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State Board of Elections encourages New Yorkers to become poll workers on National Poll Worker Recruitment Day

ALBANY, N.Y. (08/01/2024) The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has proclaimed August 1, 2024, to be National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. The goal of the day is to raise awareness about the importance of poll workers to our elections and to encourage more Americans to serve as poll workers. The New York State Board of Elections is proud to join with election officials across the country in this celebration and is asking all New Yorkers to sign up to be poll workers for the 2024 General Election.

In New York State, poll workers prepare the polling place for voting, set up the voting equipment, check in and process voters, demonstrate voting procedures, and assist voters if they are requested to do so. After voting ends, poll workers close down the polling place and canvass and report election results. Poll workers get paid for time they receive training and on each day they work.

“Poll workers are absolutely essential to the success of elections in New York State,” stated Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “The thousands of New Yorkers who serve as poll workers each election help sustain the backbone of the democratic process – our elections. With high turnout expected in November, we encourage all New Yorkers to help their neighbors vote by working at the polls.”

“The State Board of Elections works alongside the County Boards of Elections across the state to ensure that our elections are fair, accurate, and accessible,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “We appreciate the dedication of those who serve as poll workers, as their work is critical to making New York elections run smoothly.”

To be eligible to work as a poll worker, a New Yorker must be a registered voter in the state. Some 17-year-olds are eligible to serve as poll workers if their school district participates in a program under Education Law Section 3207-a. Individuals wishing to work as interpreters at the polls do not need to be registered voters.

Poll workers are assigned to work within the county in which they live. For residents of New York City, poll workers are assigned to sites within the five boroughs. The following links can be used to sign up to serve as a poll worker:

- **For residents of New York City:** complete the [NYC Election Day Worker Form](#)
- **For all other New York State residents:** complete the [Outside NYC Election Day Worker Form](#)

The 2024 General Election is November 5, 2024. Early Voting will occur from October 26, 2024, through November 3, 2024. For information about registering to vote, requesting a ballot, or finding your polling place, voters should visit the New York State Board of Elections website at <https://elections.ny.gov/>.

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