

1 . Describe concerns regarding accessing the right to vote privately and independently for people with disabilities.

- 1) Access into the building holding the voting
- 2) Directional signage to where voting takes place
- 3) Accessible voting station like lower booths for wheelchair users
- 4) Functional Accessible Voting Assist Terminal like the AutoMARK used in MA. In addition, it must be located in an area that ensures voter privacy.
- 5) Warden and voter staff being familiar with the Accessible Voting Assist Terminal if a voter has a question or needs assistance.

2. Describe effective strategies, techniques, and technologies for addressing the barriers faced by voters with disabilities throughout the voting process.

Education of voting being a right to all U.S. citizens and campaigns like REV-Up (Register, Educate, Vote) and events like "Rock the vote".

3. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter in getting useful information about the voting process.

- Lack of voting staff training when it comes accessibility
- Difficulty in registering to vote
- Accessibility issue at the voting poll

4. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter with ballots, and in getting useful information about the items on the ballot.

Access to pertinent information on the candidates or referendum questions. Not relying on TV commercials or news publications that favor who has more campaign funds to use. In MA, we get a great publication from the Secretary of State's office that shows the actual ballot and explains the referendum question in detail, including the pros and cons.

5. Provide recommendations for improving voter access for people with disabilities.

- Provide accessible parking, signage to the voting poll
- Ensure the building is accessible
- Poll worker training on accessibility and use of the Accessible Voter Assist terminal

6. Identify what has had the most impact enabling people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

- In my experience surveying voting polls in MA, it was either placement of the accessible voter assist terminal that doesn't ensure privacy, lack of poll worker knowledge of these terminals

- Accessible parking issues and questionable access to enter the building

7. Identify gaps that remain in making voting accessible to people with disabilities.

See answers located above

8. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter with completing online forms for the voting process.

- Internet bandwidth
- Access to the internet
- Ability to use a computer, laptop or tablet (Being tech savvy)

9. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter in getting useful information about their eligibility to vote.

Voter suppression of minority groups including people with disabilities.

10. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter with registering to vote.

- Not knowing what documents one may need when registering
- Voter suppression

11. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter using technology for the registration or voting process, whether online, in person, or via mail.

See answers 8-10 above

12. Describe the availability of accessible voting equipment.

In MA, we have the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal located in every precinct in every city & town. In addition, lower voting booths are also provided. Please note that I am referring to the Worcester MA area.

13. Describe barriers that people with disabilities encounter with voting by mail.

Legislature and Secretaries of State. They either support or are against it. Voting by mail was used in MA with great success and voter feedback.

14. Describe security considerations relevant to existing and potential technologies used by people with disabilities in the voting process.

I'm not tech savvy but internet privacy and security from hackers is paramount.

15. Describe barriers that people with disabilities face at polling locations.

In addition to access issues, poll worker and warden knowledge of accessibility and dismissive Police officer on duty.

16. Describe the accessibility of polling places.

Accessible parking, access into the building and accessibility of where voting takes place. Not sure how to answer such a broad question.

17. Identify areas where poll worker training can address barriers experienced by people with disabilities.

This has been answered in previously but knowledgeable clerks and/or election commission knowledge of the ADA and accessibility is paramount.

18. Identify areas where clearer or better policies can address barriers experienced by people with disabilities.

See above answers

19. Describe any barriers that people with disabilities face to voting that disproportionately impact communities of color, persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Willful voter suppression by the legislature and lack of voter education (Civics) in these communities

20. Of the concerns and barriers noted, identify the most serious and impactful barriers faced by voters with disabilities throughout the voting process.

In addition to accessibility of the voting poll, transportation to the poll, lack of education on voting being a civil right and how to register to vote