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General Comment

My name is Fredericka Banks. I live in Portland Oregon. My polling station is in south east Portland on 11th AVE and Morison ST. I must comment on every thing from voter registration, which is not accessible at all, to an inexcusable non accessible ballot . and people that are blind are not even trained for any kind of activities such as to register new voters, and or call to insure voter participation. . I can say this with authority because I have tried many times to participate with the democratic party and it was difficult and or impossible for them to accommodate me easaly. I will say that once we figured out that I would do better with phone calls than every thing smoothed out. However, the problem is clear. Not only are blind people are not able to utilize the ballot because the voting stations do not have a screen reader so these people can indapenduntly vote, but the polling stations will send materials in print and do not have a digital alternative to access the data and or ballot. Unless one wants to deal with a barely accessible web sight. they do not have a place for blind people to help get out the vote. That should change. I should not have had to have some one else check my answers for my ballot if there is technology that will allow me to vote on my own. Pleas change this situation and make certain that all people no matter their, limitation, can vote own their own. . My name is Fredericka Banks. I live in Portland Oregon. My polling station is in south east Portland on 11th AVE and Morison ST. I must comment on every thing from voter registration, which is not accessible at all, to an inexcusable non accessible ballot . and people that are blind are not even trained for any kind of activities such as to register new voters, and or call to insure voter participation. . I can say this with authority because I have tried many times to participate with the democratic party and it was difficult and or impossible for them to accommodate me easaly. I will say that once we figured out that I would do better with phone calls than every thing smoothed out. However, the problem is clear. Not only are blind people are not able to utilize the ballot because the voting stations do not have a screen reader so these people can indapenduntly vote, but the polling stations will send materials in print and do not have a digital alternative to access the data and or ballot. Unless one wants to deal with a barely accessible web sight. they do not have a place for blind people to help get out the vote. That should change. I should not have had to have some one else check my answers for my ballot if there is technology that will allow me to vote on my own. Pleas change this situation and make certain that all people no matter their, limitation, can vote own their own. .

