot, approximately 20 yards from voting entrance

Accessible spots are far from door and no van accessible spaces.

Accessible spots are far from the entrance despite plenty they could've assigned for this purpose.

Accessible spots with a curb cut were around the corner and a longer walk from the door than regular voter parking.

Far from the door and in a non-obvious place. See pictures below.

Farthest from the door

Handicapped parking is in parking lot. Others can park across street or at the curb which is closest to the entrance.

"Has 8 accessible parking places - like most Loudoun school sites I saw, they could definitely use some paint.

Note that not only are some of the accessible parking places not on the shortest path to the polling site, they are actually blocked off from access to the path to it by temporary barriers"

I could not find any handicapped parking spots that were marked. There was an area for wheelchair though.

I did not see accessible parking spaces at all.

I did not see accessible parking, just curbside voting.

I did not see any marked accessible parking spaces.

I did not see any marked accessible spaces.

I did not see any marked accessible spaces. A campaigner did flag me when I was driving around the parking lot and directed me to the closest spot.

I didn't see any marked accessible parking places.

"Like many Loudoun school sites, has accessible parking places at main entrance - but main entrance not being used for voting - like other Loudoun school sites, it definitely needs some paint

They have only temporary places for curbside"

"Like many of the Loudoun school sites, this site has multiple accessible parking places - 6 of them - however, they are all located at the main entrance and not by the polling place entrance - as a result, they simply were using improvised places for people with disabilities although when I was there, there were multiple vehicles parked in the accessible places indicating that persons might have gone ahead and parked there anyway - and note that there is a ""VOTE HERE"" sign at the end of the access aisle directing persons to the polling place.

Since this site was next to another polling place, I walked between the two sites - I got a photo showing the crosswalk (which I am not entirely sure why it is even there since it doesn't attach to anything and there really isn't any way anyone is going to be walking into this location - its right off of US 15 business and there isn't a neighborhood nearby or sidewalks on the main road - so its actually quite mysterious as

to why there is a crosswalk at that location, it doesn't attach to anything but the other side of the parking lot. Maybe they use it to go out and walk during the day? But while the reason why that crosswalk is there is mysterious, it still needs to be repainted)"

NO designated accessible parking

No designated handicap parking spaces anywhere in the parking lot. No cutouts.

No explicit accessible parking & or it was across the road

No explicit accessible parking spaces

No explicit signs/ have to cross the road

No permanent accessible parking spots near the voting entrance--the only accessible parking marked at that entrance was the curbside voting sign that includes the accessibility icon.

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No permanent accessible parking spots--the only accessible parking marked was the curbside voting sign that includes the accessibility icon.

No visible accessible parking spots

No, but only three spaces down

Normal parking lot but there are areas to pull in front of the building.

Not closest to the door, but accessible spots were closest to the curb cut onto the sidewalk.

One space was, others were down a ways with the sign to call for curbside assistant

Parking places on the other side of the door, a long way to walk. School

Parking was on the street, and no accessible parking was designated.

Permanent accessible parking spaces were on a different side of the building, but relatively close to the voting entrance. There was a single temporary accessible spot at the voting entrance.

Polling location is a high school. Accessible parking is at main entry. All spots at polling entrance marked for curbside voting.

Ramp is a further walk than the steps. See pictures.

Regular parking at end of building. When I asked I was told it was around the back. See pics

See pictures van accessible is far away

Temporary accessible parking place set up - but curb is in the way. Location has FIVE accessible parking places with accessible paths to the entrance - however, they are all at the main entrance which was not used for voting - the voting entrance has no accessible parking places and no curb cuts - thus the only actually accessible parking places are far from the voting entrance (there are signs to direct people to the proper entrance for voting)

The accessible parking spots are not the closest to the door, but they are next to the only curbscuts enabling access to the sidewalk leading to the door.

The accessible parking was a bit further away and there was a slight hill.

The accessible space I saw, which was also the curbside space, was not closest to the voting entrance. There were two lots. See photos.

The accessible spaces are closest to the accessible entrance at the front of the church, but the voting entrance is at the back of the church.

The accessible spots are far from the entrance - like other Loudoun County polling sites, the accessible places are closest to the main entrance - however, the polling places are in side entrances - however, the accessible places are relatively close to the entrance to 823 Harper Park since that has a separate accessible entrance to avoid stairs inside the school

The handicap spots are not the closest spots near the door.

The only spot with accessibility signage is located to the side of the building, probably a couple hundred feet from the entrance. See photo attached.

the proper accessible spots are not the closest to the door. poll workers set up one temporary "accessible spot" by the door, but it is not ADA-compliant.

There are no designated accessible spots

There is no accessible parking

"There is only one of them that is permanent though (there are considerably more at a different part of what is an absolutely huge parking lot - this recreational center/park is gigantic)

They have temporary accessible places however, as the photo shows much more effectively than I can possibly convey in words, their utility to provide accessible parking is minimal - they are right next to a curb, have no access aisle and the most direct path between them and the polling place requires going down a flight of stairs."

There was signage (attached to make accessible spaces closer, but they were posted on a fence and so not visible while driving by if cars were parked there. There were cars parked in all the spots but I did not see accessible placards in any of the cars parked there. The spots also did not have space for van unloading.

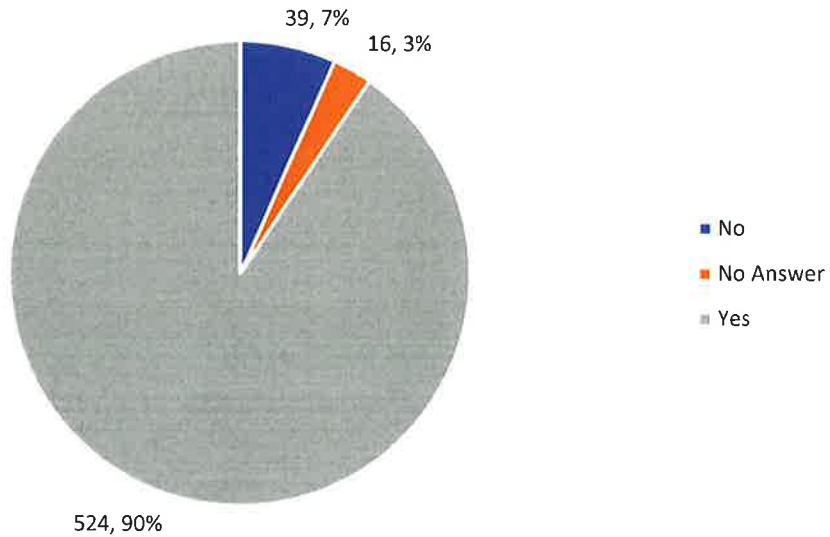
There was virtually no accessible parking.

Two permanent accessible places here - both far from door - temporary spots are closest to door - one of the accessible spots really isn't near anything so who knows why it is located where it is - other spot is closer to the baseball field (see photos)

Unable to see any accessible parking spots

Yes and No. Accessible parking is located on the opposite side of the building from the main polling entrance. Accessible entrance and curbside voting feel segregated.

Is the accessible entrance the same as the voting entrance?



No	39
Arlington	1
Charlottesville	1
Chesapeake	1
Fairfax County	2
Fauquier	1
Fluvanna	1
Grayson	3
Halifax	2
Henrico	2
Hopewell	1
King & Queen	1
Loudoun	1
Louisa	1
Manassas	1
Mecklenburg	2
Nelson	1
New Kent	3
Newport News	1
Orange	2
Prince Edward	1
Prince George	1
Richmond City	7
Surry	1

Comments:

"Accessible entrance is on the other side and goes into a different building. Unclear whether the two buildings are connected, but places accessible parking further away from main voting location. See pics.

Also - main entrance requires use of stairs and has a step to enter the door."

Answer applies only to 823 Harper Park - the voting entrance is separate from the accessible entrance - because there are two polling sites here, it is labeled as accessible entrance for 823 Harper Park only - poll workers (Loudoun has poll workers outside at most of their sites and definitely at this one since it has two separate voting sites and they are apparently used to people looking confused - Loudoun after all is Northern Virginia and Northern Virginia is much more transient in their population than other parts of the state) told me that the reason why there is a separate entrance is because using the designated entrance for voting sends one over stairs - thus there are stairs inside of this school!

Different door

Different entrance

Different than front entrance

Front entrance has step, ramp on side

I did not see any marked accessible parking spaces.

I think the accessible entrance was the same as the voting entrance. But a sign in front of the entrance indicated that there was a separate accessible entrance. I circled the building and did not see any such entrance.

It was around the corner, a few feet away. I talked to someone in a motorized wheelchair who had just come out and said that when she went to the door, it was locked and her daughter had to go around and open the door so she could get in. When I went up the ramp to check it was now unlocked.

It's to the side of the main door.

No, it's to the side of the building. See attached picture.

Ramp is a further walk than the steps. See pictures.

Regular parking - but there was a lot of it

Signs point to a different entrance that does not appear to be fully accessible, but I saw people using both entrances.

Staircase and accessible ramp lead to same door.

The accessible entrance and staircase both led to the same door.

The accessible entrance is about 40 feet to the right of the main voting entrance. There are steps to get to the main entrance

The accessible entrance is at the back of the building. There were two signs with arrows directing voters to the accessible entrance (one sign on the front corner and one sign directing voters into an accessible parking lot.

The accessible entrance is at the front of the school. The voting entrance is at the back of the school.

The accessible entrance is the exit to the voting area. The voting area entrance is farther up a hill. See pictures for accessible entrance.

The accessible spaces are closest to the accessible entrance at the front of the church, but the voting entrance is at the back of the church.

The building does not have an accessible entrance so far as I can tell.

There appears to be an accessible entrance in the rear of the building, but it is unclear how you get to it. There is no signage, and there appears to be a dirt path large enough for a car leading from the paved driveway to the rear entrance with a ramp. See photos.

There did not appear to be a fully accessible entrance to the building--the only entrance required an approximately 4 - 6" step up into the doorway with no ramp.

"There did not appear to be any accessible entrance to this building. The only visible entrance had a set of 8 - 10 wooden stairs that appeared to be in very poor repair. There was no ramp or lift.

This is the single least accessible voting location I have ever surveyed and there is no way that this location could be modified to make it accessible. It should immediately be replaced with a safe, appropriate, and accessible venue."

There is a ramped entrance that is not marked in any way. The main voting entrance is NOT accessible.

There is a side door, the main door is a different entrance to the same lobby, it appears. The correct entrance was marked with a sign, and was closer to the parking. So it seemed okay to me.

There is no accessible entrance.

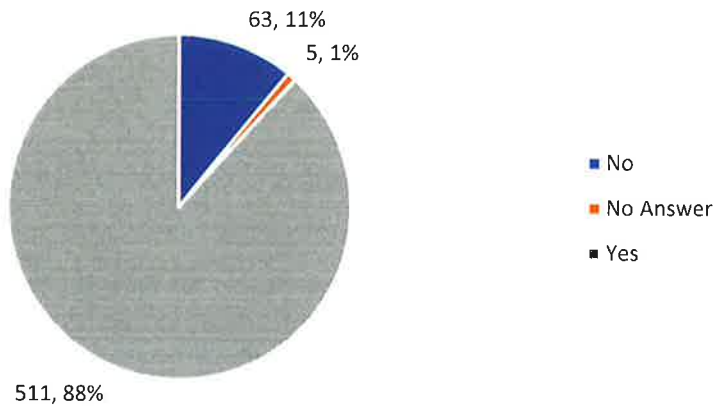
There's a side door for the accessible entrance

"This voting location was notably bad, primarily because it is a relatively new school building. The main entrance has excellent accessibility, but the voting entrance was poorly marked and located near what appeared to be a service area. The voting entrance was not at all accessible--no permanent accessible spots nearby, the curb was at least 6" high, and the closest curb cut to the voting entrance was approximately 50 yards away.

Grayson Highlands School could be an accessible voting location if the main entrance were used, but the choice to use a poorly marked rear entrance with extremely poor accessibility. This choice is extremely concerning."

very concerning wooden ramp with leaves on it

Was there a smooth, clear path of travel from the parking lot to the front door?



No	63
Alexandria	1
Buckingham	4
Carroll	1
Charlottesville	1
Chesterfield	2
Culpeper	1
Cumberland	2
Dinwiddie	1
Fairfax City	1
Fairfax County	2
Falls Church	1
Fauquier	1
Fluvanna	2
Frederick	1
Goochland	1
Grayson	3
Halifax	4
Hopewell	1
Loudoun	8
Louisa	1

Mecklenburg	6
Nelson	1
New Kent	2
Newport News	1
Nottoway	1
Orange	2
Powhatan	3
Prince William	5
Richmond City	1
Virginia Beach	1
Williamsburg	1

Comments:

all gravel and down a winding hill

At the access way going to the entrance door, two big signs were displaced taking space. People had to go around them. See photo

Clear way, but lengthy with many slopes.

Curb between temporary accessible parking and entrance

Curb cut far away, volunteers reported trouble with wheelchair access. See pictures.

Curb very high at accessible spaces, though it leveled closer to building

Excessive autumn leaves

From the paved accessible parking slab there was a clear path of travel. But the rest of the parking lot was grass/gravel. There was a ramp from the parking lot to the building entrance.

grass

gravel lot

Gravel parking area maybe be difficult for some to navigate.

Gravel parking lot

Gravel parking lot - also, there is a pretty good sized threshold - likely above ADA standards to reach entrance

Gravel parking lot, rough gravel between temporary accessible parking and entrance

gravel, lots of leaves, lip up to brick pathway

gravel/grass lot

Marking no due to the curbside sign being placed on the center of the sidewalk and on the curb cut

Objects in way. Small step see pictures

Parking lot was rough and on an incline, no ramp to get past step up into doorway

Partially gravel lot

Pathway is rocks

Poll workers bags blocking a sidewalk

Ramp I'd on the other side of the building from where the curbside voting sign is located.

See comment above, no cutouts. Heard a story from somebody handing out flyers that this not very accessible door was a last-minute change from the planned door due to not enough staff. I drove around to where the door is, it was a curb cut out but no designated parking spaces.

See photos

Seems like steps. Didn't see ramp

"Shortest route from accessible spaces over a curb - can get there accessible route but difficult and not clear

The curbcut near the voter location doesn't look great to me"

Sidewalk and curb cut in need of repairs

stairs

Step to get to front door.

Steps down to get to door

steps into voting entrance

Temporary "accessible" spot next to curb with no marking to get to curbcut - there are six accessible spaces with a clear accessible path of travel but they are far from the voting entrance being located at the main entrance of the elementary school - and this is a big school so they must go a substantial distance - in fact, one must navigate past two other entrances to reach the voting entrance from those spots

Temporary barriers in place channeling traffic - there was overall a clear place, but the parking lot here definitely has some cracks and the like here

The accessible entrance was blocked off by cones.

"The accessible parking places put one out next to a curb

The ramp to the entrance could well be too long and steep for a proper ramp - that ramp is very long for one without an access break."

The one accessible space is blocked in by another space on the left and a curb on the left. There is no curb cut. A van accessible, parallel space was made in front of the precinct, but it was poorly marked and there were no curb cuts nearby. Sorry for my subpar photos! Definitely not my best work!

The one accessible spot is paved and right in front of the voting entrance. But the parking lot is across a small road and is gravel.

The parking lot (including the accessible space) is grass and packed gravel. See photos.

The parking lot (such as it is) is gravel and grass. There are large potholes and the parking lot is sloped in several directions. It would be difficult to navigate safely even without any sensory or mobility disabilities, especially as the parking lot is poorly lit.

The parking lot is behind the building, is a long walk for wheelchair users and individuals that use a walker.

The parking lot was grass/gravel. I could not identify any accessible parking spaces.

The parking lot was gravel with two accessible paved parking spots at the front.

The parking lot, including the accessible spaces is gravel and grass. But there was a paved path from the parking lot to the building entrance.

"The path from accessible parking places to entrances of the school is smooth, clear, and accessible

The path from temporary accessible parking places to the door is completely inaccessible - there is a curb as well as grass in between - and then a second curb."

The path is crowded due to people having chairs on the sidewalk

The pathway was short and directly next to the accessible parking spots—but there was no ramp to get from the parking spot to the curb.

The regular parking is far from the front door.

The small drive from the road to the precinct entrance is paved, but the parking lot was grass and packed gravel.

The Voter Parking area is where buses normally park. The area is paved, but there are no curb cuts near this parking area. The accessible spots are around the corner from the voting entrance.

There is a defacto ramp without armrails - there are also some cracks in the sidewalk - it is a steep decline requiring a long bypass - see photo!

There is a smooth sidewalk to the entrance, but the parking lot is gravel.

There is no ramp from the parking lot to the curb

There was a paved ramp up to the voting entrance, but the lot was grass and gravel.

There was gravel

There was gravel in the parking lot and it was only clear by the access pocking Spots

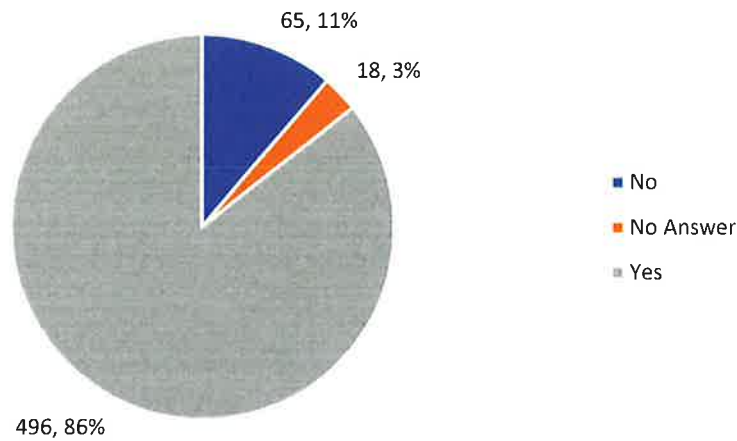
There was no parking lot for the main entrance, only street parking. The accessible entrance was attached to a paved parking lot.

There was only street parking. There is a parking lot around the back of the building, but it was not connected to the voter entrance.

very uneven sidewalk

You had to either cross the road or go up over the curb. The curb cut was not level to the ground.

Can the door be opened with a closed fist?



No	65
Amelia	4
Chesapeake	11
Chesterfield	3
Culpeper	1
Fairfax City	2
Fairfax County	4
Fluvanna	1
Fredericksburg	5
Grayson	1
Greene	2
Halifax	1
Hanover	1
Henrico	1
Hopewell	3
James City County	1
Loudoun	1
Mecklenburg	2
Nelson	1
New Kent	1
Orange	2
Prince Edward	3

Prince George	1
Prince William	1
Richmond City	3
Virginia Beach	4
Williamsburg	3
York	2

Comments:

Accessible buttons that work see pictures

Door has a knob that must be grasped and turned to open the door.

door knob was round

Door pull to the outside no button.

Door was locked shut. Poll worker came to open it after intern was looking around and then notified another worker.

Door was propped open and poll workers were standing by at door.

Had to pull the door open. However there is a person sitting by the door.

handle had nice wide c shape that a fist can easily fit under, however, there was also a latch that had to be pushed down at the same time for the door to be opened.

I did not test, so it is possible that it might simply pull open, but it looks like one that requires a twist

It has a handle that is hard to open with a closed fist

It looks difficult to open

It was being held open the whole time

It was not propped open and a fist could not fit.

lever/loop closure

Loop and lever style doorknob, not propped open

Multiple doors. The one I see is pull

Neither the accessible entrance nor the regular voting entrance have the kind of door that can be opened with a closed fist. There is a staff member by the accessible entrance/exit for the polling place. This staff member is responsible for directing people to the correct machine.

No, but it is permanently propped for voters.

No, it was permanently propped open instead.

Photo below

Pull door

Pull door. See picture

Round doorknob

See comment above and picture.

See photo.

See photos below

See pic. Door has a thumb latch and was not propped open.

See pictures

See pictures.

The door could not be opened with a closed fist. The doors were not propped open. There was a pool worker inside who seemed prepared to help with the doors.

The door knob was circular and would require an open hand to grasp and turn it in order to open the door.

The door remains open during voting hours, and a poll worker stands outside to assist and/or answer questions for voters.

The door remains open during voting hours.

The door remains open during voting hours. There is a poll worker posted outside to provide assistance and/or answer questions.

The door requires an open hand to close around the door pull and a thumb/finger to release the lock. See photos.

The door stays open during voting hours. A poll worker is available to help. A ramp is located adjacent to the parking area.

The door was locked. Poll worker came over to open it.

The door was propped open but would not have been openable with a closed fist.

The entrance doors remain open during voting hours. A poll worker also stands outside to provide assistance and/or answer questions.

The first door was propped open. The second door handle was not large enough for a closed fist.

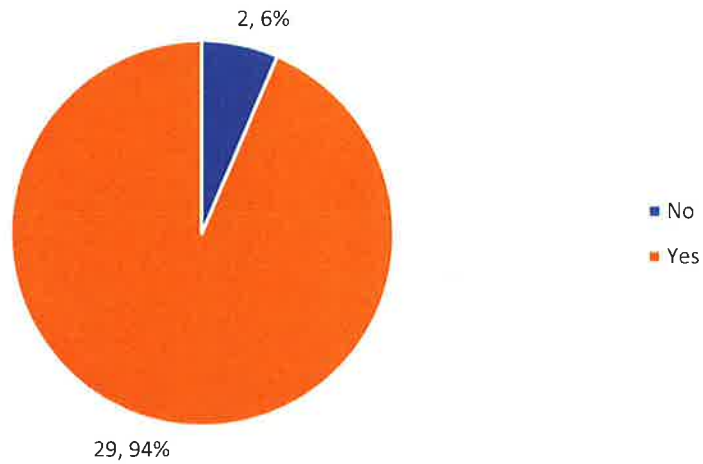
The main entrance could be opened with a closed fist, but the accessible entrance would be difficult to open with a closed fist since the door would have to be pulled toward the voter. However the accessible entrance did have a doorbell attached.

There is a push button to open the door that's 5 ft in front of the door. The door itself has a handle that pulls the door outward.

This is my precinct. The interior door requires a closed fist to open.

Unsure, doors being held open

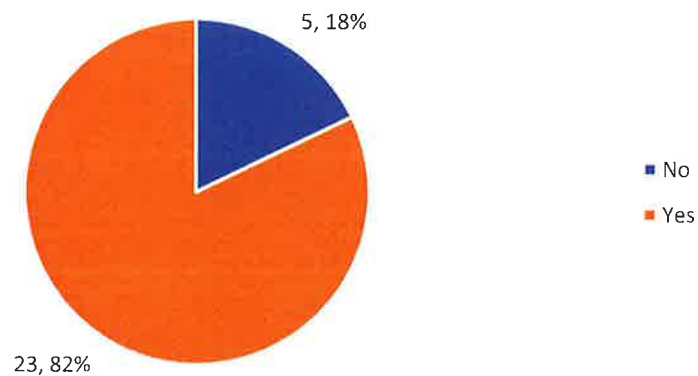
Is there audio ballot equipment?*



No	2
Dinwiddie	1
Prince William	1

Comments: Not visible

Do poll workers know how to operate and set up the audio ballot machine?*



No	5
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Fairfax County	1
Henrico	3
Prince William	1

Comments:

Did not have opportunity to ask

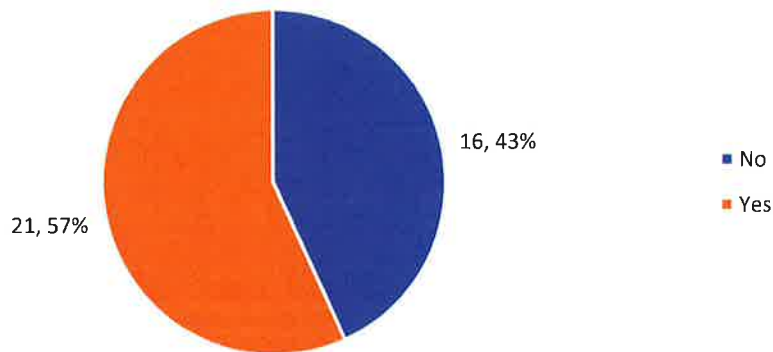
The machine was there. It was not properly set up. Poll Workers had issues setting it up and had to call a County Official. Poll Chief worked on set up until County Official arrived. Chief got it working just as official arrived. Official monitored to ensure vote happened and all was okay.

The woman I spoke with did not know how to access the equipment, but she pointed out someone who knew how. My only concern is that there are only a few people who know how to set up the machine.

There was no lowered booth available. They used a student desk with the cardboard shield. There has always been a lowered booth at this location every time I vote. They tried to lower it but stated that it would not lower.

Unsure. Did not ask.

Do you see a sign noting that voters can ask for help?*



No	16
Caroline	1
Dinwiddie	2
Fairfax County	1
Fredericksburg	3
Hanover	1
Henrico	3
Prince George	1

Prince William	2
Richmond City	2

Comments:

Did not notice

Did not see a sign.

Did not see one

I did not enter the polling site. Therefore, I did not personally view the sign. However the poll worker stated there is one in the site.

I did not personally see the sign. However, the poll worker stated there is one in the polling site; and they provide the form, whenever someone assists the voter.

I did not see any signs, but my mom said that she was offered help.

I don't remember seeing a sign.

I honestly don't remember seeing but it could have been there. I did look at various signage

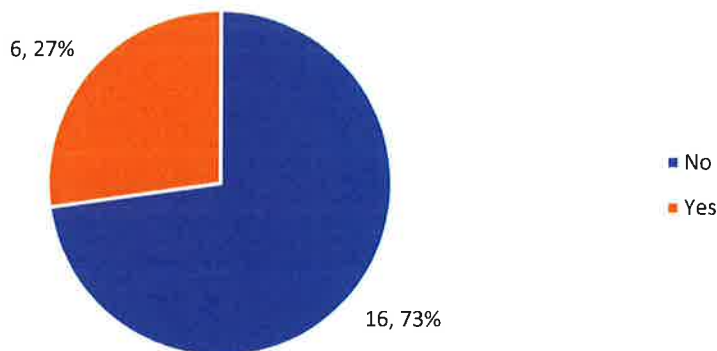
There is no visible sign

There was nothing obvious saying that poll workers could help, but they were absolutely attentive and proactive about asking whether anyone needed anything and providing guidance.

They did have the form, but no sign to indicate you can ask for assistance.

This is not my precinct. While standing in the entrance. I did not notice a sign specifically stating this, but the poll worker stated that they provide the form whenever a voter has someone assisting them.

On the sign to request assistance, does it say you have to complete a form?*



Yes

6

Chesapeake	1
Fredericksburg	1
Newport News	2
Richmond City	1
Spotsylvania	1

Comments: I didn't go inside to view the voter assistance sign. However, I spoke with the head poll worker, Jeanie, who said they provide the form to the voter and companion, whenever they provided assistance.

Other Comments:

"Accessible parking places do not have wheelchair symbols in them (actually upon closer inspection, it appears that they do, but they are so faded as to be impossible to see unless you are standing right over it) - there are four accessible parking places that can be used for voting, but it is far away - at least in this case there was a permanent accessible parking place with access aisle

This is also the rare case where you have van accessible spots not labeled as van accessible"

Accessible spaces not marked on pavement.

Also had rules for voting sign.

"Another location where there are two precincts at one location (there are a few more at Loudoun I didn't get)

This was the last polling location I got - it was getting dark and traffic was getting horrific and I started around 7:30 a.m. so it was time to call it a day. Getting a two in one at the last stop was a bonus.

It is directly across the street from Evergreen Mills - the second location I've seen where a elementary school was next to a middle school and had three total voting sites.

It's a Loudoun County Public Schools polling place - of course, they have a large number of accessible parking places at the main entrance of the school and do not use an entrance of the school where they are useful (as you can see, you can see the polling place from the accessible spots, but it is not an accessible path with a curb in the way."

"Back to Leesburg means back to large schools - five accessible parking places at main entrance - voting held at a different entrance

It's a Loudoun County public school site, so of course, it needs the accessible markers on the parking places painted

Yes, the signs photo does say - there is indeed another polling place directly across the street from this one (that actually hosts two voting precincts) - Leesburg and east has some very dense polling places in Loudoun in part because they tend to group elementary school, middle school, and high schools together - was the case here

Sidewalks with good crosswalks are present here on the road

Let another Loudoun School site where they have perfectly good accessible parking places (once they are painted) and a perfectly good access to a main entrance - but they use a side entrance to the school, so they use temporary spaces instead that are completely inaccessible. Apologize that the photos showing it are so backlit, but the sun was starting to set by the time I was here."

"Belmont has now been totally fixed - two spots for curbside, new accessible spots with fresh paint, an automatic door opener. Any previously noted issue here is gone.

I also saw someone voting curbside here"

Curbside has no number or bell, poorly marked accessible parking

Curbside signs had no number or bell.

Curbside voting bell pretty far from the space, gravel lot, poorly marked accessible space.

Curbside voting operations were comprehensive and with both clearly marked lanes and electronic and paper signage. Accessible parking space signs were the closest to the entrance, but the spaces were not clearly marked on the pavement.

Curbside voting signs were there, but there was no indication on the signs how someone was supposed to get help.

Did not assess parking lot/path of travel. Attendants out front with curbside voting sign. Entrance door used for voters leads directly into steps. The front of the school has an accessible entrance (ramp), but when I checked this during prior elections it was locked (did not check this morning). Unclear how someone using a mobility aid would vote at this location if they did not want to use the curbside option.

First time at my polling place it was accessible to get inside the main entrance

hard get to accessible spaces due to cones to prohibit campaigning

I am not sure how this site is "West Leesburg" - it is in fact on the eastern side of Leesburg and is actually almost directly north of the "East Leesburg" location. Of course, Loudoun also has multiple locations

where they have two polling places in completely different districts so I guess it makes sense if you live there.

I believe the more ways that are provided for voting outside of a government polling place should be very limited. Countries around the world go to polls to vote AND results are available at night. There is a state that sent absentee ballots to ALL on the DMV list ... this is crazy!!! It is an open door to fraud. Voting is a privilege ... please protect the rights of ELIGIBLE voters to have their votes count ... legally.

I spoke with a volunteer who I work with who was the polling official at his site all day in Chesterfield (Ironbridge I believe). He said that they allowed whoever wanted to vote curbside to vote curbside. His concern with adding people without physical disabilities is that it can be difficult to find volunteers. He worries that people will not want to volunteer if more responsibilities are added. Note however, that at his site, he said they allowed anyone who wanted to vote curbside to do so, regardless of physical or non physical disability.

I voted early in late September. However, I surveyed the outside area, and I spoke with a poll worker standing outside.

"I walked to this location from Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School (they are right next to each other and I learned my lesson that the middle schools are often right next to the elementary schools in Loudoun - and there are often high schools nearby - although one was unable to walk from Tuscora High School to the middle and elementary school - it was not safe due to lack of sidewalks and crosswalks and busy road)

The crosswalk into the middle school is not good which I note even though other than people walking between the elementary school and the middle school I can't imagine anyone ever really walks here - its not a pedestrian friendly part of Leesburg."

"I was of course so excited to see the accessible sidewalks and crossings with crosswalks at this location - the traffic circles serve to calm traffic as well - that is Virginia Route 9 which is a major commuter route to Charles Town, West Virginia and Martinsburg. The sign shows 3 miles away to the intersection of VA 287 - there is a traffic light there - at the time I was leaving the Hillsboro precinct you were only able to get out of the voting location thanks to the traffic light. While this is a very rural location, it has very heavy traffic (although it was all going in the opposite direction I was going) certain times of the day. Westbound traffic was very heavy - and all of it seemed to be from West Virginia.

Loudoun definitely is good about having curbside voting and getting a bell - but overall, they definitely need to work on their placement of the bell in places where it does good for persons looking to use the curbside voting and call for accessibility

A bit shocking to find a polling place in such a rural area that persons could walk to - or even have an accessible route using a wheelchair too - but Loudoun definitely has money and some of the pedestrian

accessibility through Hillsboro ("The Gap" - yes, this is definitely in the mountains) no doubt is to calm traffic on what is now a major commuter route"

In the future, I think one thing we could suggest is uniform signage for curbside voting, so folks know what to look for. Some signs also included a phone number for curbside voting and others did not. At this location, the bus loop lane went right up to the curb, so someone could've easily simply pulled up and asked the poll worker about it. However, at other locations I reviewed in the fall, I noticed that a number was not included on the signage, and it would not have been easy to pull up and ask someone to figure out next steps.

"One accessible parking spot and it is very far from the voting entrance - far from the main voting entrance as well - it looks like from my photo there is a second one - also not near

They did temporary accessible spots for voting using the ever popular "tie accessible voting sign to chair method"

"One again, we see accessible spots being the closest to the main entrance - but main entrance not being closest to the door being used for voting since they weren't using main entrance for voting.

Marked access aisle, but it is very faded and tough to see

There are actually sidewalks to this school - you could walk into vote."

One of the designated handicapped parking spots (not a spot that is regularly used for handicapped parking, signage was taped up) was blocked off by cones. The current poll workers did not know the exact reason why, but thought maybe it was so whoever parked there had room to use the space next to it should they need to.

Overall, a pretty accessible location - but it obviously needs some paint for the accessible parking locations - this is quite west in Loudoun but along VA 7 so it is more populated

Poll Workers were very nice. Talked to me as the voter not the person accompanying me who provided my transportation.

"Resubmission since previous submission failed and due to having additional photos

While this site was overall quite accessible, it remains notable that the accessible parking places and access aisles do have faded paint - an issue that turned out to be pretty common for Loudoun County sites.

The guy who saw me and waved as I was photographing the access aisle and entrance is the husband of a newly elected member of the Loudoun County Schoolboard - he was very supportive (as was everyone

I spoke to who asked what I was doing) about our efforts for accessibility - although this site was pretty accessible as it is (although there definitely are some weird quirks here)

That is why I have photos of the main entrance - there is a ramp there without handrails - the entrance is not used for voting, but that is a clear ADA violation - also there are some crossings which go to curbs here - including one by the main entrance - although the accessible parking place is at a different entrance"

See pictures for accessibility curbside voting signage with yellow marked fire lane as well as open voting entrance.

"Sorry, no photos and no details here - as far as I could tell, I didn't see any accessibility issues, however, because the parking lot was almost full and I did not want to disrupt persons there to vote and get in the way of actual voters I did not stop and take photos - this site was extremely crowded (I was there right at noon which might have played the role - also unlike the newer Loudoun County elementary schools, this one was quite small and had a quite small parking lot - Waterford is quite rural with limited development around there and this was an older school - not like the much newer schools around

I apologize for the limited utility here - but I did stop by and did look and since it was between two sites I got it - and this was too rural to try to return later to see if there was less parking after lunch - it after all was over 20 minutes to the next site and 20 minutes from the site before it"

The staff were very friendly and voting was in the cafeteria with plenty of room to move around.

"The two accessible parking places at the main entrance have the biggest access aisle I have ever seen - it is absolutely gigantic.

There is a neighborhood across the street with a very accessible crosswalk to the school - however, once you get on school property, the accessibility suddenly gets very bad with some curbs - you have to be careful navigating from the neighborhood to the school - although given that Battlefield Parkway is a busy road, I am not sure how many people really cross - Loudoun is pedestrian friendly overall - they got crosswalks, accessible curbscuts, and pedestrian signals just about everywhere.

This school is proof that Loudoun does understand they are required to put the wheelchair accessibility symbol in the parking places and does possess paint"

The voting entrance changed from last year (near the library to now near the cafeteria). The entrance is now much further from the parking than entrance 4. See images. While it is a clear pathway, it is much longer than the space between the voting entrance last year.

There are stairs on the walkway between the accessible parking and the voting entrances (see photo, where the stairs are behind the garbage bins). The parking lot is a smooth surface between the voting and accessible parking areas.

"There are Two precincts here - Harper Park 823 (park of the Ashburn District) and River Creek part of the Leesburg district - confusingly, the Curbside voting sign says Harper Park 407 - which is not the precinct number for either - and indeed there is not a 407 on the list for Loudoun County (maybe it is an older number, although this location is in east Leesburg and the 400 districts are west of Leesburg) - definitely a mystery as to why the curbside sign lists the wrong number since Harper Park is 823 and not 407!

Another example of how the Loudoun County Public Schools definitely need to get themselves some paint! Another case of poorly marked accessible parking places.

Note that the accessible parking places actually are close to the accessible entrance for 823 Harper Park - not so close for entrance to 512 River Creek

Loudoun County voter workers told me that there is a separate accessible entrance for 823 Harper Park because the main entrance sends persons over stairs - there are thus stairs inside of the school - the door was open at the main entrance but not at the accessible way

Note also that the accessible parking places are a long ways from any entrances - however, the spots are closest to the doors - this is just a huge middle school."

There was no phone number on the signed for Curbside

They seem to have a good procedure for curbside voting. A worker from each party goes to car with clipboard and turns around when they vote. Also, they have a table set up for people in wheelchairs but the two voters who came preferred to use the stands. The workers were eager to share information with me.

"This is an old school and it is extremely charming being on the National Register of Historic Places as well as the Virginia Landmarks Register -while an historic property, they did a good job of unobtrusively adding a ramp in the back. The large ramp in the back is on the exit path for voting.

I recommend checking the slope for the path from the parking lot to the front door - it might require armrails being steep enough to qualify as a de facto ramp."

This polling site was an absolute mess - really, noticable since the only actual accessibility issue of the elementary school is some paint (the access aisle paint is faded and the wheelchair markings are gone) - the main entrance has 6 accessible parking places and a clear path to the door - a voter parking in those places however simply found a sign directing them to a side entrance (and these are big elementary schools) to vote - at least the path there was accessible but it was a bit of a hike to get there from the only actual accessible places and the only places that have an access aisle - there are indeed two

different entrances one must pass before one reaches the voting site - the second entrance one must pass is not a good option for voting - the crosswalk there sends one right into a curb.

"This site displays good overall accessibility - the main issue was that this was the one Loudoun site where I did not see a bell to call curbside voting) - however, given that other Loudoun sites had bells far from the curbside parking places, maybe it was there and I just did not see it.

Another note is that this school seems to have very good use of curbcuts and tactile - so good that they even have one of those odd curbcuts with tactile to nothing - note however, that from the parking lot where I was in (the car in the curbcut to nowhere photo was my rental car) the path to the voting location is over bricks and there are some pretty nasty gaps present in said bricks. And I saw voters parking in the area where I was parked so it is on the path that voters do that.

Bizarrely, this is one of the few sites that has tactile on the curbcuts (really a continuous curb cut) for the parking places at the main entrance - and for some reason, they are behind curbs in parking places and not lined up with the access aisles. Loudoun County Public Schools definitely seem like they need to do some serious review of accessibility at their facilities (hopefully during the primary we can get back and look at more Loudoun Public School sites! There's still a bunch of them that serve as polling places)"

"This site is another where Loudoun uses a side entrance to a school while voting (often the polling places are in the gyms or the like) - however, the school accessible parking is all at the main entrance - the path from the accessible parking to the voting location is accessible though.

Like most Loudoun school sites in my sample (I obviously didn't get to all of them, Loudoun has over 100 polling places of which almost 90 of them are school sites - given the traffic in Loudoun and the distances and terrain west of Route 15 it is simply impossible for one person to get that many sites in a day), this site could definitely use paint - the accessible parking place markings are either gone or so faded as to be illegible anymore. That a spot next to the accessible places has a clearly legible ""RESERVED"" on it is especially striking.

The threshold from the accessible parking places to the path to the school is pretty bad - it is very rough and likely exceeds ADA allowances for a non-bezeled threshold"

"This site is very remote and was quite difficult to get to (to get here from Lovettsville required going into Maryland which also helped because that enabled me to find lunch) - even more so that US 340 traffic into West Virginia was being detoured onto this road so it had unusually heavy and fast moving traffic - I actually had two cars from West Virginia pass me across solid yellow lines around slight curves right before I reached it.

Accessing it from the other way wouldn't have been much better - due to construction and detours sending all of the US 340 traffic that way, the traffic light between VA 9 and Harpers Ferry Road (Detour 340) had a huge back up both ways) - fortunately, it was worth seeing

This location is as rural as Loudoun County gets - it is almost in West Virginia - you could probably have a contest to name the county where these photos were from and I doubt anyone would pick Loudoun - the name ""between the hills"" is absolutely serious - hills on both sides of you here.

I didn't notice until looking at my photos that they had painted the air raid siren to be decorative.

While very remote and difficult to get to, they still had curbside voting."

This was a private location with a gate that only residents can access.

"This wasn't a Loudoun Public Schools site - it was the parks and recreation department - maybe that explains why it was freshly painted

This one is a bit of a mystery though - its named ""West Lovettsville"" however, it is actually east of the ""East Lovettsville"" site - I reached it first approaching from Watersford which is east of Lovettsville between US 15 and VA 287. I am not sure how that works.

This site was quite accessible - they even have separate accessible parking for the pool!

Seeing a small town rec center with fully accessible sidewalks and crosswalks attached to it is definitely unusual - but not the only place I've seen that in Loudoun County. There is actually an accessible route off the street for local residents."

When I arrived there was a man parked in the only van accessible space. I kindly ask if he would be leaving soon as I needed that space. He said he was a pole worker. He said he had a disability. I asked if he could use the other space and explained the need. He said he would move but did not. Since he has the identification he didn't have to move. He told me twice that I could vote curbside. I told him that I chose to go inside.

		Did you See Curbside Voting or a Sign for it?			Are the Accessible Parking Spaces the Closest Spots to the Door?			Was There a Smooth, Clear Path of Travel From the Parking Lot to the Front Door?			Can the Door be Open with a Closed Fist?		
		Yes	No	No Answer	Yes	No	No Answer	Yes	No	No Answer	Yes	No	No Answer
FY2 2	Numbers	386	91	7	396	82	6	423	55	6	385	66	33
	Percentages	80%	19%	1%	82%	17%	1%	88%	11%	1%	79%	14%	7%
FY2 3	Numbers	531	44	1	504	70	5	511	63	5	496	65	18
	Percentages	92%	7%	1%	87%	12%	1%	88%	11%	1%	86%	11%	3%

Date of Vote	Time of Vote	Location of Voting		Did you See Curbside Voting or a Sign for it?
		Precinct	County/City	
11/7/2023	9:31 AM	1606 Craig's Store Road	Albemarle	No
11/7/2023	No Answer	12151 Fowlkes Bridge Rd	Amelia	No
11/7/2023	No Answer	16330 Dunn St	Amelia	No
11/7/2023	11:36 AM	8641 Namozine Rd	Amelia	No
11/7/2023	No Answer	8950 Otterburn	Amelia	No
11/7/2023	2:19 PM	101 - Bowling Green 117 Bu	Caroline	No
11/7/2023	11:24 AM	Carroll County High School	Carroll	No
11/7/2023	2:07 PM	Oakland Elementary School	Carroll	No
11/7/2023	12:35 PM	Ironbridge Baptist Church	Chesterfield	No
No Answer	No Answer	Thomas Dale High School	Chesterfield	No
No Answer	No Answer	6701 Deer Run Drive	Chesterfield	No
No Answer	No Answer	7151 Belmont Rd	Chesterfield	No
11/7/2023	9:25 AM	513 - Beaufont	Chesterfield	No
11/7/2023	2:47 PM	Brandy Station Volunteer Fi	Culpeper	No
11/7/2023	1:48 PM	Reformation Lutheran Chur	Culpeper	No
11/7/2023	12:29 PM	101 - Greater Tappahannoc	Essex	No
11/7/2023	12:43 PM	201- North 454 Lloyds Road	Essex	No
11/7/2023	1:30 PM	Hunter Richie Elementary 5	Fauquier	No
11/7/2023	1:28 PM	5725 James Madison Hwy	Fluvanna	No
11/7/2023	9:24 AM	North Mountain Fire Hall	Frederick	No
11/7/2023	12:00 PM	2748 dog town road	Goochland	No
11/7/2023	4:25 PM	Grayson Highlands School	Grayson	No
11/7/2023	4:45 PM	403 - Center (Fire Training S	Halifax	No
11/7/2023	3:45 PM	601 - Black Walnut (Comm	Halifax	No
11/7/2023	3:15 PM	702 - Midway (Midway Fire	Halifax	No
11/7/2023	4:32 PM	801 - South Boston (Washir	Halifax	No
11/7/2023	10:25 AM	7461 Sherwood Crossing -	Hanover	No
11/7/2023	11:02 AM	pearsons corner elementar	Hanover	No
11/7/2023	11:08 AM	Toano middle school 7817	James City County	No
11/7/2023	7:30 AM	Jennie Dean Elementary Sch	Manassas	No
11/7/2023	12:30 AM	New Kent - Cumberland	New Kent	No
11/7/2023	12:05 AM	New Kent - Eltham	New Kent	No
11/7/2023	7:50 AM	New Kent - Kentwood	New Kent	No
11/7/2023	No Answer	45 Campbell Hill Rd	Prince Edward	No
11/7/2023	1:00 PM	Harrison Elementary school	Prince George	No
2/21/2023	9:00 AM	Harrison Elementary School	Prince George	No
11/7/2023	2:45 PM	412 Lucille M Brown Middle	Richmond City	No
11/7/2023	11:14 AM	12201 Genito Rd	Richmond City	No
11/7/2023	11:01 AM	Albert Hill Middle School	Richmond City	No
6/20/2023	4:45 PM	Dumbarton Elementary Sch	Richmond City	No
11/7/2023	11:07 AM	Humphrey Calder Commun	Richmond City	No

11/7/2023	10:45 AM	Manassas Park City Hall	Richmond City	No
11/7/2023	10:26 AM	Manassas Park Community	Richmond City	No
11/7/2023	8:00 AM	Albert Hill Middle School	Richmond City	No

Do Poll Workers report any obstacles to assisting voters to access curbside voting?	Are the Accessible Parking Spaces the Closest Spots to the Door?	Is the Accessible Entrance the same as the Voting Entrance?
N/A	Yes	Yes
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Was There a Smooth, Clear Path of Travel From the Parking Lot to the Front Door?	Can the Door be Open with a Closed Fist?	When you are voting at your own precinct, is there audio ballot voting equipment?	Do poll workers know how to operate and set up the machine?
Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
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