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9	FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, TUCSON DIVISION						
10	Kathleen Hoffard,	No. 4:20-CV-00243-SHR					
11	Plaintiff,	, )					
12		) DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO					
13		) PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR					
14	VS.	<ul><li>PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION</li><li>AND EXPEDITED HEARING</li></ul>					
15	Cochise County, Arizona; Lisa Marra, In her official capacity as Director of	)					
16	Cochise County Elections Department,	)					
17	Defendants.	<ul><li>Assigned to the Honorable</li><li>Judge Scott H. Rash</li></ul>					
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19	COMES NOW Defendants, Cochise County (the "County") and Lisa Marra, in						
20	her official capacity as Director of Cochise County Elections (collectively "Defendants"),						
21	by and through undersigned counsel, hereby opposes and requests that this Court deny						
22	Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Expedited Hearing under Fed. R. Civ.						
23	P., Rule 65, compelling the County to offer curbside voting, or a reasonable modification,						
25	at its Vote Centers for the November 2	2020 General Election. Plaintiff is unlikely to					

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24 25 succeed on the merits and will not suffer irreparable harm if this extraordinary remedy of a mandatory injunction is denied, as discussed more fully below:

In support of Defendants' opposition, Defendants state:

- 1. All of the County's seventeen (17) Vote Centers are fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. All equipment utilized at the Vote Centers is fully ADA accessible. (See Declaration of Lisa Marra ("Marra Decl."), ¶ 6).
- 2. No pre-printed paper ballots are used at the seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the County because the specific ballot style can be accessed via the ExpressVote® machines. Further, there are over 300-700 different ballot styles for each election, making it impossible and impracticable for the County to store paper copies of each ballot style at every one of its Vote Centers. (Id., ¶ 8).
- 3. The County does not have ballot on demand. Nor does the County have any technology that would allow for specific, individualized ballots to be printed curbside.  $(Id., \P 9).$
- 4. The County does not have the WIFI or internet capability and/or capacity to have reliable and consistent ballot on demand at its seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the mostly rural County. (*Id.*,  $\P$  10).
- Electronic e-pollbooks that are used to capture voters' signatures cannot be 5. disconnected from the Vote Centers' circuit to be taken curbside for a voter's signature because when it is disconnected from the system, the *entire voting system* shuts down and

has to be restarted before voting can resume, which can take up to twenty (20) minutes. (Id., ¶ 11).

- 6. Curbside voting is no longer offered because of the potential for injury to voters, poll workers and the voting machine equipment. (Id., ¶ 12).
- 7. The touchscreen ExpressVote® machines are very heavy and contain very sensitive components. Even though they are all on portable stands, they are not designed to be moved in and out of the Vote Center facilities repeatedly for curbside voting and tend to tip over, which could cause damage to a disabled voter's vehicle or serious injury to a disabled voter or to the poll worker moving the ExpressVote® machine. Simply stated, it is not safe for poll works to move these very top-heavy voting machines outside to a vehicle. (Id., ¶ 15).
- 8. Even though the PeakLogix CurbExpress <sup>TM</sup> by ReadyVote® cart may be easier to move than the portable stands, the issue of the sensitive components remains unchanged. Repeatedly moving the ExpressVote® machines causes technical problems with the machines. Further, the carts will not always line up with the vehicles causing the disabled voter to get out of the vehicle to use the ExpressVote® machine. Additionally, the fact remains that the vast majority of the County's poll workers are elderly and these elderly poll workers would still be required to physically move the ExpressVote® machines, repeatedly, in and out of the Vote centers, creating the potential for the ExpressVote® machine and cart to tip over, damaging equipment and potentially injuring the poll worker and/or the vote. (*Id.*, ¶ 17).

- 9. To date, the County Elections Department has had to have sixty-two (62) ExpressVote® machines repaired under the County's maintenance agreement, which costs the County approximately \$22,000 per year. All of these repairs resulted from routine movement for delivery, placement and pickup for use on Election Day. (Id., ¶ 16)
- 10. Since the implementation of the Vote Centers, the elimination of curbside voting, and over the course of eleven (11) Vote Center and nineteen (19) Vote by Mail elections and nearly 57,414 in-person voters, the County has only received two (2) complaints or concerns, inclusive of Ms. Hoffard's complaint, about the elimination of curbside voting. (Id.,  $\P$  3).
- 11. On May 4, 2019, Ms. Hoffard filed a Complaint of Discrimination with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Division of Civil Rights Section ("ACRD"). On May 4, 2020, ACRD closed its investigation and issued a dismissal notice finding that "the information obtained [was] not sufficient to establish violations of the statutes and that further investigation is unlikely to produce such evidence." On information and belief, Plaintiff requested that ACRD reopen the case. However, ACRD did not reopen the case. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 32, 35-36).

### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In 2015, Cochise County (the "County") decided to move to Vote Centers, rather than assigned polling centers/places, and made a significant monetary investment of over \$1 million dollars in touchscreen ExpressVote® machines to utilize for voting at the Vote

Centers. (Declaration of Lisa Marra ("Marra Decl."),  $\P$  2). The County has utilized Vote Centers for its statewide elections, starting in 2016. (Id.,  $\P$  3). Currently, Cochise County has seventeen (17) Vote Centers. (Id.,  $\P$  4). A Cochise County voter can go into any of the Vote Centers to cast his or her ballot, rather than having to go to an assigned precinct-based polling center or district. (Id.,  $\P$  5). This makes it much more convenient for many voters, who reside in one location in the County but work in another location. It also lessens the chance of voters' ballots being disqualified for voting in the wrong precinct.

All of the County's seventeen (17) Vote Centers are fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. (Id., ¶ 6). All equipment utilized at the Vote Centers is fully ADA accessible. (Id.). This was one important advantage and benefit of moving to Vote Centers. The Vote Centers allow equal access to in-person voting on Election Day. (Id., ¶ 6). Physical site assessments, required under Federal and State law, are done on each Vote Center before each election cycle, using the Department of Justice's required documentation, that can be found at: https://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.htm. (Id., ¶ 7).

No pre-printed paper ballots are used at the seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the County because the specific ballot style can be accessed via the ExpressVote® machines. (Id., ¶ 8). Further, there are over 300-700 different ballot styles for each election, making it impossible and impracticable for the County to store paper copies of each ballot style at every one of its Vote Centers. (Id.) The County does not have ballot on demand. Nor does the County have any technology that would allow for specific, individualized ballots to be printed curbside. (Id., ¶ 9). The County does not have the

WIFI or internet capability and/or capacity to have reliable and consistent ballot on demand at its seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the mostly rural County. (Id., ¶ 10).

One additional technological challenge with offering curbside voting in the County is the use of the electronic e-pollbooks that are used to capture the voter's signature and that communicate with each other around the County. These e-pollbooks cannot be disconnected from the Vote Centers' circuit to be taken curbside for the voter's signature because when it is disconnected from the system, the *entire voting system* shuts down and has to be restarted before voting can resume, which can take up to twenty (20) minutes. (*Id.*, ¶ 11).

In addition to the above-mentioned technical hurdles in providing curbside voting, curbside voting presents safety and liability concerns for the County and is no longer offered because of the potential for injury to voters, poll workers and the voting machine equipment. (Id., ¶ 12). The touchscreen ExpressVote® machines are very heavy and contain very sensitive components. Even though they are all on portable stands, they are not designed to be repeatedly moved in and out of the Vote Center facilities for curbside voting and tend to tip over, which could cause damage to a disabled voter's vehicle or serious injury to a disabled voter or to the poll worker moving the ExpressVote® machine. Simply stated, it is not safe for poll works to move these very top-heavy voting machines outside to a vehicle. (Id., ¶ 5). Moreover, all of the County's ExpressVote® Machines are assigned to be used in the Vote Centers and there are no spare ones that can be left outside

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for curbside voting. (Id., ¶ 15). Additionally, the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machines have limited battery life and need to be connected to an electrical supply. (Id., ¶ 18).

To date, the County Elections department has had to have sixty-two (62) ExpressVote®® machines repaired under the County's maintenance agreement, which costs the County approximately \$22,000 per year. All of these repairs resulted from routine movement for delivery, placement and pickup for use on Election Day. (*Id.*, ¶ 16). Even though the PeakLogix CurbExpress TM by ReadyVote® cart may be easier to move than the portable stands, the issue of the sensitive components remains unchanged. Repeatedly moving the ExpressVote® machines causes technical problems with the machines. (Id.,  $\P$  17). Further, the carts will not always line up with the vehicles causing the disabled voter to get out of the vehicle to use the ExpressVote® machine. (Id.). Additionally, the fact remains that the vast majority of the County's poll workers are elderly and these elderly poll workers would still be required to physically move the Express Vote® machines, repeatedly, in and out of the Vote Centers, creating the potential for the ExpressVote® machine and cart to tip over, damaging equipment and potentially injuring the poll worker and/or the voter. (*Id.*)

All Vote Center poll workers are trained to provide assistance to disabled and elderly voters. (Id., ¶ 16). Any voter requesting assistance is entitled to receive help and for those voters who have difficulty standing in line, although not entitled to advance to the front of the line, a poll worker will hold the voter's place in line and the voter can be offered a place to sit until it is his or her turn to vote. There is no evidence that Plaintiff

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ever asked any of the poll workers for this type of assistance as a reasonable modification. (Id., ¶ 19).

Arizona law allows for, but does not mandate, curbside voting. (Id., ¶ 13). Additionally, Arizona law allows voters twenty-four (24) days of in-person voting prior to an election, as well as one day of emergency in-person voting prior to an election. Special Election Boards are also available on Election Day to assist voters at home, in hospitals or at assisted living facilities. Curbside voting is not required during early in-person voting, nor is it required under emergency voting statutes. (Id., ¶ 14).

On May 3, 2018, the County issued a news release informing its residents that all of the County's Vote Centers met the needs of its disabled and elderly citizens because they were now fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant, and as a result, the County would no longer offer curbside voting. (Id., ¶ 20). The information was also posted on the County's Facebook page and County website. (Id., ¶ 21). The news release also offered the County's residents other means to vote by using early ballots and registering to be on the Permanent Early Voting List ("PEVL"). (Id., ¶ 22). The County updated its poll worker's handbook and website, which both indicate that curbside voting is no longer offered. (Id., ¶ 21). The website and poll worker handbook also reflect information that was provided in the news release in 2018. (Id.) Since the implementation of the Vote Centers, the elimination of curbside voting, and over the course of eleven (11) Vote Center and nineteen (19) Vote by Mail elections and nearly 57,414 in-person voters, the County

has only received two (2) complaints or concerns, inclusive of Ms. Hoffard's complaint, about the elimination of curbside voting. (Id.,  $\P$  23).

On January 7, 2019, Ms. Hoffard, through the Arizona Center for Disability Law, filed a discrimination claim with the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") of 2002, 52 U.S.C. §§ 21081, *et seq.*, alleging that Cochise County discriminated against her based on her disability, by refusing to provide curbside voting at two vote centers in Sierra Vista, Arizona. (Id., ¶ 24). The two (2) Vote centers that Ms. Hoffard visited (VC-8, Shiloh Christian Ministries and VC-9, Methodist Church) on November 6, 2018, as outlined in her HAVA Complaint, are both fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. (Id., ¶ 25). Both Vote Centers had the required number of handicap (accessible) parking spaces under the ADA. (Id., ¶ 26). Additionally, the rugs at the Vote Centers are not "small area rugs" or throw rugs like one would buy in a department store, but rather they are industrial, commercial rugs with non-slip rubber backing, designed to prevent slippage and falling, used in churches and similar facilities. (Id., ¶ 27).

On January 14, 2019, the Arizona Secretary of State denied Plaintiff's discrimination claim because it was procedurally deficient and notified the County's Election Director of Plaintiff's concerns. (Id., ¶ 28). On February 4, 2019, the Elections Director wrote to Plaintiff about the concerns in her HAVA Complaint, explaining that the vote centers are ADA Compliant and fully ADA Accessible under the federal guidelines established for polling locations and therefore, curbside voting is no longer a requirement. (Id., ¶ 29). Ms. Marra further explained that because of the variety of

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different ballot styles (approximately 300-700 ballot styles), there are no pre-printed paper ballots at the vote centers, any voter who chooses to vote in person is required to come to the ADA accessible Vote Center and cast his/her vote on one of the touchscreen ExpressVote® machines. Additionally, Ms. Marra offered Plaintiff the option of participating in early voting, requesting a paper ballot be mailed to her, and/or voting early, in-person at the Cochise County Recorder's Office. (Id., ¶ 30). Plaintiff never contacted Ms. Marra or responded to her letter. (*Id.*, ¶ 31).

On May 4, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Complaint of Discrimination with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Division of Civil Rights Section ("ACRD"). (Id., ¶ 32). On May 30, 2019, the County Attorney's Office on behalf of Defendants filed a position statement. (*Id.*, ¶ 33). In January 2020, in response to ACRD's subpoena and discovery requests, Defendants produced over 500 pages of documents. (Id., ¶ 34). On May 4, 2020, ACRD closed its investigation, finding that "the information obtained [was] not sufficient to establish violations of the statutes and that further investigation is unlikely to produce such evidence" and issued a dismissal notice. (Id., ¶ 35). On information and belief, Plaintiff requested that ACRD reopen the case. However, ACRD did not reopen the case. 

On August 31, 2020, the Elections Director was served with Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint. (Id., ¶ 37).

II. THE COURT SHOULD NOT ISSUE A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO OFFER CURBSIDE VOTING OR A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT REASONABLE MODIFICATION AT ITS VOTE CENTERS FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

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A preliminary injunction is a powerful remedy used sparingly in cases with a set of extraordinary circumstances. Maxey v. Smith, 823 F. Supp. 1321, 1327 (N.D. Miss. 1993). A mandatory injunction is an order that requires Defendants to act positively, rather than prohibiting certain conduct. Diamond House of SE Idaho, LLC v. City of Ammon, 381 F. Supp. 3d 1262, 1270 (D. Idaho 2019), appeal dismissed, No. 19-35393, 2020 WL 2214373 (9th Cir. Apr. 16, 2020)(A mandatory injunction "orders a responsible party to take action."). "A mandatory injunction 'goes well beyond simply maintaining the status quo,' requires a heightened burden of proof, and is 'particularly disfavored.'" Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma GmbH & Co., 571 F.3d 873, 879 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting Anderson v. U.S., 612 F.2d 1112, 1114 (9th Cir. 1980))." Id., see also United States v. Spectro Foods Corp., 544 F.2d 1175, 1181 (3d Cir. 1976) (mandatory injunctions are generally disfavored by the courts and issued only in extraordinary circumstances to give the plaintiff relief. The power to issue a preliminary injunction, especially a mandatory one, should be sparingly exercised). "In general, mandatory injunctions 'are not granted unless extreme or very serious damage will result and are not issued in doubtful cases or where the injury complained of is capable of compensation in damages.' Id. (quoting Anderson, 612 F.2d at 1115)."

Plaintiff asks this Court to issue a mandatory injunction directing Defendants to perform a certain act – specifically, to offer curbside voting, or a reasonable modification, at its fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant Vote Centers for the November 2020 General Election.

Here, this Court should deny Plaintiff's motion for a mandatory injunction compelling the County to offer curbside voting, or a substantially equivalent reasonable modification, at its Vote Centers for the November 2020 General Election because Plaintiff cannot show that she is likely to succeed on the merits, that she has irreparable harm, an injunction is in the best interest of the public or that the balance of equities tips in her favor, as explained below:

### A. Legal Standard

"A preliminary injunction is an extraordinary remedy." *Lakedreams v. Taylor*, 932 F.2d 1103, 1107 (5th Cir.1991). Federal law allows a preliminary injunction when the moving party establishes four factors: (1) a substantial likelihood of success on the merits; (2) a substantial threat that failure to grant the injunction will result in irreparable injury, (3) the threatened injury outweighs any damage that the injunction may cause the opposing party, and (4) the injunction will not disserve the public interest. *Id.* The party seeking injunction must clearly carry the burden of persuasion on all four requirements. *See Karaha Bodas Co., L.L.C. v. Perusahaan Pertambangan Minyak Dan Gas Bumi Negara*, 335 F.3d 357, 363 (5th Cir.2003). The grant of a preliminary injunction is treated as the exception rather than the rule. *Id.* at 364. The power to issue a preliminary injunction, especially a mandatory one, should be sparingly exercised. *United States v. Spectro Foods Corp.*, 544 F.2d 1175, 1181 (3d Cir. 1976). Here, Plaintiff cannot show a substantial likelihood of success on the merits. Nor, can she show irreparable harm. Nor, can she

show that issuing an injunction is in the public interest. Nor, can she show that the balance of equities tips in her favor.

#### B. Plaintiff is Not Likely to Succeed on the Merits

- i. Plaintiff Cannot Show That She Was Discriminated Against or Excluded from Participation in or Denied A Public Benefit
  - 1. All of the County's Vote Centers are fully ADA Compliant and ADA Accessible

For Plaintiff to show that she is likely to succeed on the merits, she needs to demonstrate that she was discriminated against, or excluded from participation in, or denied a public benefit due to her disability. *Thompson v. Davis*, 295 F.3d 890, 895 (9th Cir. 2002). Specifically, Plaintiff needs to show that that the County does not or did not provide equal access to *in-person* voting on Election Day. Showing this lack of service on the County's behalf is an important element of Plaintiff's *prima facie* case for discrimination under both the federal and state laws. She cannot make such a showing.

Here, Plaintiff cannot show this element because all of the County's Vote Centers are fully ADA accessible and ADA Compliant. Further all of the equipment utilized at the Vote Centers is fully ADA accessible. *See* Marra Decl., ¶ 6. State and Federal law prohibits discrimination in voting based on disability. This requires the County to make alternative means of voting available, but however, does not require the County to provide every conceivable means possible. "A 'reasonable accommodation' is one that gives the otherwise qualified plaintiff with disabilities 'meaningful access' to the program or services sought. *Henrietta D. v. Bloomberg*, 331 F.3d 261, 282 (2d Cir. 2003). Further,

"[s]tates are not constitutionally mandated to make *special accommodations* for their disabled citizens. *See Garrett*, 121 S.Ct. at 964. Rather, States must refrain from irrational discrimination against the disabled." *Doe v. Div. of Youth & Family Servs.*, 148 F. Supp. 2d 462, 488 (D.N.J. 2001) (emphasis added). The County has not irrationally discriminated against Plaintiff.

Here, the two (2) Vote centers that Plaintiff visited (VC-8, Shiloh Christian Ministries and VC-9, Methodist Church) on November 6, 2018, are both fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. *See* Marra Decl., ¶ 25). Physical site assessments, required under Federal and State law, are done on each Vote Center before each election cycle, using the Department of Justice's required documentation. Both Vote centers underwent the physical assessment. *See* Marra Decl., ¶¶ 7, 25. Both of the Vote Centers had the required number of handicap (accessible) parking spaces under the ADA. *Id.*, ¶26. Additionally, the rugs at the Vote Centers are not "small area rugs" or throw rugs like one would buy in a department store, but rather they are industrial, commercial rugs with non-slip rubber backing, designed to prevent slippage and falling, used in churches and similar facilities. *Id.*, 27.

Since the implementation of the Vote Centers, the elimination of curbside voting, and over the course of eleven (11) Vote Center and nineteen (19) Vote by Mail elections and nearly 57,414 in-person voters, the County has only received two (2) complaints or concerns, inclusive of Ms. Hoffard's complaint, about the elimination of curbside voting. Id., ¶ 23.

Cochise County ensures that individuals with disabilities are not discriminated against based on their disabilities by making sure that all of its Vote Centers are ADA accessible and ADA compliant. These fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant Vote Centers provides individuals with disabilities equal access to *in-person* voting on Election day. Consequently, Defendants did not discriminate against Plaintiff and Plaintiff is unlikely to succeed on the merits. Consequently, this Court should deny Plaintiff's motion.

2. State law does not require the County to offer curbside voting when it has fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant Vote Centers.

In the 2019 Election Procedures Manual ("EPM"), which carries the force of law, and was specifically approved by the Arizona Attorney General, it specifies that curbside voting is an alternative voting option at vote centers *only if* available at the voting location and *only when*: (1) no accessible sites are available; and (2) no temporary measures can make them accessible. *See* 2019 Elections Procedures Manual, Chapter 5: Accommodating Voters with Disabilities, Section IV, Alternative Voting Options, pp. 105-106 (emphasis added). The EPM further explains that it is the election director who determines if a voting location is not accessible. *Id.* Not the voter or anyone else. The EPM also provides that curbside voting *may* be made available as a reasonable accommodation, but it does not mandate that it must be made available as a reasonable accommodation.

Here, Cochise County Elections Director, Lisa Marra determined that all of the County's 17 Vote Centers are ADA accessible and ADA compliant. Therefore, under Arizona law, and pursuant to the EPM, the County was not legally obligated to offer curbside voting as a reasonable accommodation to Plaintiff. Because Arizona law does not require the County to offer curbside voting Plaintiff cannot show that she was discriminated against or denied a benefit based on her disability. Therefore, Plaintiff cannot show that she is substantially likely to succeed on the merits and this Court should dismiss Plaintiff's motion.

### 3. The County offers alternatives for in-person voting.

The County has made reasonable accommodations to ensure voters with disabilities are not disenfranchised by also providing alternative ways to vote, including *early in- person* voting. This provides full, equal and meaningful access to the voting process for everyone, which is ultimately the goal of anti-discrimination laws in voting. Plaintiff demands that the County make special accommodations for her by insisting that the County offer her curbside voting – no matter what the cost – so that she may vote inperson on Election Day. Plaintiff wants what she wants. Period. The Vote Centers already provide her with a means of voting in-person on Election Day. Additionally, the County has already provided a reasonable accommodation and reasonable modification as an alternative means for Plaintiff to vote in-person before Election day - specifically, at the Cochise County Recorder's Office or with assistance by poll works at the Vote Center on Election Day or through the use of Special Boards. *See* Marra Decl. ¶¶ 14, 19, 30. Plaintiff

puts too fine a point and too stringent a requirement on what it means for the County to provide individuals with disabilities meaningful and equal access the voting process. The Constitution protects the right to vote, but not the right to vote in any manner one chooses. *See Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428, 433 (1992). Because these alternatives offer equal and meaningful access to voting, the County did not discriminate against Plaintiff based on disability. Consequently, Plaintiff is unlikely to succeed on the merits and this Court should deny Plaintiff's motion.

# 4. The Arizona Secretary of State Denied Plaintiff's HAVA Complaint and Attorney General's Office ("ACRD") Dismissed Plaintiff's Disability Discrimination Complaint

Plaintiff is also unlikely to succeed on the merits because both the Arizona Secretary of State and the Arizona Attorney General's Office denied or dismissed Plaintiff's disability discrimination Complaint for procedural deficiencies and indicating that information and facts do not show any violation of law.

On January 7, 2019, Plaintiff, through the Arizona Center for Disability Law, filed a HAVA discrimination claim against the County with the Arizona Secretary of State, which was denied because it was procedurally deficient. *Id.*, ¶¶ 24-28. And, although the County's Elections Director attempted to reach out to Plaintiff to address her concerns, Plaintiff never responded. *Id.*, ¶¶ 29-31.

On May 4, 2019, Ms. Plaintiff filed a Complaint of Discrimination with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Division of Civil Rights Section ("ACRD"). *Id.*, ¶ 35. After several months of investigation, on May 4, 2020, ACRD closed its investigation and

issued a dismissal notice finding that "the information obtained [was] not sufficient to

establish violations of the statutes and that further investigation is unlikely to produce such

evidence. On information and belief, Plaintiff requested that ACRD reopen the case.

However, ACRD did not reopen the case.  $^{1}$  Id., ¶¶ 35-36. ACRD's dismissal of Plaintiff's

disability complaint and unwillingness to reopen it is case indicates that Plaintiff is

unlikely to succeed on the merits. Because Plaintiff is unlikely to succeed on the merits,

this Court should deny Plaintiff's motion.

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## 5. The PeakLogix CurbExpress TM by ReadyVote® cart is not a reasonable modification

To prevail on her ADA claim, Plaintiff must propose a reasonable modification to the challenged public program that will allow her the meaningful access that she seeks. *Nat'l Fed'n of the Blind v. Lamone*, 813 F.3d 494, 507 (4th Cir. 2016). A modification is reasonable if it is "reasonable on its face" or used "ordinarily or in the run of cases" and will not cause "undue hardship." (*Id.*)

Here, Plaintiff proposes the use of as PeakLogix CurbExpress  $^{TM}$  by ReadyVote® cart. However, this alternative is not a **reasonable** alternative in the County because the County does not have the technology and consistent and reliable WIFI capacity to utilize these carts. *See* Marra Decl.,  $\P \P 8 - 11$ . A mandatory injunction ordering the use of these

Pursuant to R10-3-106 Application for Reconsideration; Reopening of Proceedings, for ACRD to reopen the case, Plaintiff must include new evidence. New evidence includes, but is not limited to, additional documentation and witnesses not previously disclosed or considered by ACRD during its investigation, new arguments, and/or other information concerning the complaint. Defendants presume that Plaintiff had no new evidence to present to ACRD, as ACRD did not reopen its investigation. Therefore, Plaintiff's claims of discrimination are presumably the same as those that were investigated by ACRD.

carts would create an undue burden on the County. This is not a reasonable on its face. Additionally, the carts do not eliminate the liability to the County for potential injury to the poll workers and voters and potential damage to the ExpressVote® machines. If an ExpressVote® machine broke down due to moving it in and out fir curbside voting, that would delay voting and thus harm other voters who choose to vote at that Vote Center.

More specifically, the touchscreen ExpressVote® machines are very heavy and contain very sensitive components. *Id.*, ¶ 15. To date, The County Elections department had had to have sixty-two (62) ExpressVote® machines repaired under the County's maintenance agreement, which costs the County approximately \$22,000 per year. *Id.*, ¶ 16. All of these repairs resulted from routine movement for delivery, placement and pickup for use on Election Day. *Id.* Should these sensitive machines be moved more frequently in and out of the seventeen (17) Vote Centers, the number of repairs will exponentially increase, thus creating an additional undue burden on the County.

The ExpressVote® machines also have limited battery life and need to be connected to an electrical supply. *Id.*, ¶ 18. Even though they are all on portable stands, they are not designed to be moved in and out of the Vote Center facilities repeatedly for curbside voting and tend to tip over, which could cause damage to a disabled voter's vehicle or serious injury to a disabled voter or to the poll worker moving the ExpressVote® machine, which is a liability exposure for the County. *Id.*, ¶ 15. Simply stated, it is not safe for poll works to move these very top-heavy voting machines outside to a vehicle.

Even though the PeakLogix CurbExpress TM by ReadyVote® cart may be easier to move than the portable stands, the issue of the sensitive components remains unchanged. Repeatedly moving the ExpressVote® machines causes technical problems with the machines. *Id.*, ¶ 17. Further, the carts will not always line up with the vehicles causing the disabled voter to get out of the vehicle to use the ExpressVote® machine. Additionally, the fact remains that the vast majority of the County's poll workers are elderly and these elderly poll workers would still be required to physically move the ExpressVote® machines, repeatedly, in and out of the Vote centers, creating the potential for the ExpressVote® machine and cart to tip over, damaging equipment and potentially injuring the poll worker and/or the voter. *Id.*, ¶ 18. Consequently, Plaintiff's proposed use of these carts is not reasonable.

### 6. The County already offers a reasonable modification.

The County already offers a reasonable modification to its policies, practices and procedures by providing other form of assistance at to the individuals with disabilities at its Vote Centers. All vote center poll workers are trained to provide assistance to disabled and elderly voters. Any voter requesting assistance is entitled to receive help and for those voters who have difficulty standing in line, although the voter is not entitled to advance to the front of the line, a poll worker will hold the voter's place in line and the voter can be offered a place to sit until it is his or her turn to vote. *See* Marra Decl., ¶ 19. There is no evidence that Plaintiff ever asked any of the poll workers for this type of assistance as a reasonable modification. Plaintiff only asked for one method if voting – curbside.

Further, Arizona law allow voters twenty-four (24) days of in-person voting prior to an election, as well as one day of emergency in-person voting prior to an election. Special Election Boards are also available on Election Day to assist voters at home, in hospitals or at assisted living facilities. Id., ¶ 14. Curbside voting in not required during early in-person voting, nor is it required under emergency voting statutes. Id.

### 7. Offering curbside voting would fundamentally alter the nature of the voting system in the County.

Reasonable modification is necessary to avoid discrimination based on disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modification would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program or activity. *Crowder v. Kitagawa*, 81 F.3d 1480, 1485 (9th Cir. 1996). Plaintiff proposes that: (1) the ExpressVote® machine be brought out to the voter's vehicle; (2) paper ballots be brought to the voter's vehicle; or (3) the county use ballot printers. *See* Pl. Mot. for Preliminary Injunction, p. 16, 16:5-16:12. However, here, the Court must deny curbside voting as a reasonable modification because Plaintiff's proposed options would fundamentally alter the nature of Cochise County's voting system, as describe directly below:

In 2015, Cochise County (the "County") decided to move to Vote Centers, rather than assigned polling centers/places, and made a significant monetary investment of over \$1 million dollars in touchscreen ExpressVote® machines to utilize for voting at the Vote Centers. *See* Marra Decl., ¶ 2. The County has utilized Vote Centers for its statewide elections, starting in 2016. *Id.*, ¶ 2. No pre-printed paper ballots are used in at the seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the County because the specific ballot style can

be accessed via the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machines. Further, there are over 300-700 different ballot styles for each election, making it impossible and impracticable for the County to store paper copies of each ballot style at every one of its Vote Centers. Id., ¶ 8.

Other Counties have ballot on demand, ballot printers and reliable WIFI or internet, which allows them offer curbside voting as a permissible, not mandatory, alternative. Cochise County does not.

The County does not have ballot on demand. Nor does the County have any technology that would allow for specific, individualized ballots to be printed curbside. The County does not have the WIFI or internet capability and/or capacity to have reliable and consistent ballot on demand at its seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the mostly rural County. The electronic e-pollbooks used to capture a voter's signature cannot be disconnected from the Vote Centers' circuit to be taken curbside for the voter's signature because when it is disconnected from the system, the *entire voting system* shuts down and has to be restarted before voting can resume, which can take up to twenty (20) minutes. There is no way for the County to offer curbside voting under these circumstances without fundamentally altering its voting system, in which it has invested a significant amount of money. Therefore, curbside voting in Cochise County is not a reasonable modification.

## 8. The risk of contracting COVID-19 at a Vote Center can be reduced by using one of the alternative methods of voting.

Plaintiff contends that "because of the predicted rise of COVID-19 in the coming months as we approach the General Election on November 3, 2020, she will be taking significant risk to enter the Vote Center to cast he ballot." *See* Pl. Mot. for Preliminary

Injunction, p.16, 16:19-16:22, *see also* p.19, 19:6-19:18. However, a more effective way of reducing risk to COVID-19 would be to use one of the alternative methods of voting provided by the County: (1) request an early ballot; (2) asked to ne placed on the Permanent Early Voting List ("PEVL"); (3) vote in-person at the County Recorder's Office; (4) drop off a ballot at one of the County's ballot drop off boxes throughout the County. All American citizens have had to make adjustments and alter their usual ways of doing things during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these alternative methods of voting is lower risk for of contracting COVID-19 for any voter, and especially for any voter who may be vulnerable or at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

### C. Plaintiff Will Not Suffer Irreparable Harm in the Absence of an Injunction

The function and purpose of a preliminary injunction is to prevent irreparable injury pending an ultimate determination of the action. *Marine Cooks & Stewards*, *AFL v. Panama S. S. Co.*, 268 F.2d 935, 935 (9th Cir. 1959). Here, Plaintiff cannot establish that she has suffered irreparable harm because she did not. By Plaintiff's own admission, she was able to cast her vote in the 2016 General Election at one of the County's Vote Centers. *See* Pl. Mot. for Preliminary Injunction, p. 5, 5:21-24. Therefore, she suffered no harm. Further, the County has not denied Plaintiff an opportunity to cast her vote. She has many opportunities to do so, starting from the early voting period, right up until Election Day.

### D. An Injunction is Not in the Public Interest

Plaintiff contends that issuing the injunction is in the public interest because curbside voting would promote the government interest in preventing the further spread of COVID-19. However, the alternative methods of voting outlined above in Section II.B.i.8, better serve that interest, as the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 is lower, if one of those methods is used in lieu of visiting a Vote Center.

### E. The Balance of Equities Does Not Tip in Plaintiff's Favor

To determine the balance of equities, the court must "balance the interest of all parties and weigh the damages to each." *Stormans, Inc. v. Selecky*, 586 F.3d 1109, 1138 (9th Cir. 2009). Here, the balance of interest does not tip in Plaintiff's favor. The County has protected Plaintiff's right to vote, has offered various alternative methods of voting, as well as reasonable modification of the County's policies, practices and procedures by allowing any voter with a disability who wishes to vote in-person on Election Day to have a poll worker hold his/her place in line and sit in a chair until it is time for the voter to cast his/her vote on the ExpressVote® machines.

On the other hand, should a preliminary injunction issue, Defendants will be faced having to offer a service that fundamentally changes its voting system, which does not support a curbside voting process, as explained in Section II.B.i.7, above, and that will be extremely costly to implement. The County does have ballot on demand. Nor, does it have reliable and consistent WIFI capability and capacity. The County will incur additional costs to repair the ExpressVote® machines that are damaged from being

repeatedly moved in and out of the Vote Centers. The changes required to the County's system will be extensive and costly. Here, the interest of the County is effectively running its voting system and administering the November 2020 General Election far outweighs Plaintiff's interest in having curbside voting, when there are many other alternative ways to vote.

### III. THE COURT SHOULD REQUIRE THAT PLAINTIFF POST A BOND

The purpose of an injunction bond is not simply to protect the enjoined party from injury suffered because the trial court may have abused its discretion in granting a preliminary injunction, but to indemnify the enjoined party if ultimately it is held that that party had at all times the right to do the enjoined act. *Wainwright Sec. Inc. v. Wall St. Transcript Corp.*, 80 F.R.D. 103, 107 (S.D.N.Y. 1978). Here, if the mandatory preliminary injunction issue, Defendants' will incur costs to comply with the order. Should the case proceed on the merits and Defendants prevail on the merits, Defendants will have suffered harm. Therefore, Plaintiff this Court should require a bond from Plaintiff.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, this Court should deny Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Expedited Hearing and we respectfully ask this Court to do so.

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DATED this 19th day of October, 2020. BRIAN M. MCINTYRE, COCHISE COUNTY ATTORNEY By: /s/ Christine J. Roberts Christine J. Roberts Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney A copy of the foregoing emailed this 19th day of October, 2020, to: Rose Daly-Rooney rdalyrooney@azdisabilitylaw.org Maya Abela mabela@azdisabilitylaw.org Tamaraingsey In sun@azdisabilitylaw.org Meaghan Kramer mkramer@azdisabilitylaw.org 

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	I, LISA MARRA, DECLARE:						
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20	1. I am the Elections Director for Cochise County. I have been employed in						
21	this capacity since November 26, 2012. I am over the age of 18, and if called as a witness,						
22	I could and would testify competently to the facts stated herein, all of which is my personal						
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- 2. In 2015, Cochise County (the "County") decided to move to Vote Centers, rather than assigned polling centers/places, and made a significant monetary investment of over \$1 million dollars in touchscreen ExpressVote® machines to utilize for voting at the Vote Centers.
- The County has utilized Vote Centers for its statewide elections, starting in 3. 2016.
  - Currently, Cochise County has seventeen (17) Vote Centers. 4.
- A Cochise County voter can go into any of the seventeen (17) Vote Centers 5. to cast his or her ballot, rather than having to go to an assigned precinct-based polling center or district.
- 6. All of the County's seventeen (17) Vote Centers are fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. All equipment utilized at the Vote Centers is fully ADA accessible. This was one important advantage and benefit of moving to Vote Centers. The Vote Centers allow equal access to in-person voting on Election Day.
- 7. Physical site assessments, required under Federal and State law, are done on each Vote Center before each election cycle, using the Department of Justice's required documentation, that can be found at: https://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.htm. A true and correct copy of the ADA checklist is attached hereto, as **Exhibit A**.
- 8. No pre-printed paper ballots are used in at the seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the County because the specific ballot style can be accessed via the ExpressVote® machines. Further, there are over 300-700 different ballot styles for each

election, making it impossible and impracticable for the County to store paper copies of each ballot style at every one of its Vote Centers.

- 9. The County does not have ballot on demand. Nor does the County have any technology that would allow for specific, individualized ballots to be printed curbside.
- 10. The County does not have the WIFI or internet capability and/or capacity to have reliable and consistent ballot on demand at its seventeen (17) Vote Centers throughout the mostly rural County.
- One additional technological challenge with offering curbside voting in the County is the use of the electronic e-pollbooks that are used to capture the voter's signature and that communicate with each other around the County. These e-pollbooks cannot be disconnected from the Vote Centers' circuit to be taken curbside for the voter's signature because when it is disconnected from the system, the *entire voting system* shuts down and has to be restarted before voting can resume, which can take up to twenty (20) minutes.
- 12. Curbside voting is no longer offered because of the potential for injury to voters, poll workers and the voting machine equipment.
  - 13. Arizona law allows for, but does not mandate, curbside voting.
- 14. Additionally, Arizona law allows voters twenty-four (24) days of in-person voting prior to an election, as well as one day of emergency in-person voting prior to an election. Special Election Boards are also available on Election Day to assist voters at home, in hospitals or at assisted living facilities. Curbside voting in not required during early in-person voting, nor is it required under emergency voting statutes.

15. The touchscreen ExpressVote® machines are very heavy and contain very sensitive components. Even though they are all on portable stands, they are not designed to be moved in and out of the Vote Center facilities repeatedly for curbside voting and tend to tip over, which could cause damage to a disabled voter's vehicle or serious injury to a disabled voter or to the poll worker moving the ExpressVote® machine. Simply stated, it is not safe for poll workers to move these very top-heavy voting machines outside to a vehicle.

- 16. To date, I have had to have sixty-two (62) ExpressVote® machines repaired under the County's maintenance agreement, which costs the County approximately \$22,000 per year. All of these repairs resulted from routine movement for delivery, placement and pickup for use on Election Day.
- 17. Even though the PeakLogix CurbExpress <sup>TM</sup> by ReadyVote<sup>®</sup> cart may be easier to move than the portable stands, the issue of the sensitive components remains unchanged. Repeatedly moving the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machines causes technical problems with the machines. Further, the carts will not always line up with the vehicles causing the disabled voter to get out of the vehicle to use the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machine. Additionally, the fact remains that the vast majority of the County's poll workers are elderly and these elderly poll workers would still be required to physically move the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machines, repeatedly, in and out of the Vote centers, creating the potential for the ExpressVote<sup>®</sup> machine and cart to tip over, damaging equipment and potentially injuring the poll worker and/or the voter.

- 18. All of the County's ExpressVote® Machines are assigned to be used in the Vote Centers and there are no spare ones that can be left outside for curbside voting. Additionally, the ExpressVote® machines have limited battery life and need to be connected to an electrical supply.
- 19. All vote center poll workers are trained to provide assistance to disabled and elderly voters. Any voter requesting assistance is entitled to receive help and those voters who have difficulty standing in line, although not entitled to advance to the front of the line, a poll worker will hold the voter's place in line and the voter can be offered a place to sit until it is his or her turn to vote. There is no evidence that Ms. Hoffard ever asked any of the poll workers for this type of assistance as a reasonable modification.
- 20. On May 3, 2018, the County issued a news release informing its residents that all of the County's Vote Centers met the needs of its disabled and elderly citizens because they were now fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant, and as a result, the County would no longer offer curbside voting. Attached hereto, as **Exhibit B**, is a true and correct copy of the May 3, 2018 news release.
- 21. The information was also posted on the County's Facebook page and County website. The County updates its poll worker's handbook and website, which both indicate that curbside voting is no longer offered. The website and poll worker handbook also reflect information that was provided in the news release in 2018.
- 22. The news release also offered the County's residents other means to vote by using early ballots and registering to be on the Permanent Early Voting List ("PEVL").

- 23. Since the implementation of the Vote Centers, the elimination of curbside voting, and over the course of eleven (11) Vote Center and nineteen (19) Vote by Mail elections and nearly 57,414 in-person voters, the County has only received two (2) complaints or concerns, inclusive of Ms. Hoffard's complaint, about the elimination of curbside voting.
- 24. On January 7, 2019, Ms. Hoffard, through the Arizona Center for Disability Law, filed a discrimination claim with the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") of 2002, 52 U.S.C. §§ 21081, et seq., alleging that Cochise County discriminated against her based on her disability, by refusing to provide curbside voting at two vote centers in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Attached hereto, as **Exhibit C**, is a true and correct copy of Ms. Hoffard's HAVA Complaint.
- 25. The two (2) Vote centers that Ms. Hoffard visited (VC-8, Shiloh Christian Ministries and VC-9, Methodist Church) on November 6, 2018, as outlined in her HAVA Complaint are both fully ADA accessible and ADA compliant. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, are the ADA Checklists and Photos for each of the two (2) Vote Centers.
- 26. Both of the Vote Centers had the required number of handicap (accessible) parking spaces under the ADA.
- 27. The rugs at the Vote Centers are not "small area rugs" or throw rugs like one would buy in a department store, but rather they are industrial, commercial rugs with non-slip rubber backing, designed to prevent slippage and falling, used in churches and similar facilities.

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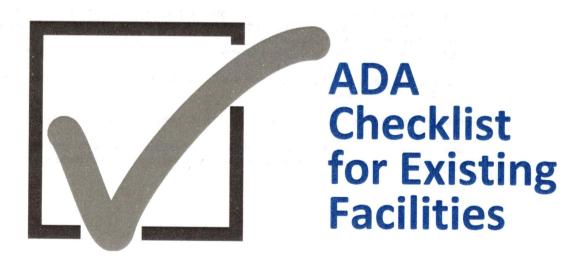
- On January 14, 2019, the Arizona Secretary of State denied Ms. Hoffard's 28. discrimination claim because it was procedurally deficient and notified me of Ms. Hoffard's concerns. Attached hereto, as Exhibit E, is a true and correct copy of Letter from Janine Petty, Deputy State Elections Director, Arizona Secretary of State to Arizona Center for Disability Law, dated January 14, 2019
- 29. On February 4, 2019, I wrote to Ms. Hoffard about the concerns in her HAVA Complaint, explaining that the vote centers are ADA Compliant and fully ADA Accessible under the federal guidelines established for polling locations and therefore, curbside voting is no longer a requirement. Attached hereto as Exhibit F, is a true and correct copy of Letter to Kathleen Hoffard from Lisa M. Marra, dated February 4, 2019.
- 30. I further explained that because of the variety of different ballot styles (approximately 300-700 ballot styles), there are no pre-printed paper ballots at the vote centers, any voter who chooses to vote in person is required to come to the ADA accessible Vote Center and cast his/her vote on one of the touchscreen ExpressVote® machines. Additionally, I offered Ms. Hoffard the option of participating in early voting, requesting a paper ballot be mailed to her, and/or voting early, in-person at the Cochise County Recorder's Office.
  - 31. Ms. Hoffard never contacted me or responded to my letter.
- 32. On May 4, 2019, Ms. Hoffard filed a Complaint of Discrimination with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Division of Civil Rights Section ("ACRD"). Attached hereto, as Exhibit G, is a true and correct copy of Ms. Hoffard's ACRD Complaint.

- 33. On May 30, 2019, the County Attorney's Office filed a position statement. Attached hereto as **Exhibit H**, is a true and correct copy of the Defendants' Position Statement dated May 30, 2019.
- 34. In January 2020, in response to ACRD's subpoena and discovery requests, my office produced over 500 pages of documents.
- 35. On May 4, 2020, ACRD closed its investigation and issued a dismissal notice finding that "the information obtained [was] not sufficient to establish violations of the statutes and that further investigation is unlikely to produce such evidence. Attached hereto, as **Exhibit I**, is a true and correct copy of ACRD's May 4, 2020 Dismissal Notice.
- 36. On information and belief, Plaintiff requested that ACRD reopen the case. However, ACRD did not reopen the case.
- 37. On August 31, 2020, I was served with Ms. Hoffard's First Amended Complaint.

Pursuant to 28. U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 19, 2020, in Bisbee, Arizona.

# **EXHIBIT "A"**



Based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design



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ADA	Checklist	for	Fxisting	Facilities

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments, businesses and non-profit organizations to provide goods, services and programs to people with disabilities on an equal basis with the rest of the public.

Some people think that only new construction and alterations need to be accessible and that older facilities are "grandfathered," but that's not true. Because the ADA is a civil rights law and not a building code, older facilities are often required to be accessible to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate.

The ADA has different requirements for state and local governments and for places of public accommodation (businesses and non-profit organizations that serve the public).

## **Requirements for State and Local Governments**

State and local governments must ensure that services, programs and activities, when viewed in their entirety, are accessible to people with disabilities. This is part of public entities' program accessibility obligations. Alterations to older buildings may be needed to ensure program accessibility. Generally this is a greater obligation than "readily achievable barrier removal" the standard that applies to public accommodations. State and local governments are not required to take any action that would result in undue financial and administrative burdens.

State and local governments' ADA obligations for program accessibility are in the Department of Justice's ADA Title II regulations 28 CFR Part 35.150.

# How to Use this Checklist

## **Get Organized**

One person can conduct a survey, but it's easier with two people. One person can take measurements and the other person can fill out the checklist and take photos.

#### Obtain Floor Plan or Make Sketch

A floor plan helps the surveyors to get organized and to know how many elements there are, such as entrances and toilet rooms. If plans are not available, sketch the exterior and interior layout of interior and exterior spaces and mark the elements on the sketch.

## Make Copies of the Checklist

Determine how many copies of each section of the checklist you need. For example, most facilities have more than one toilet room.

## **Gather Tools**

- Checklist
- Clipboard
- Tape measure
- Electronic or carpenter's level 24 inches
- · Door pressure gauge or fish scale
- Camera
- · Bag to hold these items

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## **Requirements for Places of Public Accommodation**

Businesses and non-profit organizations that serve the public must remove architectural barriers when it is "readily achievable" to do so; in other words, when barrier removal is "easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense."

The decision of what is readily achievable is made considering the size, type, and overall finances of the public accommodation and the nature and cost of the access improvements needed. Barrier removal that is difficult now may be readily achievable in the future as finances change.

Public accommodations' ADA obligations for barrier removal are in the Department of Justice's ADA Title III regulations 28 CFR Part 36.304.

## **Priorities for Accessibility**

The checklist follows the four priorities that are listed in the Department of Justice ADA Title III regulations. These priorities are equally applicable to state and local government facilities.

- Priority 1 Accessible approach and entrance
- Priority 2 Access to goods and services
- Priority 3 Access to public toilet rooms
- Priority 4 Access to other items such as water fountains and public telephones

## **Conduct the Survey**

#### **Start Outside**

Start from site arrival points such as drop-off areas and sidewalks. Determine if there is an accessible route to an accessible entrance. If there is a parking lot or garage check for the correct number of accessible parking spaces, including van-accessible spaces. Is there an accessible route from the accessible parking spaces to an accessible entrance? Next survey the entrances. If there is an accessible entrance, determine if there are signs at inaccessible entrances directing people to the accessible entrance. Go inside and continue through the facility.

## **Keep Good Notes**

Write on the front of each checklist where you are surveying. You may end up with six toilet room checklists. When you get back to your office you'll want to know which one is the checklist for the first floor women's room. If there isn't an accessible entrance you'll want to indicate how many steps there are and how much space is available to install a ramp or lift. This is a good time to take photographs.

## **Take Good Measurements**

When in doubt write it down, It's better to have too much information than not enough. Even if something is in compliance it's helpful to have exact measurements.

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## 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

The checklist is based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards). The checklist does not include all sections of the 2010 Standards. For example there are no questions about patient rooms in hospitals or guest rooms in hotels. Consult the 2010 Standards for situations not covered in the checklist. Full compliance with the 2010 Standards is required only for new construction and alterations.



Elements in facilities built or altered before March 15, 2012 that comply with the 1991 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (1991 Standards) are not required to be modified to specifications in the 2010 Standards. For example, the 1991 Standards allow 54 inches maximum for a side reach range to a control such as the operating part of a paper towel dispenser. The 2010 Standards lower that side reach range to 48 inches maximum. If a paper towel dispenser was installed prior to March 15, 2012 with the highest operating part at 54 inches, the paper towel dispenser does not need to be lowered to 48 inches.

## Elements in the 2010 Standards that aren't in the 1991 **Standards**

The 2010 Standards contain elements that are not in the 1991 Standards. These elements include recreation facilities such as swimming pools, team and player seating, accessible routes to court sports facilities, saunas and steam rooms, fishing piers, play areas, exercise machines, golf facilities, miniature golf facilities, amusement rides, shooting facilities with firing positions, and recreational boating facilities. Because these elements are not in the 1991 Standards, they are not subject to the safe harbor exemption. State and local governments must make these items



**Parking Spaces** Measure from the center of marking lines. If lines are not adjacent to another space or aisle the measurement can be to the full width of the line.



**Door Clear Width** Open the door 90 degrees, measure from the face of the door to the edge of the door stop.



**Door Opening Force** Place the door pressure gauge where you would push open the door.

If you're using a fish scale, place it where you would pull open the door.



accessible if necessary to ensure program accessibility, unless an undue burden would result. Public accommodations must remove architectural barriers to these items.

#### What this Checklist is Not

The ADA Title II and III regulations require more than program accessibility and barrier removal. The regulations include requirements for nondiscriminatory policies and practices and for the provision of auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language interpreters for people who are deaf and material in Braille for people who are blind. This checklist does not cover those requirements.

Since this checklist does not include all of the 2010 Standards it is not intended to determine compliance for new construction or facilities being altered.

## What are Public Accommodations?

Under the ADA public accommodations are private entities that own, lease, lease to or operate a place of public accommodation. This means that both a landlord who leases space in a building to a tenant and the tenant who operates a place of public accommodation have responsibilities to remove barriers.

A place of public accommodation is a facility whose operations affect commerce and fall within at least one of the following 12 categories:

- 1) Places of lodging (e.g., inns, hotels, motels, except for owner-occupied establishments renting fewer than six rooms)
- 2) Establishments serving food or drink (e.g., restaurants and bars)
- 3) Places of exhibition or entertainment (e.g. , motion picture houses, theaters, concert



## **Accessible Slopes**

You can measure slope with a 24 inch level and a tape measure. Put the level on the surface in the direction you are

measuring. Put one end at the high point of the surface and raise the other end so that the bubble is in the middle of the level's gauge. The level is now level. Measure the distance between the end of the level at its bottom point and the surface.

For a ramp the maximum running slope allowed is 1:12. That means for every inch of height change there should be at least 12 inches of ramp run. If the distance between the bottom of the level and the ramp surface is 2 inches or less, then the slope is 1:12 or less (2:24 = 1:12 and 1.5:24 = 1:16 which is a more)gradual slope than 1:12). If the distance is greater than 2 inches, the ramp is too steep. For example, if the distance is 3 inches, then the slope is 1:8 (3:24 = 1:8 which is a steeper slope than 1:12).

For the parts of an accessible route that aren't a ramp, the maximum running slope allowed is 1:20. That means for every inch of height change there must be at least 20 inches of route run. The distance from the bottom edge of the level to the surface should be no more than 1.2 inches (1.2:24 = 1:20).

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halls, stadiums)

- 4) Places of public gathering (e.g., auditoriums, convention centers, lecture halls)
- 5) Sales or rental establishments (e.g. , bakeries, grocery stores, hardware stores, shopping centers)
- 6) Service establishments (e.g., laundromats, dry-cleaners, banks, barber shops, beauty shops, travel services, shoe repair services, funeral parlors, gas stations, offices of accountants or lawyers, pharmacies, insurance offices, professional offices of health care providers, hospitals)
- 7) Public transportation terminals, depots, or stations (not including facilities relating to air transportation)
- 8) Places of public display or collection (e.g., museums, libraries, galleries)
- 9) Places of recreation (e.g., parks, zoos, amusement parks)
- 10) Places of education (e.g. , nursery schools, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate private schools)
- 11) Social service center establishments (e.g., day care centers, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, food banks, adoption agencies)
- Places of exercise or recreation (e.g., gymnasiums, health spas, bowling alleys, golf courses).

For the cross slope of an accessible route the maximum slope allowed is 1:48. The distance from the bottom edge of the level to the surface should be no more than ½ inch (.5:24 = 1:48). The cross slope of an accessible route is the slope that is perpendicular to the direction of pedestrian travel.

Slopes may also be measured using a digital level. Be sure to read the instructions. Measure with the percent calculation rather than the degrees calculation. For a ramp the maximum running slope allowed is 8.33% (8.33% is a 1:12 slope). For an accessible route without a ramp the maximum running slope allowed is 5% (1:20). For the cross slope of an accessible route the maximum slope allowed is 2.083% (1:48).

Check that You Got Everything - Before you leave the site review all the checklists. Make sure you know which checklist goes with which entrance and which toilet room and that you've got all the information you need. It is better to do it now than to have to go back.

## **After the Survey**

**List Barriers and Solutions** - Consider the solutions listed beside each question on the checklist and add your own ideas. Consult with building contractors and equipment suppliers to estimate the costs for making modifications.

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### Resources

**U.S. Department of Justice ADA Information** 

800-514-0301 voice 800-514-0383 TTY www.ada.gov

#### **ADA National Network**

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#### **U.S. Access Board**

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#### **ADA Title III Regulations 28 CFR Part 36**

www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII\_2010/titleIII\_2010\_regulations.htm

## 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards\_index.htm

## 1991 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

www.ada.gov/stdspdf.htm

## **Tax Deductions and Credits for Barrier Removal**

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Develop a Plan - State and local governments were required to develop a Transition Plan a few years after the ADA went into effect. Conducting a current survey is a good opportunity to update the plan.

Although places of public accommodation are not required to have a plan,, the Department of Justice recommends one: "...Such a plan...could serve as evidence of a good faith effort to comply..."

Prioritize items, make a timeline, decide who is responsible to carry out the plan and develop a budget.

Make Changes - Use the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Check whether local and state building codes require greater accessibility when alterations are undertaken.

Follow Up - Review the plan each year to evaluate whether more access improvements can be made.

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An accessible route from site arrival points and an accessible entrance should be provided for everyone.



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1.1	Is there at least one route from site arrival points (parking, passenger loading zones, public sidewalks and public transportation stops) that does not require the use of stairs? [See 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design – 206.2.1]	Yes No			Photo #:	<ul> <li>Add a ramp</li> <li>Regrade to 1:20         maximum slope</li> <li>Add a lift if site         constraints prevent other         solutions</li> </ul>
Park	ing Accessible parking spaces should b	oe identified by size,	access aisle and signag	ge.		the wave in the state of the state of
1.2	If parking is provided for the public, are an adequate number of accessible spaces provided?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	Total Spaces	Accessible Spaces		Reconfigure by repainting lines
		T-1-1 "	1 - 25	1	Photo #:	•
	[208.2]	Total #:	26 - 50	2		•
		Accessible #:	51 - 75	3		1.7 Y
			76 - 100	4		
			100+ see 2010 Sta	andards 208.2		e de la companya de l
1.3	Of the accessible spaces, is at least one a van accessible space?* [208.2.4]	□Yes □No	*For every 6 or fra spaces required by at least 1 should be space.	the table above,		* If constructed before 3/15/2012, parking is compliant if at least 1 in every 8 accessible spaces is van accessible
						<ul> <li>Reconfigure by</li> </ul>

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1.4	Are accessible spaces at least 8 feet wide with an access aisle at least 5 feet wide? [502.2, 502.3]  Note: Two spaces may share an access aisle. Check state/local requirements; some specify that each space have its own aisle.	Yes No	8'min→4S'min→	Photo #:	Reconfigure by repainting lines
1.5	Is the van accessible space:  At least 11 feet wide with an access aisle at least 5 feet wide?  Or  At least 8 feet wide with an access aisle at least 8 feet wide?  [502.2]	Yes No Measurement: Yes No Measurement:	or o	Photo #:	Reconfigure to provide van-accessible space(s)
1.6	Is at least 98 inches of vertical clearance provided for the van accessible space? [502.5]	Yes No	98"min	Photo #:	Reconfigure to provide van-accessible space(s)

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on the ground.

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1.11	Are there signs reading "van accessible" at van accessible spaces? [502.6]	□Yes □No	<u>E</u>	Photo #:	Install signs
1.12	Of the total parking spaces, are the accessible spaces located on the closest accessible route to the accessible entrance(s)? [208.3.1]  Note: If parking serves multiple entrances, accessible parking should be dispersed.	□yes □No		Photo #:	Reconfigure spaces
Exter	ior Accessible Route				
1.13	Is the route stable, firm and slip-resistant? [302.1]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	<ul> <li>Repair uneven paving</li> <li>Fill small bumps and breaks with patches</li> <li>Replace gravel with asphalt or other surface</li> </ul>
1.14	Is the route at least 36 inches wide? [403.5.1]	☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	36"min		Change or move landscaping, furnishings or other items Widen route

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	Note: If the running slope is steeper than 1:20, treat as a ramp and add features such as edge protection and handrails.			Photo #:	
1.17	Is the running slope no steeper than 1:20, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 20 inches of route run? [403.3]	Yes No	i		• Regrade to 1:20 max. •
1.16	If there are grates or openings on the route, are the openings no larger than ½ inches?  Is the long dimension perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel? [302.3]	Yes No Measurement: Yes No		Photo #:	• Replace or move grate •
1.15	If the route is greater than 200 feet in length and less than 60 inches wide, is there a passing space no less than 60 x 60 inches? [403.5.3]	Yes No	36"min 60"min	Photo #:	Widen route for passing space     .
	Note: The accessible route can narrow to 32 inches min. for a max. of 24 inches. These narrower portions of the route must be at least 48 inches from each other.		32"min 32"min	Photo #:	

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1.18	Is the cross slope no steeper than 1:48? [403.3]	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	• Regrade to 1:48 max. • •
Curb 1.19	Ramps  If the accessible route crosses a curb, is there a curb ramp? [402.2]	□yes □No		Photo #:	• Install curb ramp •
1.20	Is the running slope of the curb ramp no steeper than 1:12, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 12 inches of curb ramp run? [406.1, 405.2]	Yes No	12 min 1	Photo #:	Regrade curb ramp
1.21	Is the cross slope of the curb ramp, excluding flares, no steeper than 1:48? [406.1, 405.3]	☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	48 min 1	Photo #:	Regrade curb ramp

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1.22	Is the curb ramp, excluding flares, at least 36 inches wide? [406.1, 405.5]	Yes No	36"min	Dh. a. 4	• Widen curb ramp •
1.23	At the top of the curb ramp is there a level landing (slope no steeper than 1:48 in all directions) that is at least 36 inches long and at least as wide as the curb ramp? [406.4]  If there are curb ramp flares, are the slopes of the flares no steeper than 1:10, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 10 inches of flare run? [406.3]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	36"min 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Photo #:	Reconfigure     Add ramp flares
1.24	If the landing at the top is less than 36 inches long, are there curb ramp flares?  Are the slopes of the flares no greater than 1:12, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 12 inches of flare run? [406.4]	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:	12 min 1	Photo #:	Add ramp flares     Regrade flares

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Ramp	amps If any portion of the accessible route is steeper than 1:20, it should be treated as a ramp.				
1.25	If there is a ramp is it at least 36 inches wide? [405.5]  Note: If there are handrails, measure between the handrails.	Yes No	36"min	Photo #:	• Alter ramp •
1.26	Is the surface stable, firm and slip resistant? [405.4]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Resurface ramp
1.27	For each section of the ramp, is the running slope no greater than 1:12, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 12 inches of ramp run? [405.2]  Note: Rises no greater than 3 inches with a slope no steeper than 1:8 and rises no greater than 6 inches with a slope no steeper than 1:10 are permitted when such slopes are necessary due to space limitations.	Yes No Measurement:	12 min	Photo #:	Relocate ramp     Lengthen ramp to decrease slope

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1.28	Is there a level landing that is at least 60 inches long and at least as wide as the ramp:				Alter ramp     Relocate ramp
	At the top of the ramp?	Yes No	be at least equal to ramp width		
	At the bottom of the ramp? [405.7.2, 405.7.3]	Yes No Measurement:	*60*min.	Photo #:	
1.29	Is there a level landing where the ramp changes direction that is at least 60 x 60 inches? [405.7.4]	Yes No Measurement:	A GO MIN.		Alter ramp     Increase landing size
				Photo #:	
1.30	If the ramp has a rise higher than 6 inches, are there handrails on both sides? [405.8]	Yes No			• Add handrails •
	Note: Curb ramps are not required to have handrails.		if greater than 6"	Photo #:	

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1.31	Is the top of the handrail gripping surface no less than 34 inches and no greater than 38 inches above the ramp surface? [505.4]	Yes No	34"-38"	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Reconfigure or replace handrails</li> <li>Adjust handrail height</li> </ul>
1.32	Is the handrail gripping surface continuous and not obstructed along the top or sides? [505.3]  If there are obstructions, is the bottom of the gripping surface obstructed no greater than 20%? [505.6]	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:		Photo #:	Reconfigure or replace handrails
1.33	If the handrail gripping surface is circular, is it no less than 1 % inches and no greater than 2 inches in diameter? [505.7.1]	Yes No Measurement:	11%-2%	Photo #:	Replace handrails
1.34	If the handrail gripping surface is non-circular:  Is the perimeter no less than 4 inches and no greater than 6% inches?	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	4"-6 K" perimeter		• Replace handrails •

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	Is the cross section no greater than 2½ inches? [505.7.2]	Yes No Measurement:			
				Photo #:	
1.35	Does the handrail:				Alter handrails
	Extend at least 12 inches horizontally beyond the top and bottom of the ramp?	Yes No			•
	Return to a wall, guard, or landing surface? [505.10.1]	□Yes □No	127- min		
	Note: If a 12 inch extension would be a hazard (in circulation path) it is not required.		min	Photo #:	
1.36	To prevent wheelchair casters and crutch tips from falling off:				Add curb     Add barrier
	Does the surface of the ramp	□Yes □No	שו שו		<ul><li>Extend ramp width</li></ul>
	extend at least 12 inches beyond the inside face of the handrail? Or	Measurement:	12″min		
	Is there a curb or barrier that prevents the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere?	Yes No	less than 4"		
	[405.9.1, 405.9.2]			Photo #:	

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Entra	nce					
1.37	Is the main entrance accessible?	□Yes I	□No			Redesign to make it accessible
					Photo #:	
1.38	If the main entrance is not accessible, is there an alternative accessible entrance?  Can the alternative accessible entrance be used	□Yes □				Designate an entrance and make it accessible     Ensure that accessible entrance can be used independently and during the same hours as
	independently and during the same hours as the main entrance?				Photo #:	the main entrance
1.39	Do all inaccessible entrances have signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible entrance? [216.6]	□Yes	□no	ACCEPTANCE ACCEPTANCE	Photo #:	Install signs Install signs on route before people get to inaccessible entrances so that people do not have to turn around and retrace route    Install signs  Install sig
1.40	If not all entrances are accessible, is there a sign at the accessible entrance with the International Symbol of Accessibility? [216.6]	Yes	□no	Ė		• Install sign •
	- ·				Photo #:	

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1.41	Is the clear opening width of the accessible entrance door at least 32 inches, between the face of the door and the stop, when the door is open 90 degrees? [404.2.3]	Yes No Measurement:	32" min——90°	Photo #:	<ul><li>Alter door</li><li>Install offset hinges</li></ul>
1.42	If there is a front approach to the pull side of the door, is there at least 18 inches of maneuvering clearance beyond the latch side plus at least 60 inches clear depth?  Note: See 2010 Standards 404.2.4 for maneuvering clearance requirements on the push side of the door and side approaches to the pull side of the door  On both sides of the door, is the ground or floor surface of the maneuvering clearance level (no steeper than 1:48)? [404.2.4]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	60" IB"min	Photo#:	Reconfigure walls Add automatic door opener    Opener
1.43	If the threshold is vertical is it no more than ¼ inch high?  Or	Yes No Measurement:			Remove or replace threshold
	No more than ½ inch high with the top ¼ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed on or	Yes No Measurement:	1/4"max		

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	after the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)?  Or  No more than ¾ inch high with the top ½ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed before the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)? [404.2.5, 303.2]  Note: The first ¼ inch of the ½ or ¾ inch threshold may be vertical; the rest must be beveled.	☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	1/2"max{	Photo #:	
1.44	Is the door equipped with hardware that is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?  Door handle?				<ul> <li>Replace inaccessible knob with lever, loop or push hardware</li> <li>Add automatic door opener</li> </ul>
	Lock (if provided)? [404.2.7]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	

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1.45	Are the operable parts of the door hardware no less than 34 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor or ground surface? [404.2.7]	Yes No	34" 48"	Photo #:	Change hardware height
1.46	If the door has a closer, does it take at least 5 seconds to close from an open position of 90 degrees to a position of 12 degrees from the latch? [404.2.8]	Yes No	30° 12°	Photo #:	• Adjust closer •
1.47	If there are two doors in a series, e.g. vestibule, is the distance between the doors at least 48 inches plus the width of the doors when swinging into the space?  [404.2.6]	Yes No	or 48"min —		Remove inner door     Change door swing

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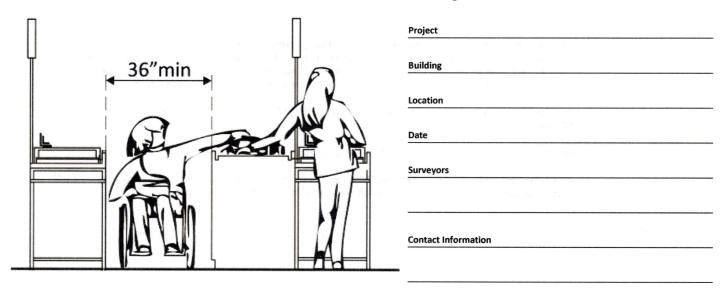
			— 48"min —	Photo #:	
1.48	If provided at the building entrance, are carpets or mats no higher than ½ inch thick? [302.2]	Yes No	½"max		Replace or remove mats
				Photo #:	
1.49	Are edges of carpets or mats securely attached to minimize tripping hazards? [302.2]	□Yes □No			Secure carpeting or mats at edges
				Photo #:	
		□Yes □No			•
				Photo #:	
		□Yes □No			•
				Photo #:	

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## **Priority 2 – Access to Goods & Services**

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The layout of the building should allow people with disabilities to obtain goods and services and to participate in activities without assistance.



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2.1	Does the accessible entrance provide direct access to the main floor, lobby and elevator? [See 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design – 206.4]	□yes □No		Photo #:	• Create accessible route •
Inter	rior Accessible Route			The state of the same of the s	propagation propagation
2.2	Are all public spaces on at least one accessible route? [206.2.4]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>		Photo #:	• Create accessible route •
2.3	Is the route stable, firm and slip-resistant? [40.2, 302.1]	□yes □No		Photo #:	Repair uneven surfaces     .
2.4	Is the route at least 36 inches wide? [403.5.1]  Note: The accessible route can narrow to 32 inches min. for a max. of 24 inches. These narrower portions of the route must be at least 48 inches from each other.	Yes No Measurement:	36"min		• Widen route •

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			32"min 32"min 32"min	Photo #:	
2.5	If the route is greater than 200 feet in length and less than 60 inches wide, is there a passing space no less than 60 x 60 inches? [403.5.3]	Yes No Measurement:	36"min 60"min	Photo #:	Widen route for passing space
2.6	Is the running slope no steeper than 1:20, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 20 inches of route run? [403.3]  Note: If the running slope is steeper than 1:20, treat as a ramp and add features such as edge protection and handrails.	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	• Regrade •
2.7	Is the cross slope no steeper than 1:48? [403.3]	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	• Regrade •

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2.8	Do all objects on circulation paths through public areas, e.g. fire extinguishers, drinking fountains, signs, etc., protrude no more than 4 inches into the path?  Or  If an object protrudes more than 4 inches, is the bottom leading edge at 27 inches or lower above the floor? [307.2]  Or	Yes No  Measurement:  Yes No  Measurement:  Yes No  Measurement:	Or 27 max Or BATHROOM 90 min	Photo #:	Remove object Add tactile warning such as permanent planter or partial walls
2.9	Are there elevators or platform lifts to all public stories?  Note: Vertical access is not required in new construction or alterations if a facility is less than three stories or has less than 3,000 square feet per story, unless the facility is a shopping center, shopping mall,	□Yes □No			Install if necessary     Offer goods and services on an accessible story

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care provider, transportation	:		
terminal, state facility or local			
government facility		Photo #:	

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2.10	If there is a ramp, is it at least 36 inches wide? [405.5]  Note: If there are handrails, measure between the handrails.	Yes No Measurement:	36"min.	Photo #:	• Alter ramp •
2.11	Is the surface stable, firm and slip resistant? [405.4]	□yes □No			Resurface ramp
2.12	For each section of the ramp, is the running slope no greater than 1:12, i.e. for every inch of height change there are at least 12 inches of ramp run? [405.2]  Note: Rises no greater than 3 inches with a slope no steeper than 1:8 and rises no greater	Yes No Measurement:	12 min	Photo #:	Lengthen ramp to decrease slope     Relocate ramp

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	than 6 inches with a slope no steeper than 1:10 are permitted when due to space limitations.			Photo #:	
2.13	Is there a level landing that is at least 60 inches long and at least as wide as the ramp:				Alter ramp     Relocate ramp
	At the top of the ramp?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	landing widths must be at least equal to		
		Measurement:	be at least equal to ramp width		
	At the bottom of the ramp? [405.7.2, 405.7.3]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	2.60°min.		
		Measurement:			
2.14	Is there a level landing where	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>		Photo #:	Increase landing size
	the ramp changes direction that is at least 60 x 60 inches?	L Yes L No	in /		•
	[405.7.4]	Measurement:	eo min		
			60 min		
				Photo #:	

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2.15	If the ramp has a rise higher than 6 inches are there handrails on both sides? [405.8]	Yes No Measurement:	if greater than 6"	Photo #:	• Add handrails • •
2.16	Is the top of the handrail gripping surface no less than 34 inches and no greater than 38 inches above the ramp surface? [505.4]	Yes No Measurement:	34"-38"	Photo #:	Adjust handrail height
2.17	Is the handrail gripping surface continuous and not obstructed along the top or sides? [505.3]  If there are obstructions, is the bottom of the gripping surface obstructed no more than 20%? [505.6]	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:		Photo #:	Reconfigure or replace handrails
2.18	If the handrail gripping surface is circular, is it no less than 1 ½ inches and no greater than 2 inches in diameter? [505.7.1]	Yes No Measurement:	11/4-2%	Photo #:	• Replace handrails •

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handrail? Or

Does the surface of the ramp extend at least 12 inches beyond the inside face of the

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☐<sub>Yes</sub> ☐<sub>No</sub>

Measurement:

☐<sub>Yes</sub> ☐<sub>No</sub>

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• Extend ramp width

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	Is there a curb or barrier that prevents the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere? [405.9.1, 405.9.2]	Measurement:		Photo #:		
<u></u>	ntors — Full Size & LULA (limite	d uso limited applic	ation) IIII A elevators are often	used in alterations.		
2.22	If there is a full size or LULA	Yes No	ation, Local elevators are often		Change call button     height	
	elevator, are the call buttons no higher than 54 inches above the floor? [407.2.1.1]	Measurement:	54"max		•	
				Photo #:	* 16	
2.23	If there is a full size or LULA elevator, does the sliding door reopen automatically when obstructed by an object or person?*	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			* If constructed before 3/15/2012 and manually operated, the door is not required to reopen automatically	
	[407.3.3]				• Install opener	
				Photo #:	•	
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2.24	If there is a LULA elevator with a swinging door:				Add power operated door
	Is the door power- operated?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			<ul><li>Adjust opening time</li></ul>
	Does the door remain open for at least 20 seconds when	☐ <sub>Yes</sub> ☐ <sub>No</sub>			
	activated? [403.3.2]	Time:		Photo #:	
2.25	If there is a full size elevator:				Replace elevator
	Is the interior at least 54 inches deep by at least 36 inches wide with at least 16 sq. ft. of clear	Yes No	<b>4</b> –36″min <b>→</b>		•
	floor area?	Measurement.	16 sq.ft.min 54"min		
	Is the door opening width at least 32 inches? [407.4.1 Exception]	Yes No	<b>32″</b> min <b>→</b>		
	[407.4.1 Exception]	- Medsarement.		Photo #:	
2.26	If there is a LULA elevator, is the interior:				Replace elevator
	At least 51 inches deep by 51 inches wide with a door opening width of at least 36 inches?	Yes No Measurement:	51"min 15 sq. ft. min		•
	Or At least 54 inches deep by at	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	51″ or 54″ min		
	least 36 inches wide with at least 15 sq. ft. of clear floor	Measurement:	32"min		* 0000
	area and a door opening width of at least 32 inches?				
	[408.4.1 Exceptions 1 and 2]			Photo #:	

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2.27	If there is a full size or LULA elevator, are the in-car controls:  No less than 15 inches and no greater 48 inches above the floor?  Or  Up to 54 inches above the floor for a parallel approach? [408.4.6, 407.4.6.1]	Yes No Measurement: Yes No Measurement:	48"max 15"min Or 54"max 15"min	Photo #:	• Change control height •
2.28	If there is a LULA elevator, are the in-car controls centered on a side wall? [408.4.6]	Yes No		Photo #:	Reconfigure controls
2.29	If there is a full size or LULA elevator:  Are the car control buttons designated with raised characters?  Are the car control buttons designated with Braille?	□Yes □No	5 30 40 *10 20		Add raised characters     Add Braille

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	[407.4.7.1, 703.2]			Photo #:	!
2.30	If there is a full size or LULA elevator, are there audible signals which sound as the car passes or is about to stop at a floor? [407.4.8]	□Yes □No		Photo#:	<ul><li>Install audible signals</li><li></li></ul>
2.31	If there is a full size or LULA elevator:				Install signs     Change sign height
	Is there a sign on both door jambs at every floor identifying the floor?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			•
	Is there a tactile star on both jambs at the main entry level?	□Yes □No			
	Do text characters contrast with their backgrounds?	□Yes □No		3 .	
	Are text characters raised?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	48″min		
	Is there Braille?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			* If constructed before
	Is the sign mounted between 48 inches to the baseline of the	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			3/15/2012 and mounted no higher than 60 inches to the centerline of the
	lowest character and 60 inches to the baseline of the highest character above the floor?*	Measurement:			sign, relocation is not required
	[407.2.3, 408.2.3]	1		Photo #:	1

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#### • Reconfigure so 2.32 If a lift is provided, can it be □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> independently operable used without assistance from others? [410.1] Photo #: • Remove obstructions 2.33 Is there a clear floor space at ☐Yes ☐No least 30 inches wide by at least 48 inches long for a person Measurement: using a wheelchair to approach and reach the controls to use the lift? [410.5] 30"min 48"min Photo #: · Change control height Are the lift controls no less □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> than 15 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor? Measurement: [410.5] Photo #:

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Is there a clear floor space at

least 36 inches wide by at least 48 inches long inside the lift?

☐Yes ☐No

Measurement:

2.35

[410.3]

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48" min

Photo #:

36 "min

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• Replace lift

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2.36	If there is an end door, is the clear opening width at least 32 inches? [410.6]	Yes No	32 <sup>*</sup> min	Photo #:	• Alter door width • •
2.37	If there is a side door, is the	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>		Prioto #.	Alter door width
	clear opening width at least 42 inches? [410.6]	Measurement:	42″min		•
			<u> </u>		
				Photo #:	
Signs	"Tactile characters" are read using to	ouch, i.e. raised chara	cters and Braille.		
2.38	If there are signs designating permanent rooms and spaces not likely to change over time, e.g. room numbers and letters, room names, and exit signs: [216.2]	The state of the s			Install tactile sign     Relocate sign
	Do text characters contrast with their backgrounds? [703.5]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	354 LIBRARY		
	Are text characters raised? [703.2]	☐Yes ☐No			
	Is there Braille? [703.3]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			
	Is the sign mounted:				
				<del></del>	<u> </u>

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the door? [703.4.2]

devices.

[703.4.2]

On the wall on the latch side of

Note: Signs are permitted on

closers and without hold-open

With clear floor space beyond

between the closed position

and 45-degree open position, at least 18 x 18 inches centered

on the tactile characters?\*

the arc of the door swing

the push side of doors with

# Yes No No Yes No No No 18 min Measurement:

\*If constructed before 3/15/2012 and a person may approach within 3 inches of the sign without encountering protruding objects or standing within the door swing, relocation not required

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\*If constructed before 3/15/2012 and mounted no higher than 60 inches to the centerline of the sign, relocation not required

So the baseline of the lowest character is at least 48 inches above the floor and the baseline of the highest character is no more than 60 inches above the floor? \*
[703.4.1]

Note: If the sign is at double doors with one active leaf, the sign should be on the inactive leaf; if both leaves are active, the sign should be on the wall to the right of the right leaf.

□<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub>

Measurement:

Photo #:

60"max

48"

min

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2.39	If there are signs that provide direction to or information about interior spaces:				Install signs with contrasting characters     Change sign height
	Do text characters contrast with their backgrounds? [703.5.1]	Yes No	LEPTARY		•
	Is the sign mounted so that characters are at least 40 inches above the floor? [703.5.6]	Yes No Measurement:	40°min		
	Note: Raised characters and Braille are not required.			Photo #:	
Inter	ior Doors – to classrooms, me	edical exam roon	ns, conference rooms, etc.	<u> </u>	
2.40	Is the door opening width at least 32 inches clear, between the face of the door and the stop, when the door is open 90 degrees? [404.2.3]	Yes No	32" min————————————————————————————————————	Photo #:	Install offset hinges     Alter the doorway
2.41	If there is a front approach to the pull side of the door, is there at least 18 inches of maneuvering clearance beyond the latch side plus at least 60 inches clear depth?  Note: See 2010 Standards 404.2.4 for maneuvering clearance requirements on the push side of the door and side approaches to the pull side of the door.	Yes No	60" min		Remove obstructions     Reconfigure walls     Add automatic door opener

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On both sides of the door, is the floor surface of the maneuvering clearance level (no steeper than 1:48)? [404.2.4]	Yes No		Photo #:	
2.42 If the threshold is vertical is it no more than ¼ inch high?  Or  No more than ½ inch high with the top ¼ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed on or after the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)?  Or  No more than ¾ inch high with the top ½ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed before the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)?  [404.2.5, 303.2]  Note: The first ¼ inch of the ½ or ¾ inch threshold may be vertical; the rest must be beveled.	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	1/4"max [	Photo #:	Remove or replace threshold

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2.43	Is the door equipped with hardware that is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?  Door handle?  Lock (if provided)? [404.2.7]	□Yes □No □Yes □No □Yes □No		Photo #:	Replace inaccessible knob with lever, loop or push hardware     Add automatic door opener
2.44	Are the operable parts of the hardware no less than 34 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor? [404.2.7]	Yes No Measurement:	34"- 48"	Photo #:	• Change hardware height •
2.45	Can the door be opened easily (5 pounds maximum force)? [404.2.9]  Note: You can use a pressure gauge or fish scale to measure force. If you do not have one you will need to judge whether the door is easy to open.	Yes No Measurement:	S lbf	Photo #:	Adjust or replace closers     Install lighter doors     Install power-assisted or automatic door openers
2.46	If the door has a closer, does it take at least 5 seconds to close from an open position of 90 degrees to a position of 12 degrees from the latch? [404.2.8.1]	Yes No Measurement:	900	Photo #:	• Adjust closer •

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Room	is and Spaces – stores, super	nerkets, librarier	etc.		
2.47	Are aisles and pathways to goods and services, and to one of each type of sales and service counters, at least 36 inches wide? [403.5.1]	Yes No		Photo #:	Rearrange goods,     equipment and furniture
2.48	Are floor surfaces stable, firm and slip resistant? [302.1]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			Change floor surface
				Photo #:	
2.49	If there is carpet:  Is it no higher than ½ inch?  Is it securely attached along the edges?  [302.2]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No	½"max	Photo #:	• Replace carpet •
Contr	ols – light switches; security:	and intercom sys	tems, emergency/alarm boxes, et	<b>G.</b>	patricina de la companya de la comp
2.50	Is there a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide by at least 48 inches long for a forward or parallel approach? [305.3]	Yes No Measurement:	48"max		Change height of control
	Are the operable parts no higher than 48 inches above the floor?* [309.3, 308]	Yes No Measurement:	30"min		*If constructed before 3/15/2012 and a parallel approach is provided, controls can be 54 inches above the floor

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			48"rr	48"max 48"max	Photo #:	
2.51	Can the control be operated with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? [309.4]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			Photo #:	• Replace control •
Seati	ng: 'Assembly Areas – theate	rs, auditoriums.	stadiums, the	nte, style t lassroom		
2.52	Are an adequate number of wheelchair spaces provided?	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	# of Seats	Wheelchair Spaces		Reconfigure to add     wheelchair spaces
	[221.2.1]	Total #:	4 - 25 26 - 50	2		• wheelchair spaces
		NAME I - I - I - II	51 - 150	4		•
		Wheelchair #:	151 - 300	5	•	
			300+ see 201	0 Standards 221.2.1.	Photo #:	
2.53	Are wheelchair spaces dispersed to allow location choices and viewing angles equivalent to other seating, including specialty seating areas that provide distinct	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	A			Reconfigure to disperse wheelchair spaces

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[221.2.3]

services and amenities?

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				Photo #:	
2.54	Where people are expected to remain seated, do people in wheelchair spaces have a clear line of sight over and between the heads of others in front of them? [802.2.1.1, 802.1.1.2]	□yes □no		Photo #:	<ul> <li>Alter for line of sight</li> <li></li> </ul>
2.55	Where people are expected to stand, do people in wheelchair spaces have a clear line of sight over and between the heads of others in front of them? [802.2.2.1, 802.1.2.2]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Alter for line of sight
2.56	If there is a single wheelchair space, is it at least 36 inches wide? [802.1.2]	Yes No Measurement:	- 36"min →	Photo #:	• Alter space •

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2.57	If there are two adjacent wheelchair spaces, are they each at least 33 inches wide? [802.1.2]	Yes No Measurement:	33"min 33"min	Photo #:	• Alter spaces •
2.58	If the wheelchair space can be entered from the front or rear, is it at least 48 inches deep? [802.1.3]	Yes No Measurement:	1 1 48"min	Photo #:	• Alter space
2.59	If the wheelchair space can only be entered from the side, is it at least 60 inches deep? [802.1.3]	Yes No	60° min → (1)	Photo #:	• Alter space •
2.60	Do wheelchair spaces adjoin, but not overlap, accessible routes? [802.1.4]	□Yes □No	Accessibe Route	Photo #:	• Alter spaces • •

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2.61	Is there at least one companion seat for each wheelchair space? [221.3]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>		Photo #:	Add companion seats
2.62	Is the companion seat located so the companion is shoulder-to-shoulder with the person in a wheelchair? [802.3.1]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	• Alter seating •
2.63	Is the companion seat equivalent in size, quality, comfort and amenities to seating in the immediate area? [802.3.2]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Add equivalent seating
Seet	ng: At dining surfaces (restar	vants, cafeterias	; bars, etc.) and non-employee w	ork surfaces (libraries, confe	rrence rooms, etc.)
2.64	Are at least 5%, but no fewer than one, of seating and standing spaces accessible for people who use wheelchairs? [226.1]	☐Yes ☐No Total #: Wheelchair #:		Photo #:	Alter to provide accessible spaces
2.65	Is there a route at least 36 inches wide to accessible seating? [403.5.1]	Yes No Measurement:	36"min	Photo #:	• Widen route •

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2.66	At the accessible space(s), is the top of the accessible surface no less than 28 inches and no greater than 34 inches above the floor? [902.3]  Note: If for children, the top should be no less than 26 inches and no greater than 30 inches above the floor.	Yes No	28"-34"	Photo #:	Alter surface height
2.67	Is there a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide by at least 48 inches long for a forward approach? [305.3]	Yes No Measurement:	307. 48"		Alter table or work surface     Add accessible table or work surface
	Does it extend no less than 17 inches and no greater than 25 inches under the surface?	Yes No Measurement:	48"		
	Is there knee space at least 27 inches high and at least 30 inches wide? [306.2, 306.3]	Yes No Measurement:	27"min 30"min		
	Note: If for children, the knee space may be 24 inches high.		1/ - 25	Photo #:	

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2.68	Is there at least one space at least 36 inches wide by at least 48 inches long for a person in a wheelchair? [802.1.2, 802.1.3]	Yes No Measurement:	36"x48"	Photo #:	Move furniture and equipment to provide space
26.6					
Senci	es – in locker rooms, dressin	g recrus, fitting i	<b>DOMS</b> . This section does not apply to any	other benches.	
2.69	In locker rooms, dressing rooms and fitting rooms, is there at least one room with a bench? [222.1, 803.4]	□yes □No		Photo #:	Add bench
2.70	Is there a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide by at least 48 inches long at the end of the bench and parallel to the short axis of the bench?	Yes No Measurement:			Move bench     Replace bench     Affix bench to wall
	Is the bench seat at least 42 inches long and no less than 20 inches and no greater than 24 inches deep?	Yes No Measurement:	48" min 30" min		
	Does the bench have back support or is it affixed to a wall?	☐Yes ☐No			
	Is the top of the bench seat no less than 17 inches and no greater than 19 inches above the floor? [903]	Yes No Measurement:	20"- 24" min		

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			17"- 19"	Photo #:	
Chéc	k-Out Alsies – supermarkets,	large retall store			
2.71	Is the aisle at least 36 inches wide? [904.3.1]	Yes No Measurement:	36"min	Photo #:	• Widen aisle •
2.72	Is the counter surface of at least one aisle no higher than 38 inches above the floor? [904.3.2]	Yes No	38"max	Photo #:	• Lower counter •
2.73	Is the top of the counter edge protection no higher than 2 inches above the counter surface? [904.3.2]	Yes No Measurement:	‡ 2"max	Photo #:	• Lower edge protection •

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2.74	If there is a check writing surface, is the top no less than 28 inches and no greater than 34 inches above the floor? [904.3.3]	Yes No Measurement:	28"-34"	Photo #:	Alter check writing surface
2.75	If there is more than one check-out aisle is there a sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility at the accessible aisle? [216.11]	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>	Ġ	Photo #:	• Add sign •

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2.76	Is there a portion of at least one of each type of counter that is:				Lower section of counter     Lengthen section of counter
	No higher than 36 inches above the floor?	Yes No Measurement:	36"max		•
	At least 36 inches long? [904.4.1]	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	

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2.77	Does the accessible portion of the counter extend the same depth as the counter top? [904.4]	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	Alter accessible portion
2.78	Is there a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide by at least 48 inches long for a forward or parallel approach? [904.4]	Parallel Measurement:  Forward Measurement:	30"min Or 48"min 48"min 48"min		Reconfigure to provide a parallel or forward approach
				Photo #:	

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2.79	For a parallel approach, is the clear floor space positioned with the 48 inches adjacent to the accessible length of counter? [904.4.1]	Yes No Measurement:	48°min	Photo #:	If a parallel approach is not possible, a forward approach is required
2.80	For a forward approach:  Do no less than 17 and no greater than 25 inches of the clear floor space extend under the accessible length of the counter? [306.2.2, 306.2.3]  Is there at least 27 inches clearance from the floor to the bottom of the counter? [306.3.1]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	17-25" 48"min	Photo #:	Reconfigure to provide knee clearance

Food Service times - in cafeterias, salad bars, eat-in fast food establishments, etc.

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#### **ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities** Priority 2 – Access to Goods & Services 2.81 Does at least one of each type □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> · Reconfigure to provide of self-service shelf or approach dispensing device for Forward tableware, dishware, condiments, food and beverages have a forward or Parallel parallel approach? [904.5.1] Or Photo #: 2.82 If there is an unobstructed □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> • Lower shelf and/or parallel approach, is the shelf dispensing device or dispensing device no higher Measurement: than 48 inches above the floor? [308.3.1] Photo #: 2.83 If there is a shallow obstruction □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> • Lower shelf and/or no deeper than 10 inches with dispensing device a parallel approach, is the shelf Measurement: or dispensing device no higher than 48 inches above the floor? [308.3.1] Photo #:

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2.84	If there is an obstruction no less than 10 inches and no greater than 24 inches deep with a parallel approach, is the shelf or dispensing device no higher than 46 inches above the floor? [308.3.2]	☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	46' max	Photo #:	Lower shelf and/or dispensing device
2.85	If there is an unobstructed forward approach, is the shelf or dispensing device no higher than 48 inches above the floor? [308.2.1]	Yes No	48"max	Photo #:	Lower shelf and/or dispensing device
2.86	If there is an obstruction no deeper than 20 inches with a forward approach:  Does clear floor space extend under the obstruction that is at least the same depth as the obstruction?  Is the shelf or dispensing device no higher than 48 inches above the floor?  [904.5.1]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	20"max 20"min 48" max	Photo #:	Reconfigure to provide knee space     Lower shelf and/or dispensing device

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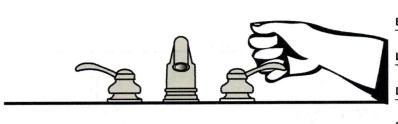
2.87	If the obstruction is no less than 20 inches and no greater than 25 inches deep with a forward approach:				Reconfigure to provide knee space     Lower shelf and/or dispensing device
	Does clear floor space extend under the obstruction that is at least the same depth as the obstruction?	Yes No Measurement:	20"-25" 44" max		
	Is the shelf or dispensing device no higher than 44 inches above the floor? [904.5.1]	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	
2.88	If there is a tray slide, is the top no less than 28 inches and no greater than 34 inches above the floor? [904.5.2]	Yes No Measurement:	28"-34"		• Reconfigure •
		□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>		Photo #:	•
				Photo #:	•
		□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			•
				Photo #:	

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# **Priority 3 - Toilet Rooms**

Based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design



Project

**Building** 

Location

Date

Surveyors

**Contact Information** 

When toilet rooms are open to the public they should be accessible to people with disabilities.



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Prio	rity 3 – Toilet Rooms			Comments	Possible Solutions
3.1	If toilet rooms are available to the public, is at least one toilet room accessible? (Either one for each sex, or one unisex.)  Note: If toilet rooms are chiefly for children, e.g., in elementary schools and day care centers, use the children's specifications in Toilets - 604.1, 604.8, 604.9, 609.4 and Lavatories and Sinks – 606.2.	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Reconfigure toilet rooms     Combine toilet rooms to create one unisex accessible toilet room
3.2	Are there signs at inaccessible toilet rooms that give directions to accessible toilet rooms? [See 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design – 216.8]	☐Yes ☐No	11 6-	Photo #:	• Install signs •
3.3	If not all toilet rooms are accessible, is there a sign at the accessible toilet room with the International Symbol of Accessibility? [216.8]	□Yes □No	Ġ	Photo #:	• Install sign •
Acce	ssible Route				
3.4	Is there an accessible route to the accessible toilet room? [206.2.4]	□Yes □No			• Alter route •

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#### **ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms** Photo #: **Signs at Toilet Rooms** Do text characters contrast with □yes □No • Install tactile sign their backgrounds? • Relocate sign [703.5] □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> Are text characters raised? [703.2] □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> Is there Braille? [703.3] □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> Is the sign mounted: On the wall on the latch side of the door? [703.4.2] Note: Signs are permitted on the push side of doors with closers and without hold-open devices. With clear floor space beyond □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> centered on the arc of the door swing \*If constructed before tactile characters between the closed position 3/15/2012 and a person Measurement: and 45-degree open position, at may approach within 3 least 18 x 18 inches centered on inches of the sign without the tactile characters? \* encountering protruding [703.4.2] objects or standing within the door swing, relocation □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> So the baseline of the lowest not required character is at least 48 inches Measurement:

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above the floor and the

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	floor surface of the maneuvering clearance level (no steeper than 1:48)? [404.2.4]	Yes No	Photo #:	
3.8	If the threshold is vertical is it no more than ¼ inch high?  Or  No more than ½ inch high with the top ¼ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed on or after the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)?  Or  No more than ¾ inch high with the top ½ inch beveled no steeper than 1:2, if the threshold was installed before the 1991 ADA Standards went into effect (1/26/93)?  [404.2.5, 303.2]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	1/4"max————————————————————————————————————	• Remove or replace threshold •
	Note: The first ¼ inch of the ¼ or ¾ inch threshold may be vertical; the rest must be beveled.		3/4"max	

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3.9	Is the door equipped with hardware that is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?  Door handle?  Lock (if provided)? [404.2.7]	☐Yes ☐No ☐Yes ☐No ☐Yes ☐No		Photo #:	Replace inaccessible knob with lever, loop or push hardware     Add automatic door opener
3.10	Are the operable parts of the door hardware mounted no less than 34 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor? [404.2.7]	Yes No Measurement:	34"-48"	Photo #:	Change hardware height
3.11	Can the door be opened easily (5 pounds maximum force)? [404.2.9]  Note: You can use a pressure gauge or fish scale to measure force. If you do not have one you will need to judge whether the door is easy to open.	Yes No Measurement:	5.116	Photo #:	Adjust or replace closers     Install lighter doors     Install power-assisted or automatic door openers
3.12	If the door has a closer, does it take at least 5 seconds to close from an open position of 90 degrees to a position of 12 degrees from the latch? [404.2.8.1]	Yes No	30.	Photo #:	• Adjust closer •

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3.13	If there are two doors in a series, e.g. vestibule, is the distance between the doors at least 48 inches plus the width of the doors when swinging into the space? [404.2.6]	Yes No Measurement:	or 48"min ————————————————————————————————————		Remove inner door     Change door swing
				Photo #:	
3.14	If there is a privacy wall and the door swings out, is there at least 24 inches of maneuvering clearance beyond the door latch side and 42 inches to the privacy wall?  [404.2.4]	Yes No	24"min 48"min privacy wall	Photo #:	Reconfigure space

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if there is a door closer? [404.2.4]		48°min ——	Photo #:	
Toilet Room				
Is there a clear path to at least one of each type of fixture, e.g. lavatory, hand dryer, etc., that is at least 36 inches wide? [403.5.1]	Yes No	36"min	Photo #:	Remove obstructions
Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around, i.e. a circle at least 60 inches in diameter or a T-shaped space within a 60-inch square? [603.2.1]	Yes No	36" E E		Move or remove partitions, fixtures or objects such as trash cans
	one of each type of fixture, e.g. lavatory, hand dryer, etc., that is at least 36 inches wide? [403.5.1]  Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around, i.e. a circle at least 60 inches in diameter or a T-shaped space within a 60-inch square?	one of each type of fixture, e.g. lavatory, hand dryer, etc., that is at least 36 inches wide?  [403.5.1]  Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around, i.e. a circle at least 60 inches in diameter or a T-shaped space within a 60-inch square?	one of each type of fixture, e.g. lavatory, hand dryer, etc., that is at least 36 inches wide?  [403.5.1]  Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around, i.e. a circle at least 60 inches in diameter or a T-shaped space within a 60-inch square?  [403.5.1]  Measurement:  Measurement:	Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around, i.e. a circle at least 60 inches in diameter or a T-shaped space within a 60-inch square?    Available of the square

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3.18	In a single user toilet room if the door swings in and over a clear floor space at an accessible fixture, is there a clear floor space at least 30 x 48 inches beyond the swing of the door? [603.2.3 Exception 2]	Yes No	TO TO THE PERSON OF THE PERSON	Photo #:	Reverse door swing     Alter toilet room
3.19	If the mirror is over a lavatory or countertop, is the bottom edge of the reflecting surface no higher than 40 inches above the floor?  Or  If the mirror is not over the lavatory or countertop, is the bottom edge of the reflecting surface no higher than 35 inches above the floor?*  [603.3]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	20° max		* If installed before 3/15/2012 and the bottom edge of the reflecting surface is no higher than 40 inches above the floor, lowering the mirror to 35 inches is not required  • Lower the mirror • Add another mirror
				Photo #:	
3.20	If there is a coat hook, is it no less than 15 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor?* [603.4]	Yes No Measurement:	48"max 15"min		<ul> <li>Adjust hook</li> <li>Replace with or provide additional accessible hook</li> <li>If installed before 3/15/2010 and the clear floor space allows a parallel approach, the</li> </ul>
				Photo #:	coat hook may be 54 inches above the floor.

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Lavat	<b>ories</b> The 2010 Standards refer to sir	nks in toilet rooms as	lavatories.		
3.21	Does at least one lavatory have a clear floor space for a forward approach at least 30 inches wide and 48 inches long? [606.2]	Yes No Measurement:	48"min — 30"min	Photo #:	Alter lavatory     Replace lavatory
3.22	Do no less than 17 inches and no greater than 25 inches of the clear floor space extend under the lavatory so that a person using a wheelchair can get close enough to reach the faucet? [306.2]	Yes No Measurement:	4-17"-25"-	Photo #:	Alter lavatory     Replace lavatory
3.23	Is the front of the lavatory or counter surface, whichever is higher, no more than 34 inches above the floor? [606.3]	Yes No Measurement:	34"max	Photo #:	Alter lavatory     Replace lavatory
3.24	Is there at least 27 inches clearance from the floor to the bottom of the lavatory that extends at least 8 inches under the lavatory for knee clearance? [306.3.3]	Yes No	27"min	Photo #:	Alter lavatory     Replace lavatory

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3.25	Is there toe clearance at least 9 inches high? [306.3.3]  Note: Space extending greater than 6 inches beyond the available toe clearance at 9 inches above the floor is not considered toe clearance.	□Yes □No	9" 4-6"4 min" max 48"	Photo #:	Alter lavatory     Replace lavatory
3.26	Are pipes below the lavatory insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact? [606.5]	□Yes □No			Install insulation     Install cover panel
				Photo #:	
3.27	Can the faucet be operated without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?	□Yes □No			Adjust faucet     Replace faucet
	Is the force required to activate the faucet no greater than 5 pounds? [606.4]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	

**Soap Dispensers and Hand Dryers** 

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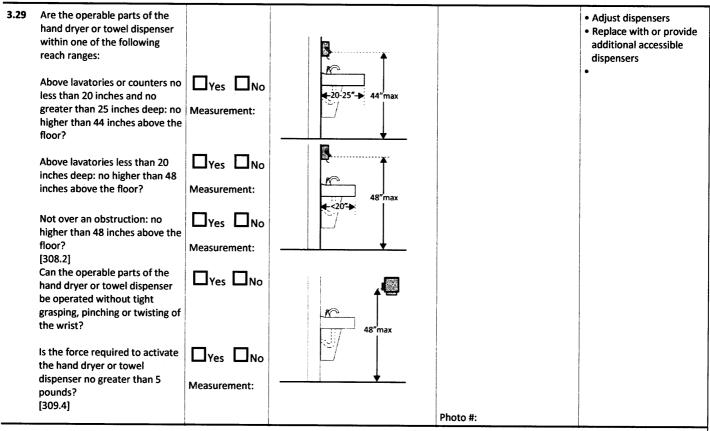
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**Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities** Are the operable parts of the • Adjust dispensers 3.28 • Replace with or provide soap dispenser within one of additional accessible the following reach ranges: dispensers □Yes □No Above lavatories or counters no less than 20 inches and no greater than 25 inches deep: no Measurement: higher than 44 inches above the floor? [308.2.2] □Yes □No Above lavatories less than 20 inches deep: no higher than 48 inches above the floor? Measurement: Not over an obstruction: no □Yes □No higher than 48 inches above the floor? Measurement: [308.2] 48"max Photo #:

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#### **Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms**



Water Closets in Single-User Toilet Rooms and Compartments (Stalls) The 2010 Standards refer to toilets as water closets.

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#### **Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities** • Move toilet Is the centerline of the water □Yes □No • Replace toilet closet no less than 16 inches Move partition and no greater than 18 inches Measurement: from the side wall or partition? [604.2] Photo #: \* If constructed before 3.31 Is clearance provided around □<sub>Yes</sub> □<sub>No</sub> 3/15/12, clearances the water closet measuring at around water closets in least 60 inches from the side Measurement: single user toilet rooms wall and at least 56 inches from can be 48 inches wide by the rear wall?\* 66 inches long or 48 [604.3.1] inches wide by 56 inches long (depending on the approach to the water closet, see 1991 Standards Figure 28) and the lavatory may overlap that clearance if the door to the room does not swing into the required clearances at fixtures (such as lavatories, water closet and urinals) and the edge of the lavatory is at least 18 inches from the centerline of the water closet • Alter room/compartment for clearance

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			Photo #:	
.32 Is the height of the water closet no less than 17 inches and no greater than 19 inches above the floor measured to the top of the seat? [604.4]	Yes No	17"-19"	Photo #:	Adjust toilet height     Replace toilet
.33 Is there a grab bar at least 42 inches long on the side wall?	Yes No Measurement:	54"min		Install grab bar     Relocate grab bar     Relocate objects
Is it located no more than 12 inches from the rear wall?	Yes No Measurement:			
Does it extend at least 54 inches from the rear wall? [604.5.1]	Yes No Measurement:			
inches and no greater than 36	Yes No Measurement:	33"-36"		
Is there at least 12 inches clearance between the grab bar	□Yes □No			

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	and protruding objects above?*  Is there at least 1½ inches clearance between the grab bar and projecting objects below?*  Is the space between the wall and the grab bar 1½ inches? [609.3]	Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	12"min **	Photo #:	* If constructed before 3/15/2012 grab bars do not need to be relocated; there are no space requirements above and below grab bars in the 1991 Standards
3.34	Is there a grab bar at least 36 inches long on the rear wall?  Does it extend at least 12 inches from the centerline of the water closet on one side (side wall)?  Does it extend at least 24 inches on the other (open) side? [604.5.2]  Is it mounted no less than 33	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	36"min 12" + 24"min + min + mi		Install grab bar     Relocate grab bar     Relocate objects
	inches and no greater than 36 inches above the floor to the top of the gripping surface? [609.4]  Are there at least 12 inches clearance between the grab bar and protruding objects above?*  Are there at least 1½ inches	Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:  Yes No	33"-36"		* If constructed before 3/15/2012 grab bars do not need to be relocated; there are no space

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	clearance between the grab bar and projecting objects below?* Is the space between the wall and the grab bar 1½ inches? [609.3]	Measurement:  Yes No  Measurement:	12"min *	Photo #:	requirements above and below grab bars in the 1991 Standards
3.35	If the flush control is hand operated, is the operable part located no higher than 48 inches above the floor? [604.6]	Yes No Measurement:	48"max	Photo #:	Move control     Install sensor with override button no higher than 48 inches
3.36	If the flush control is hand operated, can it be operated with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?  Is the force required to activate the flush control no greater than 5 pounds? [605.4]	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:		Photo #:	Change control     Adjust control
3.37	Is the flush control on the open side of the water closet? [604.6]	□Yes □No	- open side -	Photo #:	• Move control •

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3.38	Is the toilet paper dispenser located no less than 7 inches and no greater than 9 inches from the front of the water closet to the centerline of the dispenser?* [604.7]	Yes No	7-9"	Photo #:	* If constructed before 3/15/2012 dispenser does not need to be relocated if it is within reach from the water closet seat; the 1991 Standards do not specify distance from the front of the water closet  • Relocate dispenser  •
3.39	Is the outlet of the dispenser:  Located no less than 15 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor?  Not located behind grab bars? [604.7]	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No	outlet  48" max outlet 15" min	Photo #:	Relocate dispenser
3.40	Does the dispenser allow continuous paper flow? [604.7]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Adjust dispenser     Replace dispenser

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3.41	Is the door opening width at least 32 inches clear, between the face of the door and the stop, when the door is open 90 degrees? [604.8.1.2]	Yes No	90° 32″min —	Photo #:	Widen door width
3.42	If there is a front approach to the pull side of the door, is there at least 18 inches of maneuvering clearance beyond the latch side plus 60 inches clear depth? [604.8.1.2]  Note: See 2010 Standards 604.8.1.2 Doors for maneuvering clearance requirements on the push side of the door and side approaches to the pull side of the door	Yes No	18"min	Photo #:	• Remove obstructions •
3.43	Is the door self-closing? [604.8.1.2]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Add closer     Replace door

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3.44	Are there door pulls on both sides of the door that are operable with one hand and do not require tight grasping pinching or twisting of the wrist?* [604.8.1.2]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	* If constructed before 3/15/2012 door pulls do not need to be added; door pulls are not required in the 1991 Standards  • Replace hardware •
3.45	Is the lock operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist? [309.4]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	• Replace lock •
3.46	Are the operable parts of the door hardware mounted no less than 34 inches and no greater than 48 inches above the floor? [404.2.7]	Yes No	34"-48"	Photo #:	Relocate hardware
3.47	Is the compartment at least 60 inches wide? [604.8.1.1]	Yes No	60°min	Photo #:	Widen compartment

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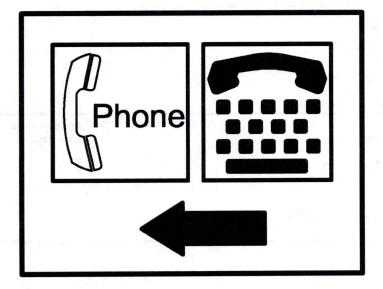
3.48	If the water closet is wall hung, is the compartment at least 56 inches deep? [604.8.1.1]	Yes No Measurement:	56"min	Photo #:	Widen compartment
3.49	If the water closet is floor mounted, is the compartment at least 59 inches deep? [604.8.1.1]	Yes No	59"min —	Photo #:	Alter compartment
3.50	If the door swings in, is the minimum required compartment area provided beyond the swing of the door (60 inches x 56 inches if water closet is wall hung or 59 inches if water closet is floor mounted)? [604.8.1.1]	Yes No Measurement:	60°min	Photo #:	Reverse door swing     Alter compartment

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Amenities such as drinking fountains and public telephones should be accessible to people with disabilities.



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Drin	king Fountains				
4.1	Does at least one drinking fountain have a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide x at least 48 inches long centered in front of it for a forward approach?* [See 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design – 602.2]	Yes No Measurement:	48"min 30"min	Photo #:	*If installed before 3/15/2012, a parallel approach is permitted and the clear floor space is not required to be centered  • Alter space • Relocate drinking fountain • Install a drinking fountain in another location
4.2	If there is a forward approach, do no less than 17 inches and no greater than 25 inches of the clear floor space extend under the drinking fountain? [306.2.2, 306.2.3]  Note: If the drinking fountain is primarily for children's use and the spout is no more than 30 inches above the floor and no more than 3½ inches from the edge of the unit, a parallel approach is permitted.	Yes No Measurement:	17",25"	Photo #:	Alter space     Replace drinking fountain

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4.3	If the drinking fountain is no deeper than 20 inches, are the operable parts no higher than 48 inches above the floor? [308.2.2]	Yes No Measurement:	20" max 0 48" max	Photo #:	Adjust drinking fountain     Replace drinking fountain
4.4	If the drinking fountain is no less than 20 inches and no greater than 25 inches deep, are the operable parts no higher than 44 inches above the floor? [308.2.2]	Yes No	20"min to 25"max	Photo #:	Adjust drinking fountain     Replace drinking fountain
4.5	Can the control be operated with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?  Is the force required to activate the control no more than 5 pounds? [309.4]	☐Yes ☐No  ☐Yes ☐No  Measurement:		Photo #:	Change control     Adjust control
4.6	Is the spout outlet no higher than 36 inches above the floor? [602.4]	Yes No	36" max		Adjust drinking fountain     Replace drinking fountain
				Photo #:	

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4.7	Is the spout:  At least 15 inches from the rear of the drinking fountain?  No more than 5 inches from the front of the drinking fountain? [602.5]	Yes No Measurement: Yes No Measurement:	+5°-+ 15" min	Photo #:	Adjust spout     Replace drinking fountain
4.8	If there is more than one drinking fountain, is there at least one for standing persons? [211.2]  Is the spout outlet no lower than 38 inches and no higher than 43 inches above the floor? [602.7]	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:	38" to 43"	Photo #:	Adjust drinking fountain     Install new drinking     fountain for standing     height
4.9	If the leading (bottom) edge of the fountain is higher than 27 inches above the floor, does the front of the fountain protrude no more than 4 inches into the circulation path? [307.2]	Yes No	-27"	Photo #:	Adjust drinking fountain     Replace drinking fountain     Add tactile warning such as permanent planter or partial walls

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Publi	c Telephones				
4.10	Does at least one telephone have a clear floor space at least 30 inches wide x at least 48 inches long for a parallel or forward approach? [704.2.1]	□Yes □No	30°min 48°min		Move telephone     Install new telephone for clear floor space
			48"min 30"min	Photo #:	
4.11	Is the highest operable part of the telephone no higher than 48 inches above the floor? [704.2.2]	Yes No	48° max	Photo #:	• Adjust telephone •
4.12	If the leading (bottom) edge of the telephone is higher than 27 inches above the floor, does the front of the telephone protrude no more than 4 inches into the circulation path? [307.2]	Yes No	> 27"	Photo #:	Adjust telephone     Output

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4.13	Does at least one telephone have a volume control? [704.3]	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Install volume control     Replace telephone with     one that has volume     control
4.14	Is the volume control identified by a pictogram of a telephone handset with radiating sound waves? [703.7.2.3]	□Yes □No	["))	Photo #:	Add pictogram   Output  Outpu
4.15	Does at least one telephone have a TTY? [217.4.1]  Note: TTY's are devices that employ interactive text-based communication through the transmission of coded signals across the telephone network. They are mainly used by people who are deaf and/or cannot speak.	□Yes □No		Photo #:	• Install TTY •
4.16	Is the touch surface of the TTY keypad at least 34 inches above the floor? [704.4.1]  Note: If a seat is provided, the TTY is not required to be 34 inches minimum above the floor.	Yes No	34"min	Photo #:	Adjust height of TTY

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4.17	Is the TTY identified by the International Symbol of TTY? [703.7.2.2]	□Yes	□No		Photo #:	• Add symbol •
4.18	Do signs that provide direction to public telephones also provide direction to the TTY? [216.9.2]	□Yes	□No	Phone	Photo #:	• Add signs • •
4.19	Do telephones that do not have a TTY provide direction to the TTY? [216.9.2]	□Yes	□No		Photo #:	• Add signs •
Fire A	Alarm Systems					
4.20	If there are fire alarm systems, do they have both flashing lights and audible signals? [702.1]	□Yes	□No	F F I R E	Photo #:	Install audible and visual alarms      O

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# **EXHIBIT "B"**



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### Cochise County ensures voting process is accessible and convenient

The primary and general elections may still be a few months away, but Cochise County staff are working year-round to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible.

And that includes confirming all 17 vote centers across the region meet the needs of elderly and disabled voters.

The Elections Department team, accompanied by a Development Services representative, took to the road to visit each center and confirm ADA compliancy. These checks are required by law.

"We are very happy to say that each center passed with flying colors and is fully ADA compliant," said Elections Director Lisa Marra. "It is vitally important all voters have access to all vote centers and that the process of casting their vote is convenient and easy."

With all County vote centers meeting ADA requirements, the need for curbside assistance has been eliminated.

"The ease of access and compliancy at our vote centers means all elderly and disabled voters can participate in every election, just like every other voter," Marra added.

Eligible residents can go to any of the centers across the County to cast their vote. The primary will take place on August 28, and the general election will be on November 6.

Thanks to the cooperation of local communities and organizations, the Elections Department provides access for all voters across the County's 6,219 square miles.

"We really are grateful to the churches, schools, fire stations, community centers and government offices willing to open their doors and help our residents participate in the democratic process," said Marra.

Any voters unable to make it to a vote center in person, still have the option of doing so from the convenience of their own home.

Citizens can request an early ballot, register to be on the Permanent Early Voting List, and check their registration status, by calling the Recorder's Office at (520) 432-8358.

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#### El Condado de Cochise asegura que el proceso de votación sea accesible y conveniente

Las elecciones Primarias y Generales todavía pueden estar algunos meses de distancia, pero el personal del Condado de Cochise está trabajando todo el año para asegurar que el proceso funcione los más o más suavemente posible.

Y eso incluye confirmar que los 17 Centros de Votación en toda la región satisfacen las necesidades de los votantes mayores y incapacitados.

El equipo del Departamento de Elecciones, acompañado por un representante de Servicio de Desarrollo, tomó al camino para visitar cada centro y confirmar el cumplimiento de ADA. Estos controles son requeridos por la ley "Estamos muy contentos de decir que cada centro pasó con colores voladores y es totalmente compatible con la ADA", dijo la Directora de Elecciones, Lisa Marra. "Es de vital importancia que todos los votantes tengan acceso a todos los centros de votación y que el proceso de emitir su voto sea conveniente y fácil".

Con todos los Centros de Votación del Condado que, cumpliendo con los requisitos de la ADA, se ha eliminado la necesidad de asistencia en la acera.

"La facilidad de acceso y cumplimiento en nuestros Centros de Votación significa que todos los votantes mayores y discapacitados pueden participar en todas las elecciones, al igual que cualquier otro votante", agregó Marra.

Los residentes elegibles pueden ir a cualquiera de los centros en todo el County para emitir su voto. La Primaria ocurrirá el 28 de Agosto, y la Elección General será el 6 de Noviembre. Gracias a la cooperación de las comunidades y organizaciones locales, el Departamento de Elecciones proporciona oportunidades de acceso a todos los votantes en las 6,219 millas cuadradas del Condado.

"Estamos muy agradecidos con las Iglesias, Escuelas, Estaciones de Bomberos, Centros Comunitarios, y Oficinas Gubernamentales que están dispuestos a abrir sus puertas y ayudar a nuestros residentes a participar en el proceso Democrático", dijo Marra.

Cualquier votante que no pueda llegar a un Centro de Votación en persona, todavía tiene la opción de hacerlo desde la conveniencia de su propia casa.

Los Ciudadanos pueden solicitar una Votación Temprana, registrarse para estar en la Lista Permanente de Votación Temprana, y verificar su estatus de registro, llamando a la Oficina del Registrado al (520) 432-8358.



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# EXHIBIT "C"



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FROM: Sey In DATE: 01/07/2019	Sender's Fax: 602-274-6779
SUBJECT:	Approx. Time Sent: 12:05 pm
HAVA Complaint on behalf of Kathleen Hoffard	

Please find the attached election complaint form and accompanying narrative. The original will follow via USPS.

We are sending you \( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \) pages including this cover letter. If you do not receive all pages, or if you encounter any other difficulty, please telephone (602) 274-6287 at your earliest convenience.

This complaint is made under Title III of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, 52 ARY OF STATE U.S.C. §§ 21081-21102. Specifically, Kathleen Hoffard alleges a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 21081(a)(3)(A). 2019 JAN -7 PM 12: 1 i

#### **FACTS**

- 1. Ms. Hoffard is eligible to vote in the United States, and is registered to vote in Cochise County, Arizona.
- 2. Ms. Hoffard is a person with disabilities. She was diagnosed with spinal stenosis, a narrowing of space between parts of the spine that places pressure on the nerves. The condition makes it difficult to walk or stand for more than a few minutes at a time. Ms. Hoffard relies on the use of a walker to get around and experiences physical discomfort if she walks for more than a few minutes at a time. Ms. Hoffard also has lumbar and cervical spondylosis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, spondylolisthesis of lumbar region, and degenerative disc disease. These disabilities pose significant problems in mobility.
- 3. Ms. Hoffard's went to two polling centers on Election Day. The first polling center was at United Methodist Church located at 3225 St Andrews Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650. The second polling center was Shiloh Christian Ministries located at 1519 Avenida del Sol, Sierra Vista AZ 85635 in Cochise County.
- 4. On Election Day, November 6, 2018, Ms. Hoffard requested a reasonable accommodation at both locations. Specifically, Ms. Hoffard requested curbside voting. Ms. Hoffard was told by workers that since the all polling centers within the County were ADA compliant, they did not have to provide her with the reasonable accommodation.
- 5. After visiting United Methodist, Ms. Hoffard settled on Shiloh Christian Ministries. When Ms. Hoffard arrived, the handicap parking space was in use, forcing her to park further from the entrance. Ms. Hoffard had to walk approximately 75 feet from her car to the entrance and another 75 feet from the entrance to the polling stations.
- 6. The polling area was lined with small area rugs that were approximately 4" x 5." Because Ms. Hoffard has difficulty walking, this proved to be an additional hurdle for her because she was afraid that she would trip on the rugs.
- 7. Once in line, Ms. Hoffard had to wait for 10 minutes to cast her ballot. Standing or even walking is difficult for Ms. Hoffard given her disability.
- 8. Ms. Hoffard was eventually permitted to vote and cast her ballot after having to endure physical pain to get from the car to the voting booth.

#### LAW

- 9. Congress intended for HAVA "to promote the fundamental right to vote by improving access for handicapped" individuals. 52 U.S.C. § 20101.
- 10. Section 21081 of HAVA requires that each voting system used in an election for Federal office meet certain requirements. 52 U.S.C. § 21081(a). Specifically, the "voting system shall—(A) be accessible for individuals with disabilities... in a

- manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation as for others." 52 U.S.C. § 21081(a)(3)(A).
- 11. A voting system includes "the practices and associated documentation used ... to make any materials to the voter (such notices, instructions, forms, or paper ballots)." 52 U.S.C. § 21081 (b)(2)(E).
- 12. Thus, pursuant to HAVA, the practices used to make materials available to a voter, including paper ballots, must be accessible for individual with disabilities in a manner that provides the same opportunity for participation as for other voters.

#### **ALLEGATIONS**

- 13. In Ms. Hoffard's case, Cochise County failed to observe the requirements of HAVA. The polling workers at Cochise County failed to provide her with curbside
- 14. Because of their failure to provide an accessible method of voting, Ms. Hoffard had to endure physical discomfort and pain as she made her way from her vehicle into the polling area, only having to wait additional minutes to finally cast her ballot. Although the distance and time may appear relatively short, for an individual with spinal stenosis and conditions Ms. Hoffard has, the time and distance may be physically excruciating and taxing on the body.

# **EXHIBIT "D"**



# **VOTE CENTER ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION**

(ADA Compliance Worksheet)

DATE OF EVALUATION: 4/26/18	
Evaluator Name(s) Lisa Marra, Director, Martha Rodriquez, Deputy Soni	a Lopez, PnZ Tech
Vote Center Name: Sieura Viola East	Facility Number: VC8
Facility Name: Shiloh Christian Ministra	-8
Physical Address: 1519 Avenida Del Sal,	SV, AZ 85635
Name of Room or Building:	
ROOM  1. What is actual square footage? 35 x 34  2. Is seating available for elderly or disabled voters awaiting their turn to ve	ote?
3. Is there more than one (1) working electrical outlet on the same wall?  If YES, how many?	YES NO
4. Is there sufficient lighting for voting?	YESNO
5. Will the facility provide chairs?  If NO, enter number to be delivered: Chair(s) #	YESNO
6. Is there a bathroom available for the workers use? (a) Is a key necessary? Where do they obtain the key?	YES NO YES NO
(b) Is there a public restroom?	
Where is the phone located? Cell phone Use only	YES NO
(a) Outbound Calls? (b) Inbound Calls?	YES NO
3. Signal Strength – Speed Test - Mofi 4	
Ping: Download Speed:	Upload Speed:
2. AT & T Ping: Download Speed:	Upload Speed:

## OTHER ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES Main Voter / Exterior Entrance:

1. Does the main entrance have steps to inhibit voters entering the building?	YES NO
If YES, height of step(s):	
<u>1/2" _ 1" _ 1 1/2" _ 2" _ 2 1/2 " _ 3" _ 3 1/2" _ 4" _ 4 1/2" _ 5" _</u>	5 ½" 6"
2. Is the height of the doorway threshold 1/2 inch or less in either direction?  ENTRANCE THRESHOLD:	YES NO
If NO, threshold height:	-" -14" C"
1/2"1"1 1/2"2"2 1/2 "3"3 1/2"_4"_4"_4 1/2"	5"5"2"6"
EXIT THRESHOLD:	
If NO, threshold height:	
1/2" 1" 1 1/2" 2" 2 1/2 " 3" 3 1/2" 4" 4 1/2" 5	"5 <sup>1</sup> /2"6"
3. Is the threshold beveled (have sloped sides)?	YESNO
4. Is door equipped with arch or lever-type handles, push plates or automatic openers which are usable without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?  If NO, how many adapters are needed?	YES NO
5. Is door hardware no higher than 48 inches from floor?	YESNO
6. Is there more than 1 entrance to the building that voters would use?  If YES, how many additional signs required? Orange ID Signs	YES NO
7. Is there an accessible entrance different than the main voter entrance?	YES NO
If YES, will additional signage be necessary & how many: Handicapped Access Signs Arrows	
If YES, will the door be unlocked on Election Day?	YESNO
8. Is less than 5 pounds force required to push or pull open the door? COMMENTS:	YESNO
Interior Doorways: { NA-Same as Exterior Entrance, skip to next section}	
1. Is doorway opening at least 36 inches wide when the door is open 90 degrees?	YESNO
2. Is the height of the doorway threshold 1/2 inch or less in either direction?  ENTRANCE THRESHOLD:	YESNO
If NO, threshold height:	
<u></u>	<u>" 5 ½" 6" </u>
EXIT THRESHOLD:	
If NO, threshold height:	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "1"1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "2"2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "3"3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "4"4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "5	" 5 ½" 6"

3. Is the threshold beveled (have sloped sides)?	YES V	$\subseteq$ NC
4. Is door equipped with arch or lever-type handle, push plates or automatic openers which are usable without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?  If NO, how many adapters are needed?	YES	NO
5. Is door hardware no higher than 48 inches from floor	YES_	NO
6. Is less than 5 pounds force required to push or pull open the door? COMMENTS:	YES	NO
Stairs: { No Stairs, skip to next section}		
1. Do stairs have non-slip surfaces? 2. Do stairs have handrails?	YES YES	_ NO
Corridors { No Corridors, skip to next section}	~	
<ol> <li>Are corridors free of obstacles or protrusions?</li> <li>Is there sufficient lighting at all points along corridors?</li> </ol>	YES YES	_NO _NO
3. Is there sufficient unobstructed space for the movement of voters in wheelchairs?	YES	_NO
COMMENTS FOR STAIRS/CORRIDORS:		
RAMPS AND ELEVATORS  1. Is the building provided with a ramp?  If NO, skip to #3  YES	_ NO NA	
(a) Is the incline of the ramp more than 2" on the slope measuring tool?	YE\$	_NO
(b) Does the ramp have a non-slip surface?	YES	_NO
(c) Does the ramp have a handrail (only necessary if ramp is greater than 6 feet)?	YES	NO
If YES, are the handrails between 34-36 inches above the ramp surface?	YES	NO
(d) If there is a door at the top of the ramp, is there sufficient clearance for a whee		_
to rest while the door is opened?	YES	NO
(e) Does the ramp have a level landing at the bottom of the ramp?	YES	
(f) Is there a level landing (60" X 60") provided where the ramp changes direction		
(g) If the ramp is more than 30 feet long, is a level landing at least 60 inches long		
every 30 feet of horizontal distance?		
(h) If the ramp or landing has a vertical drop-off, is edge protection provided?	YES	NO

COMMENTS:	
3. Regarding elevators: { No elevator, skip to next section}  (a) Is the elevator in close proximity to the entrance of the building.  If not what is the distance?	YESNO
(b) Do elevator doors provide at least 36 inches clear width?	YES NO
(c) Are control panels marked with raised lettering and/or Braille characters?	YES NO
(d) Are the highest buttons in the elevator mounted no more than 54" above the floor? COMMENTS:	YESNO
WALKWAYS/SIDEWALK { No walkway, skip to next section}  1. Is the walkway paved?	YESNO
If NO, is the walkway still handicapped accessible?	YESNO
2. Is the walkway at least 36 inches wide?	YESNO
3. Are there additional curbs/steps along the walkway to the building cut or ramped?	
Level location	YES KNO
f YES, height of curb/step:  1/2"1"1 1/2"2"2 1/2 "3"3 1/2"4"4 1/2"5" _	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "6"
Are walkways free of protrusions, abrupt edges or breaks, overhanging objects?  5. Are walkways well lit?  6. Is the incline of the walkway more than 2" on the slope measuring tool?  COMMENTS:	YES NO YES NO YES NO

## **PARKING**

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1. Are designated HC marked parking spaces available? a. Are HC parking spaces marked with a sign visible when the space is occupied?	YESNO
b. Are VAN HC parking spaces marked with a sign visible when the space is occupied?	YES NO
P P P P P	YES NO
2. Is there more than one parking lot that the voters will be using?	YES 1 NO
If YES, will additional signage be necessary & how many:	
Yellow Board Signs Red Arrows	2
If YES, is that where the handicapped parking is located?	7770 370
If YES, extra HC directional signage is required (triangular signs w HC symbol)	YES NO
	NO
3. Are parking spaces at least 8 feet wide?	YESNO
4. Is the adjacent access aisle at least 5 feet wide?	YES NO
If YES, height of curb/step:	. 1
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5. Parking Surface:  Loose Gravel Hard Pack Gravel Dirt Concrete Asphalt Black	Тор
6. Distance from the building. (74 ft) to HC Parking	
7. Is there a curb cut or ramp for access to walkway from parking?	VEC NO
If YES, is the number on the slope measuring tool less than 2"?	YES NO YES NO
	120140
If NO, height of curb:	
<u></u>	_5½"6"
8. Is the curb cut surface at least 36" wide, excluding flared sides?	SNO
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9. Is there sufficient lighting in all areas of the parking lot?	SNO

COMMENTS:	
10. Are there outside sprinklers that could come on?	yes_l\no
11. Any planned construction or remodel that could impact election dates?	YES L NO
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR DESCRIPTIONS CONCERNING ACCESSIBILI	TTY:
All elements Compliant  YES	NO
Non-Complaint elements remediable with temporary measures What are they?	
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Non-Complaint elements NOT remediable with temporary measures – Must R	delocate Polling
PlaceNO	
SIGNED by County Employee:	1/05/18

Eval Form (Update 3/1/2018)

















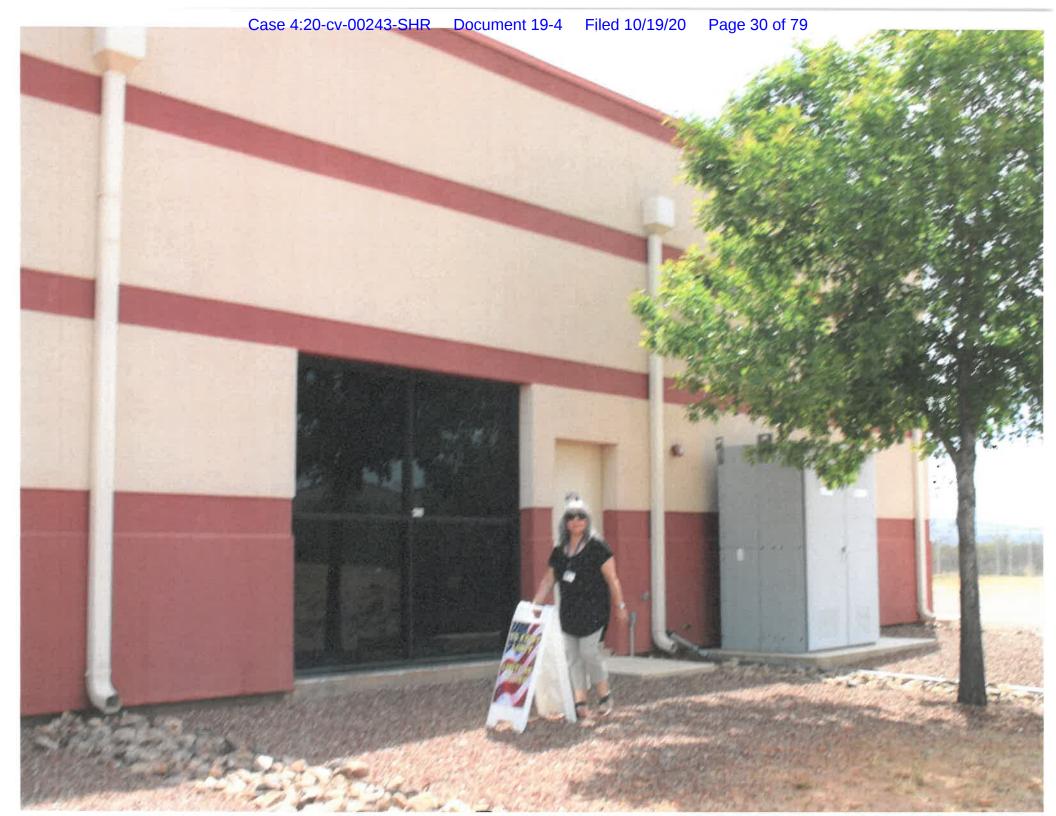












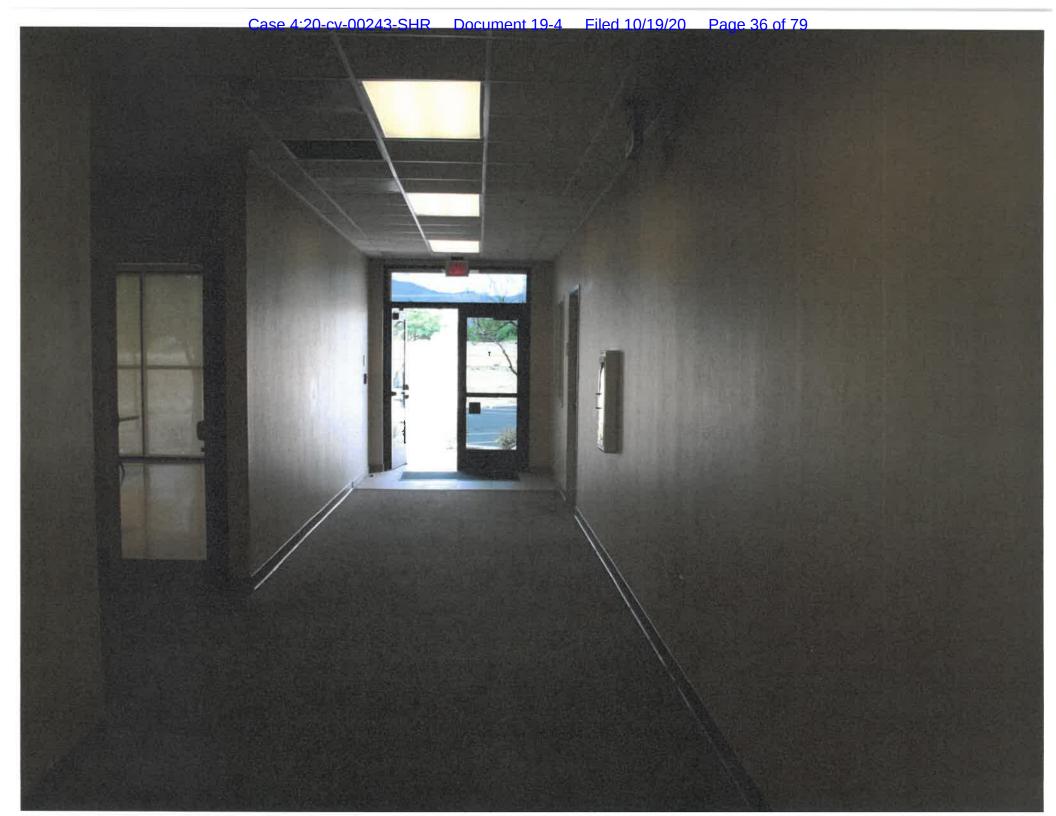




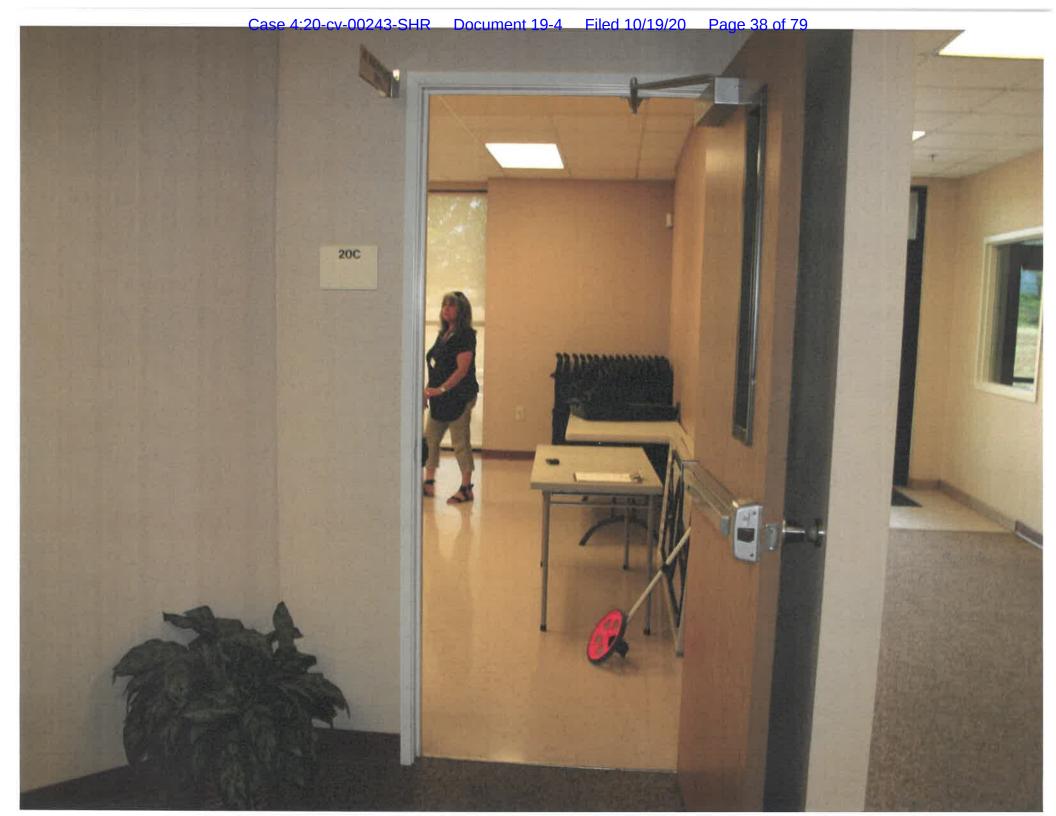


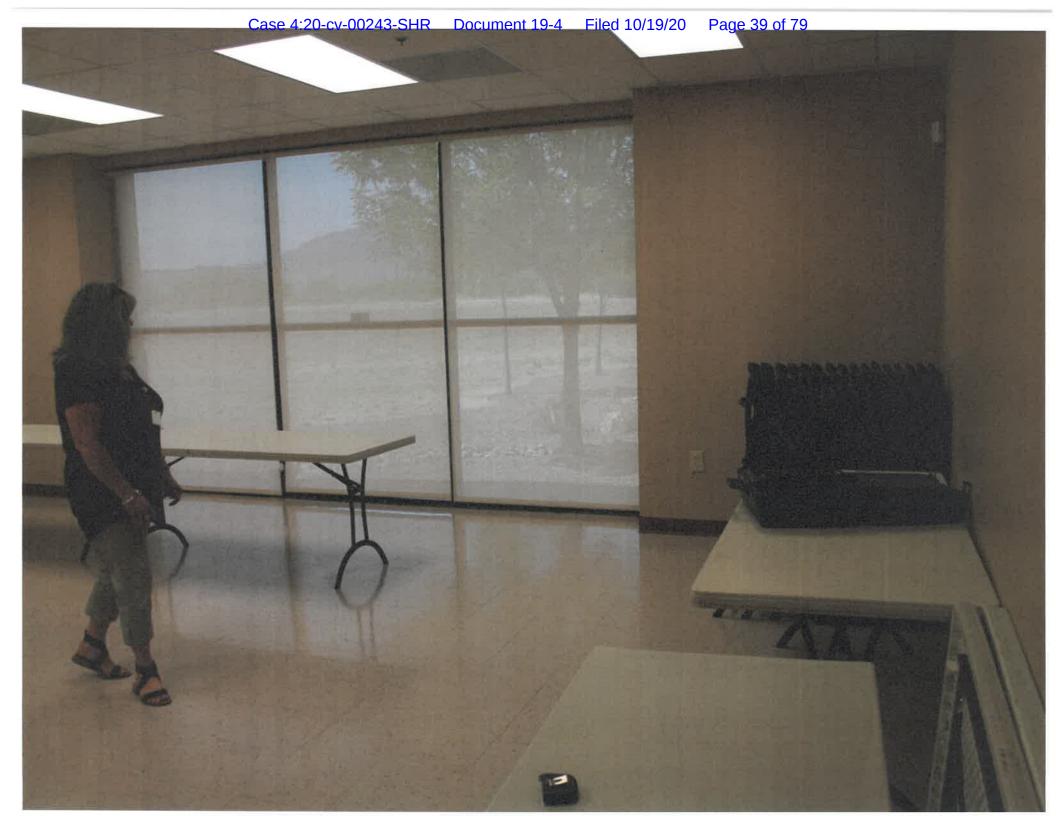












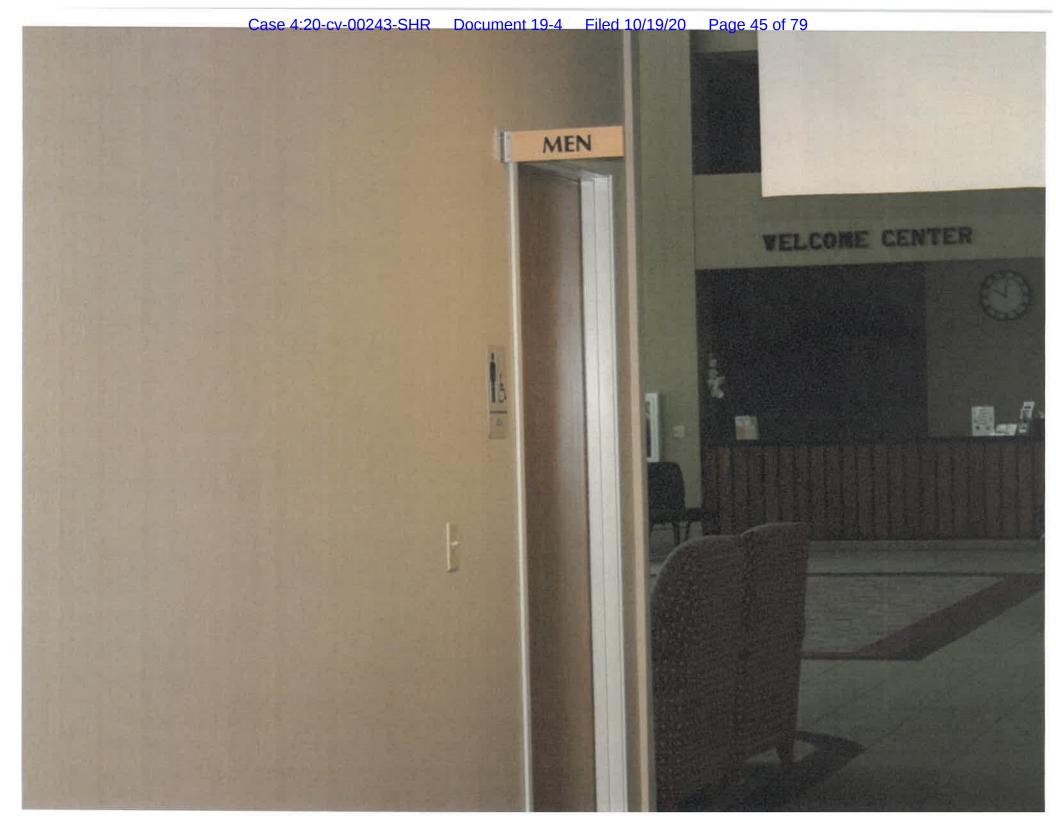














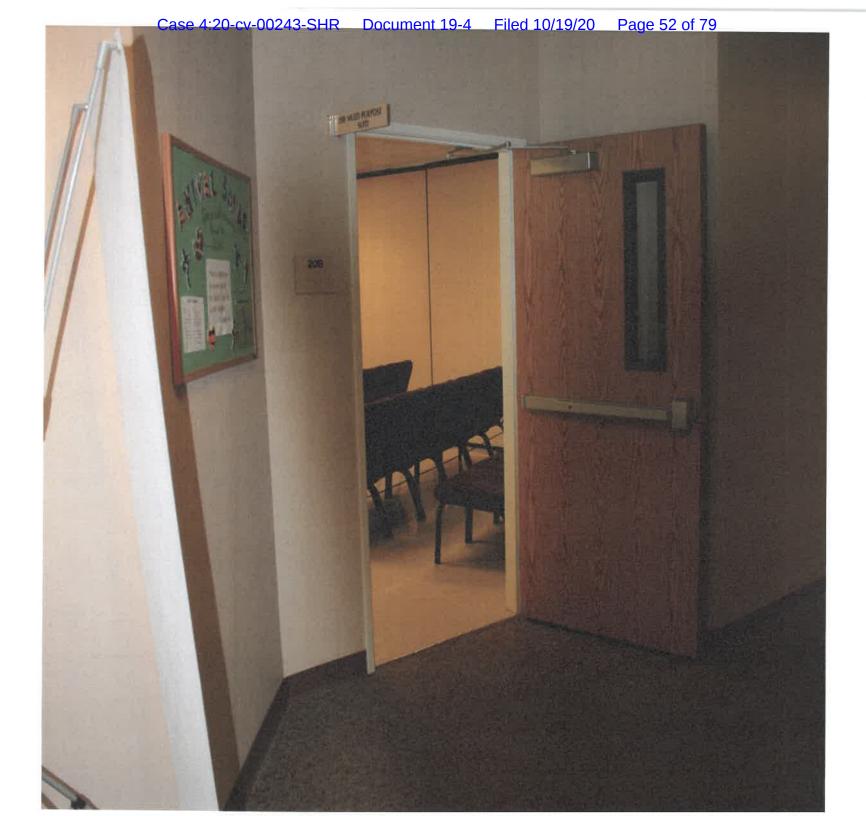


















## **VOTE CENTER ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION** (ADA Compliance Worksheet)

DATE OF EVALUATION	4: 4/18/18		
Evaluator Name(s) Lisa M	larra, Director; Martha Rodriquez, I	Deputy; Sonia Lopez,	PnZ Tech
Vote Center Name: 5	lumber: ヾこ 句		
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	g: Activity Conter		
ROOM 1. What is actual square foo	tage? 95 x 65		
2. Is seating available for el	derly or disabled voters awaiting th	eir turn to vote?	YESNO
3. Is there more than one (1 If YES, how many?	) working electrical outlet on the sa	ame wall?	NO
4. Is there sufficient lighting	g for voting?		YESNO
<ol><li>Will the facility provide of If NO, enter number to be d</li></ol>		•	NO
6. Is there a bathroom availa (a) Is a key necessary? When			YES NO
(b) Is there a public restroor	n?		YESNO
Where is the phone located?	phone Use		
(a) Outbound Calls? (b) Inbound Calls?	prove va		YES NO
8. Signal Strength – Speed T 1. Verizon	, =		
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Ping:	Download Speed:	Unload S	Speed:

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Main	Vot	er/	Exter	ior E	ntra	ance:	

1. Does the main entrance have steps to inhibit voters entering the building?	YES_\(\frac{1}{2}\) NO	
If YES, height of step(s):		
1/2"1"1 1/2"2"2 1/2 "3"3 1/2"4"4"5"5"	_5 <sup>1</sup> /2"6"	
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2. Is the height of the doorway threshold 1/2 inch or less in either direction? ENTRANCE THRESHOLD:	YES NO	
If NO, threshold height:		
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EXIT THRESHOLD:		
If NO threshold heights		
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4. Is door equipped with arch or lever-type handles, push plates or automatic openers	1	
which are usable without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?	YES NO	
If NO, how many adapters are needed?	A	
5. Is door hardware no higher than 48 inches from floor?	YESNO	
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6. Is there more than 1 entrance to the building that voters would use?  If YES, how many additional signs required? Orange ID Signs	YESNO	
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7. Is there an accessible entrance different than the main voter entrance?	YES NO	
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If YES, will additional signage be necessary & how many:  Handicapped Access Signs Arrows		
If YES, will the door be unlocked on Election Day?	YESNO	
8. Is less than 5 pounds force required to push or pull open the door?	YES NO	
COMMENTS:	NU	
Interior Doorways: { NA-Same as Exterior Entrance, skip to next section}		
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1. Is doorway opening at least 36 inches wide when the door is open 90 degrees?	YES NO	
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If NO, threshold height:		
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EXIT THRESHOLD:		
If NO, threshold height:		
<u> </u>	5 1/2"6"	

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5. Is door hardware no higher than 48 inches from floor	YES	SNO
6. Is less than 5 pounds force required to push or pull open the door? COMMENTS:	YES	SNO
Stairs: { No Stairs, skip to next section}  1. Do stairs have non-slip surfaces?		
2. Do stairs have handrails?	YES YES	
Corridors (No corridors, skip to next section)		NO
1. Are corridors free of obstacles or protrusions?	VEC	NO
2. Is there sufficient lighting at all points along corridors?		NO
3. Is there sufficient unobstructed space for the movement of voters in wheelchairs?		NO
COMMENTS FOR STAIRS/CORRIDORS:		-
RAMPS AND ELEVATORS  1. Is the building provided with a ramp?  YES  YES	NO	NA NA
(a) Is the incline of the ramp more than 2" on the slope measuring tool?	YES	NO
(b) Does the ramp have a non-slip surface?	YES	
(c) Does the ramp have a handrail (only necessary if ramp is greater than 6 feet)?	YES	NO
If YES, are the handrails between 34-36 inches above the ramp surface?	YES_	NO
(d) If there is a door at the top of the ramp, is there sufficient clearance for a wheel	choir	NU
to rest while the door is opened?		370
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(f) Is there a level landing (60" X 60") provided where the ramp changes direction?	YES_	NO
(g) If the ramp is more than 30 feet long, is a level landing at least 60 inches long	TES_	NO
every 30 feet of horizontal distance?	YES	NO
(h) If the ramp or landing has a vertical drop-off, is edge protection provided?	YES_	NO

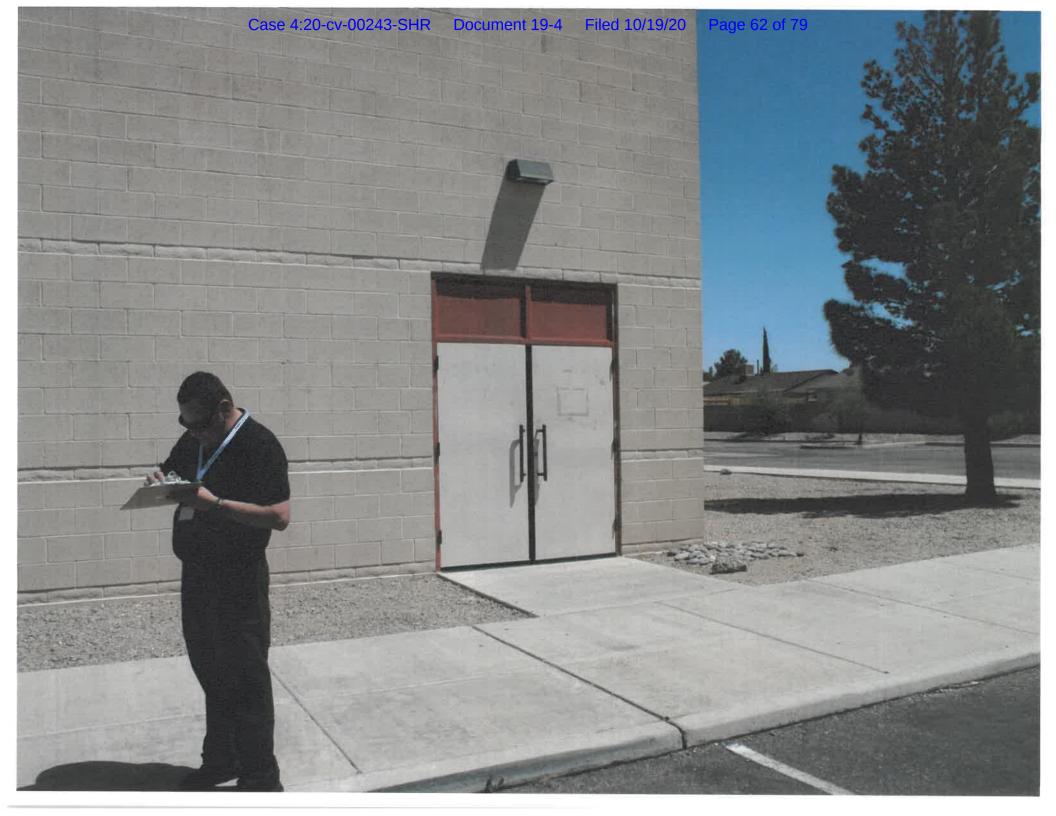
COMMENTS:		
3. Regarding elevators { \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		
(a) Is the elevator in close proximity to the entrance of the building?	YES	NO
If not what is the distance?		
(b) Do elevator doors provide at least 36 inches clear width?	YES	NO
(c) Are control panels marked with raised lettering and/or Braille characters?	YES	NO
(d) Are the highest buttons in the elevator mounted no more than 54" above the floor?	YES	
COMMENTS:		
WALKWAYS/SIDEWALK { No walkway, skip to next section}		
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1. Is the walkway paved?  If NO, is the walkway still handicapped accessible?  2. Is the walkway at least 36 inches wide?  3. Are there additional curbs/steps along the walkway to the building cut or ramped?	YESYES	_NO

#### **PARKING**

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1. Are designated HC marked parking spaces available?	YESNO
<ul> <li>a. Are HC parking spaces marked with a sign visible when the space is occupied?</li> <li>b. Are VAN HC parking spaces marked with a sign visible when the space is occup</li> </ul>	YESNO
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2. Is there more than one parking lot that the voters will be using?	· YES X NO
If YES, will additional signage be necessary & how many:	
Yellow Board SignsRed Arrows	
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If YES, is that where the handicapped parking is located?	YES NO
If YES, extra HC directional signage is required (triangular signs w HC symbol)	YESNO
3. Are parking spaces at least 8 feet wide?	YES NO
	NO
4. Is the adjacent access aisle at least 5 feet wide?	YES NO
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If YES, height of curb/step:	
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(7)	-
6. Distance from the building. (ft) to HC Parking	
7. Is there a curb cut or ramp for access to walkway from parking?	UEG NO
7. Is there a curb cut or ramp for access to walkway from parking?  If YES, is the number on the slope measuring tool less than 2"?	YES NO
If NO, height of curb:	
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<u>1"1"1'\2"2"2'\2"3"3'\2"4"4"4'\2"5"_</u>	5 <sup>1</sup> /2"6"
8. Is the curb cut surface at least 36" wide, excluding flared sides?	SNO
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9. Is there sufficient lighting in all areas of the parking lot?  YE	SNO

COMMENTS:				
10. Are there outside sprinklers that construction or removed and planned construction or removed ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR DESCRIPTIONAL COMPANDA C	del that could impact election		SSIBILITY:	YES NO
All elements Compliant  Non-Complaint elements remediable w	rith temporary measures	H	YES	NO
What are they?				
Non-Complaint elements NOT ren Place YES SIGNED by Co	NO	measures -	Must Reloc	ate Polling









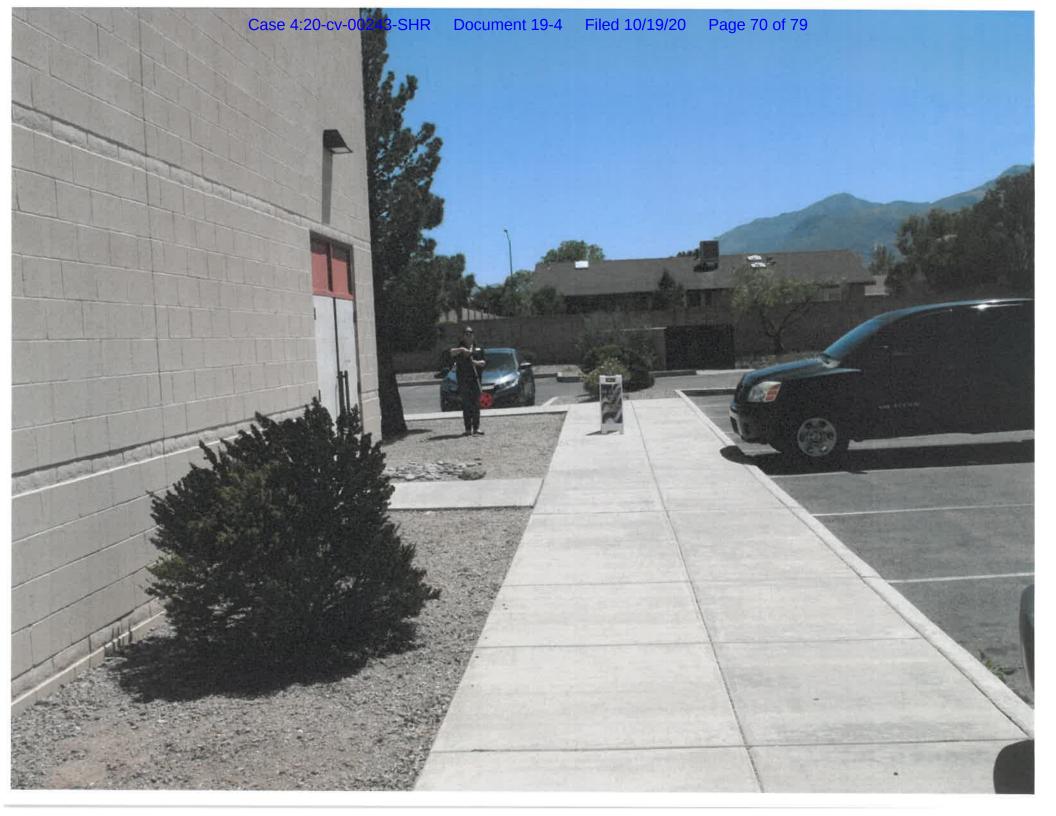








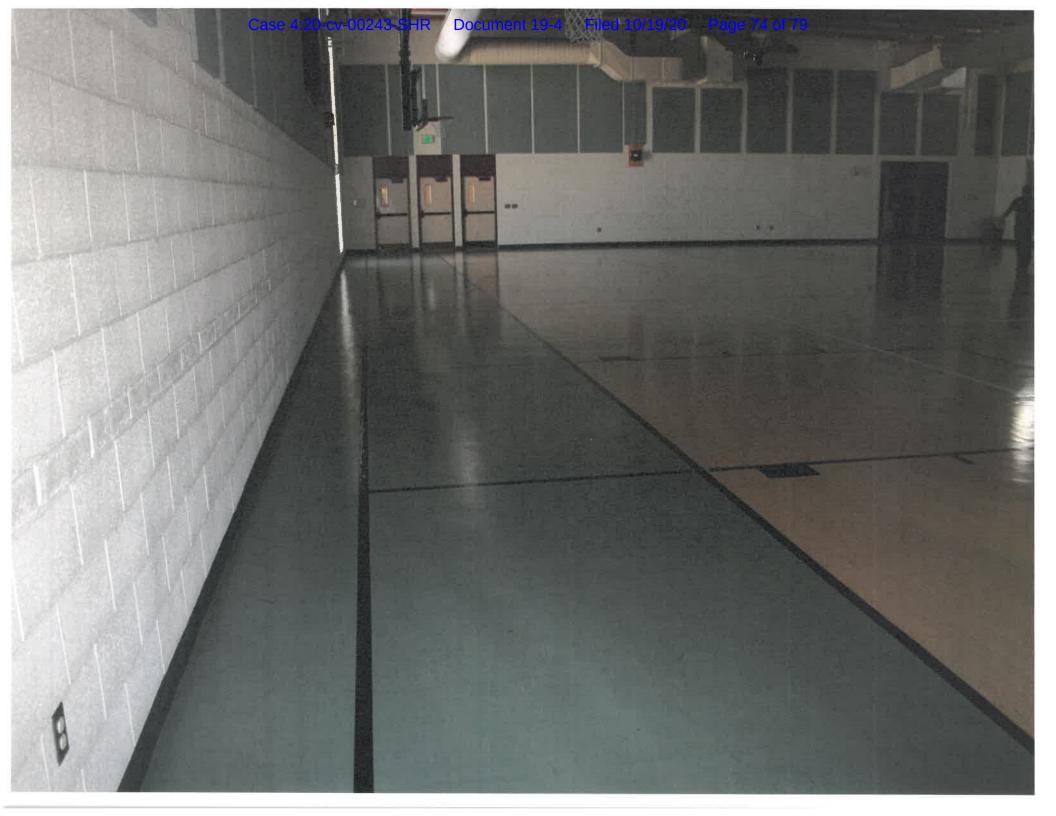


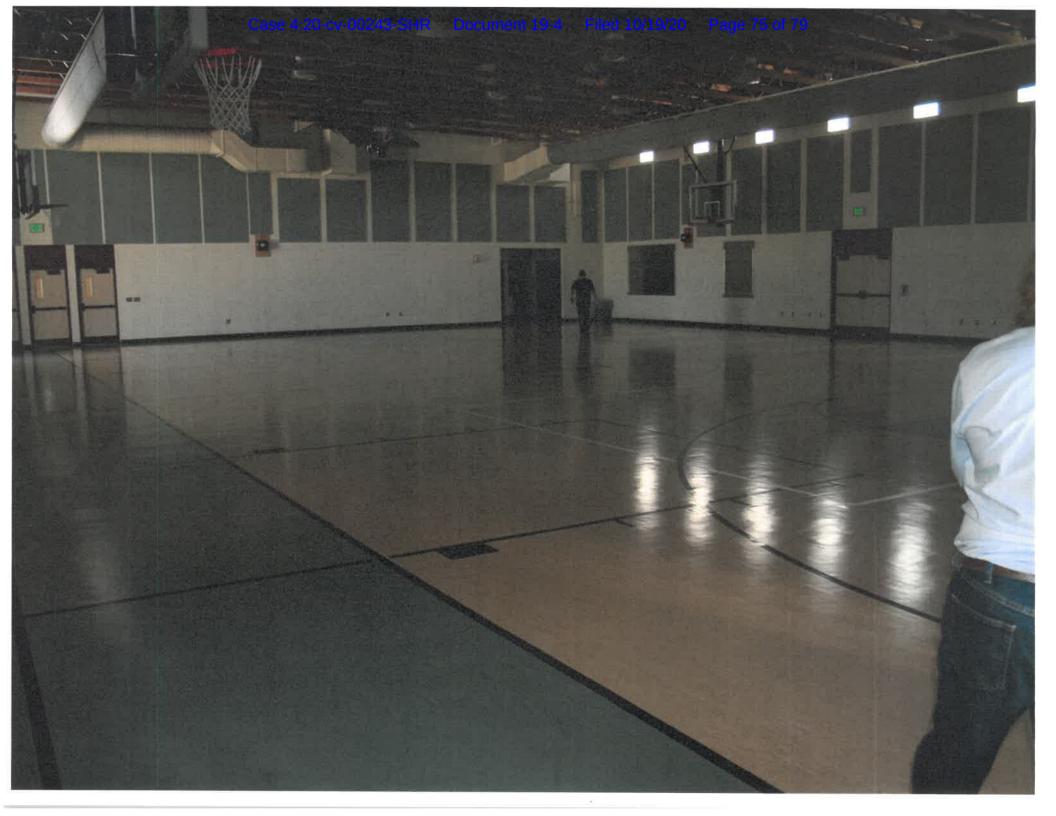




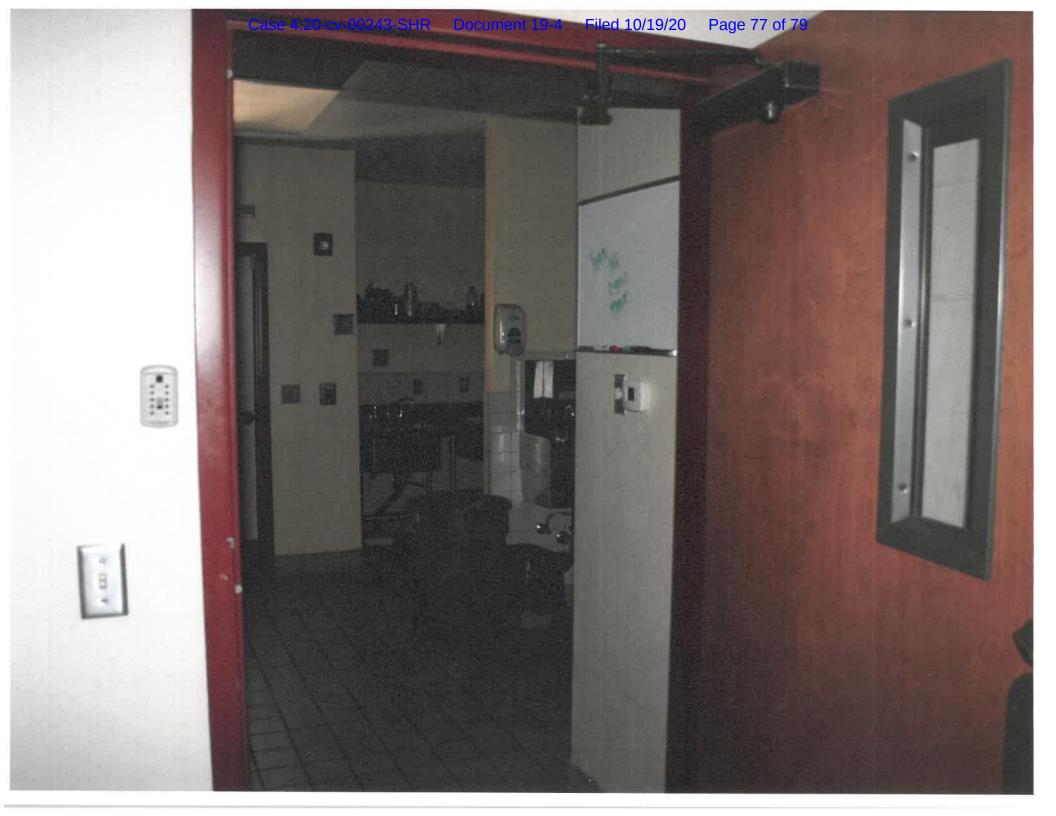




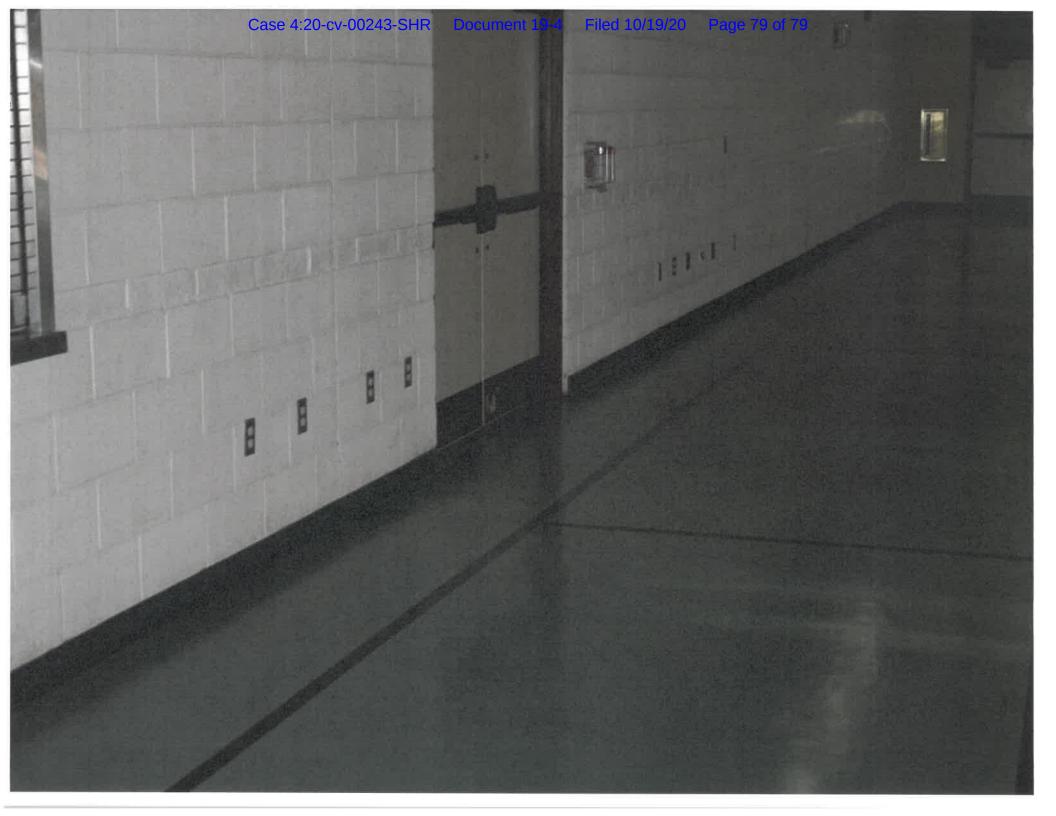












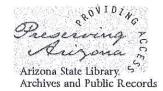
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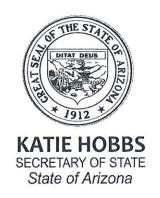
#### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF STATE



### KATIE HOBBS SECRETARY OF STATE



	□ Administration	fax (60)		ublic Services ax (602) 542-4366
То:	Arizona Center for Disability Law	Fах:	(602) 274-6779	)
From	n: Arizona Center for Disability Law	Date:	January 14, 20	019
Re: Hoffard, Kathleen - HAVA Complaint		Pages:	3 pages (incl.	cover sheet)
Cc:				
	rgent □ For Review □ Per Yo	our Request	☐ Please Reply	☐ Please Recycle



January 14, 2019

BY FAX AND U.S. MAIL

Arizona Center for Disability Law 5025 East Washington Street, Suite 202 Phoenix, Arizona 85034 Fax: (602) 274-6779

RE: HAVA-18-148 - Kathleen Hoffard HAVA Complaint

#### To Whom It May Concern:

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office received an Election Administrative Complaint sent from the Arizona Center for Disability Law by facsimile transmission to our office on behalf of a voter, Kathleen Hoffard, alleging a violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Specifically, Ms. Hoffard alleges "a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 21081(a)(3)(A)."

After careful review of the complaint, we have determined that our office cannot initiate the administrative complaint process due to the complaint being filed out of accordance with the established procedure for filing a HAVA complaint in the State of Arizona.

Ms. Hoffard's complaint was sent to the Secretary of State's Office via fax transmission. The State of Arizona requires that an Election Administrative Complaint be received by "the Secretary of State's office either by mail or hand delivery [...]." See State of Arizona Procedures Manual (2014), Ch. 19 § 1. Further, administrative complaints are required to be filed "in writing, notarized, signed, and sworn to." See Manual, Ch. 19 § 3(1). The Arizona Notary Public Reference Manual states that an official notarial certificate "bears the notary public's wet signature and seal." See Arizona Notary Public Reference Manual, Ch. 3, Pg. 16. Accordingly, because the Secretary of State's Office received a faxed copy of the complaint and not an original document bearing a wet notary signature and wet notary seal, it cannot be accepted.



Despite this deficiency, our office does understand the difficulties faced by Ms. Hoffard in casting her ballot on Election Day. We take matters like this under consideration as we provide guidance to county election officials regarding training and conduct at polling places and early voting locations. We have made the Cochise County Elections Department aware of Ms. Hoffard's experience, and our offices will continue to work to make improvements in this area.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janine Petty

Deputy State Election Director

Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs

CC: Lisa Marra, Cochise County Elections Director

## **EXHIBIT "F"**



### Cochise County Elections Department

Public Programs...Personal Service www.cochise.az.gov

LISA M. MARRA Director

MARTHA L. RODRIQUEZ Deputy Director

February 4, 2019

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Ms. Kathleen Hoffard 5423 S. Sioux Ave Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

RE: HAVA Complaint 2018 General Election

Dear Ms. Hoffard

This letter is response to a claim you made through the Arizona Center for Disability Law to the Arizona Secretary of State's Office for a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Complaint for issues you allegedly experienced in Cochise County on November 6, 2018. Although the claim was not accepted because it was not filed in accordance with the procedures established by the State of Arizona, I do think it's important to address your concerns as we take the right to vote for every resident very seriously.

I am sorry you experienced some difficulty when casting your vote in the 2018 General Election. Cochise County moved to a Vote Center model in 2015, where any eligible voter could vote at any of the 17 established locations. One of the major improvements in the Vote Center model is that each facility is fully ADA accessible under the Federal guidelines established for polling locations. That means every voter can access a facility and cast their vote in person just like everyone else. As such, curbside voting is no longer a requirement when a facility is ADA accessible under voting regulations. We would not utilize a Vote Center that didn't meet those stringent federal guidelines. A comprehensive assessment is performed at each site prior to an election cycle by this office in conjunction with a building/planning and zoning technician for expertise.

The Board of Supervisors invested over a million dollars in electronic technology for voter convenience and accessibility when they adopted this new model for our voters. Our county can have upwards of 500 different ballot styles during an election, and it's not possible to have actual printed paper ballots available on election day as we did in the past when we had a polling location assigned for voters in each precinct. All voters who chose to vote in person are required to come into the ADA accessible Vote Center and cast their votes on one of the touch screen ExpressVote machines. These machines are large and not meant to be mobile to move in and out of a facility as they have sensitive electronic components inside. Moving them in and out would be dangerous for the expensive equipment, the poll workers and the disabled voter.

We train poll workers extensively on how to assist all disabled voters when they are asked by the voter. As we move into the next election cycle, we will continue to train and inform our poll workers to be on the lookout for anyone who needs or asks for assistance at any of our Vote Centers.

Because the right to vote in the method a voter selects is critical to us, I do offer some additional suggestions on casting your vote in the future, should you choose to consider the many and various options you have in Cochise County.

Nearly 70% of our eligible voters cast their ballots early, or by mail each election. That number continues to grow every year. I have enclosed a request for Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) should you decide to join the many others in our County who vote that way for convenience. Once on the list, you automatically receive a ballot for every election you are eligible to vote in. You can return your ballot by US Postal Service mail or drop it off in one of the secure drop boxes located inside County service centers. These ballots are always processed and counted prior to election day and are the first results released on election night. I've enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your added convenience in returning that form to us.

If you do not wish to be on the Permanent Early Voting List, you can always request a ballot be mailed to you for any election you wish by simply calling the County Recorder's Office at 432-8358 at least 12 days prior to any election you are eligible to vote in.

The other option available is in person early voting at the Recorder's Office in Bisbee. That takes place starting 27 days prior to an election, during business hours. They also offer Saturday in person voting during the larger election cycles. You would still be required to come into their office to cast your ballot on the machine, but that is an option you can consider as they are not normally as busy as a Vote Center would be on an election day.

In closing, I am sorry your election day experience was frustrating, and we'll continue to move forward to make improvements in the voting experience for all our residents. We are fortunate in Arizona to have so many options in place for all voters who wish to participate in elections. Please contact my office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely

Lisa M. Manrá, CPM

Elections Director

CC: Arizona Secretary of State

Arizona Center for Disability Law



Cochise County
Elections Department
1415 Melody LN, BLDG A
Bisbee, AZ 85603





Cochise County Recorder
David W. Stevens
1415 Melody Lane, Building B
Bisbee, Arizona 85603
520-432-8358
Toll Free 1-888-457-4513

#### PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST REQUEST

#### **Dear Cochise County voter:**

Any registered voter may request to be included on the "Permanent Early Voting List" in order to automatically receive an early ballot by mail, for all elections they are eligible to participate, that are governed by state law. In order to be included on the "Permanent Early Voting List", the voter must make a written request specifically asking that their name be added to the permanent list. The request must include the voter's name, residence address, mailing address within the county you reside, date of birth and your signature.

The voter will remain on this list until the voter's registration is cancelled, moved to inactive status, or until the voter requests in writing to be removed from the list. Removal requests must include: voter's name, residence address, date of birth, and signature. A voter's failure to vote and return an early ballot does not remove the voter from the permanent early voting list.

Eligible voters added to the "Permanent Early Voting List" will receive a notice, not less than ninety days (90) days prior to any election in March or August. The notice will include the dates of the elections that the notice is regarding, the dates that the voter's ballot is expected to be mailed (27 days prior to any given election) and the address where the ballot will be mailed. The notice will also include a means for the voter to: change their mailing address, update their residence address, and/or allow for the voter to request that a ballot not be sent for the upcoming election or elections indicated on the notice. If the election is a partisan (political party specific) open primary election and the voter is not registered as a member of one of the political parties participating in the election, the notice will include information for the voter on how to select a specific political party ballot to receive.

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PERMANANENT EARLY VOTING LIST REQUE	
Check here if you wish to be included on the early ballot by mail without having to requ	e Permanent Early voting List. You will automatically receive an est for each election.
REGISTRATION UPDATE SECTION	
NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
SIGN HERE:	
l swear or affirm under penalty	of perjury that the above information is true and correct.

If you elect to be on the Permanent Early voting List, please return completed request to County Recorder, 1415 Melody Ln., Bldg. B, Bisbee, Arizona 85603

## **EXHIBIT "G"**



MARK BRNOVICH
ATTORNEY GENERAL

### OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

REBEKAH BROWDER ANGELINA NGUYEN CHIEF COUNSEL

May 9, 2019

Cochise County Recorder's Office c/o Management 1415 Melody Ln., Bldg B Bisbee, AZ 85603

Re: Ms. Kathleen Hoffard v. Cochise County Recorder's Office

CRD No.: TCRD-2019-0166

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is addressed to you as agent of the above-named organization.

A complaint alleging that you have committed an unlawful discriminatory practice or act under the Arizona Civil Rights Act has been filed with this Division. This complaint was filed by Ms. Kathleen Hoffard, on May 04, 2019, and alleges being discriminated against because of her Disability.

On the Notice of Charge of Discrimination, your organization may have been asked to contact a Mediation Program Coordinator if it wanted to participate in the Arizona Civil Rights Division's mediation program. If the parties do not agree to participate in the mediation process or if the matter was not referred to mediation, the Attorney General's Office will immediately begin its investigation into the allegations in the Charging Party's allegations and the Division requests that your organization provide a position statement by the date reflected on the Notice of Charge of Discrimination. Please follow the instructions and submit the requested information on or before the date shown on the request.

We would like to remind you of your obligation to preserve relevant documents and data in this. The claims asserted by the Charging Party herein require the preservation and retention of all documents and data, including electronically stored information ("ESI"), from all sources, relating in any way to the Charging Party's claims until further notice from the Division. The law requires that you take all steps necessary to protect and preserve such information until further notice from the Division.

Please review the description of documents and data set forth below, and if you have possession or control of, or know of the existence of, any responsive documents, whether in hard copy or electronic form, please follow the instructions provided below for ensuring that you preserve copies of all responsive documents.

Please also take all necessary steps to ensure that any of your employees, agents, or other representatives with relevant information takes the steps described herein to preserve relevant evidence until further notice from the Division.

"Documents and data" as used herein means not only hard copy documents and handwritten notes, but audio recordings, videotape, e-mail, instant messages, text messages, social media postings, voice mails, word documents, spreadsheets, databases, calendars, internet usage files, and all other electronic information maintained, created, and/or received by you or your employees.

"Sources" include all hard copy files, computer hard drives, removable media (DVDs, CDs, flash drives, external hard drives, etc.), laptops, tablets, cell phones, and any other locations where hard copy and electronic data is stored. Please bear in mind that any of the above-mentioned sources of relevant information may include personal computers and cell phones you use or have access to at home, or at other locations.

Specific Steps You Must Take: To comply with the foregoing requirements, unless a proper forensic copy has first been made, and is adequately documented and retained, please: 1) preserve (do not erase, overwrite or otherwise alter) any documents and ESI within your possession, custody or control, relating or referring in any way to matters that are the subject of the Charging Party's claim; and 2) do not transfer, sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of any computer equipment, including personal computers, tablets, hand held devices, laptops, smart phones, or any hard drives or other memory devices that may contain relevant ESI.

Upon completion of its investigation, the Division will make a determination either finding there is reasonable cause to believe the complaint is true or dismissing the complaint. You will be given written notice of the determination of the Division.

In the event the Division finds there is reasonable cause, the Division will seek to conciliate the matter with you on a voluntary basis, or you may initiate settlement discussions with the Complainant at any time.

If you have any questions pertaining to your case please contact Assigned Investigator Linda Bohlke, at (520) 628-6789 or by email Linda.Bohlke@azag.gov.

Sincerely,

Patricia G. Bianchi

Compliance Manager

PGB/lcr Enclosures Public Accommodation Discrimination Complaint Request for Position Statement



#### CIVIL RIGHTS MEDIATION INFORMATION SHEET

Office of the Arizona Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, Conflict Resolution Program

2005 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85004 ♦ 602-542-7657 400 West Congress S-315, Tucson 85701 ♦ 520-628-6782

The Office of the Arizona Attorney General's Civil Rights Division offers a voluntary service for resolving discrimination complaints prior to, or during, the investigation process. This service is called mediation and is offered at no cost through the Conflict Resolution Program.

#### WHAT IS MEDIATION?

Mediation is an informal, confidential process where a trained, impartial person – the mediator – facilitates discussions between complainants and respondents to help them clarify issues and negotiate an agreement. The mediator does not act as a judge and will not make a decision. The parties retain control of the outcome. The mediation generally takes place either in the Phoenix or Tucson office of the Civil Rights Division and takes between one and four hours.

If the parties reach a resolution, the terms are included in a formal, written mediation agreement that must be approved by the Civil Rights Division. If an agreement is reached, the case will be closed. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement through the mediation process, the Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division will pursue its investigation of the complaint. The Conflict Resolution Program is separate from the Compliance Section and no information will be shared with the investigators about anything that occurs during the mediation.

#### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A MEDIATION

One of the primary benefits of mediation is that it provides complainants and respondents with an opportunity to resolve their disputes early in the case, without the time, cost, and stress of having to participate in the full investigation process (potentially involving interviews, responding to document requests and subpoenas, on-site investigations of property, etc.). It also allows the parties to create their own solutions to the issues – which may be different from those achievable as a result of litigation. Other benefits include:

☐ Participants retain control of the outcome	<ul> <li>Confidential process</li> </ul>
☐ Builds communication skills	<ul> <li>Minimizes time and expense</li> </ul>
☐ Non-threatening environment	☐ Clarifies the issues
☐ Convenient	☐ Efficient
□ Non-judgmental No blame	☐ Preserves relationships

One of the most significant indicators of the success of this service is the high satisfaction rate of parties who have participated in the Attorney General's mediation program. In the 2012 fiscal year, 95% of the surveyed mediation participants reported that they would recommend mediation to others.

#### TIMING OF MEDIATION

Cases that the Civil Rights Division deems appropriate for mediation are generally referred to the Conflict Resolution Program within approximately ten days after the complaint is filed. Conflict Resolution staff may then contact both parties to ask if they are interested in participating in a mediation session. If and when both parties agree to mediate, the investigation will be on hold (for up to **two weeks** if it is a housing discrimination case or for up to **thirty days** if it is any other type of discrimination case) so that mediation attempts can be made. **Mediation attempts must be completed within these time periods**. Due to the Division's statutory and contractual deadlines, if the mediation does not occur or no agreement is reached during these time periods, the case will be returned to the Compliance Section immediately for continuation of the investigation. If the respondent has not yet submitted a position statement, it will be due within **seven days** of the return to the Compliance Section. (**Note**: If a party is interested in participating in mediation and does not wish to wait to be contacted by Conflict Resolution staff, he or she may contact them directly by calling either of the telephone numbers listed above.)



MARK BRNOVICH
ATTORNEY GENERAL

# OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

REBEKAH BROWDER
ANGELINA NGUYEN
CHIEF COUNSEL

## REQUEST FOR POSITION STATEMENT (Public Accommodation / Arizonans with Disabilities Act / Voting)

You are asked to send us a statement responding to the enclosed charge. Please state your position concerning each of the allegations made in the charge. You are encouraged to include any and all information and documents that you consider to be important. In addition, please provide the following information:

1. Number and location of offices or places of business.

2. Type of entity (Corporation, Partnership, Sole Proprietorship, etc.).

3. Names of all persons or entities with ownership interest in Respondent (and contact information).

Please provide this information on or before May 19, 2019 to the Tucson office at the address listed below, to the attention of the undersigned Compliance Officer Linda Bohlke at (520) 628-6789.

The position statement must be signed and affirmed by a representative of Respondent. Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R10-3-306(B) and R10-3-409(A), the affirmation must state: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Requests for extensions of time to provide the position statement will be granted only upon a showing of good cause. In addition, please note that the Division has the authority under A.R.S. § 41-1403 (B) to issue a subpoena for the information listed above. Such, action may be taken if the information is not provided to the Division in a timely manner. Furthermore, the Division may issue a determination regarding the merits of the charge based on the information it has gathered to date, whether or not the Respondent has provided a position statement or any other requested information. However, prior to making a determination, the Division will accept any supplemental information provided by either party.

The Division anticipates and appreciates your cooperation with this request.



### MARK BRNOVICH ATTORNEY GENERAL

# OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

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CHIEF COUNSEL

### **Effective Position Statements**

An effective position statement is clear, concise, complete, and responsive.

#### What should a position statement include?

At a minimum, it should include specific, factual responses to every allegation of the charge. The position statement should clearly explain the respondent's version of the facts and identify the specific documents and witnesses supporting the position. A well drafted position statement can help us accelerate the investigation and limit requests for additional information. Keep the following points in mind as you prepare the position statement:

- Address each alleged discriminatory act and your position regarding it and provide copies of documents supporting your position and/or version of the events.
- Provide a description of the respondent company; include legal name and address; name, address, title and phone number of the person responsible for responding to the charge; primary function of the business; and the number of employees. A staffing or organizational chart is also useful in helping to focus the investigation.
- Provide copies or descriptions of any applicable anti-discrimination practices, policies or procedures.
- Identify any other individuals who have been similarly affected by these practices, policies or procedures; describe the circumstances in which the practices, policies, or procedures have been applied.
- Explain why individuals who were in a similar situation to the Charging Party were not similarly affected.
- Identify person(s) who made decisions or took action relating to the matter(s) raised in the charge.
- Be specific about date(s), action(s) and location(s) applicable to this case.
- Provide copies of internal investigations of the alleged incidents or grievance hearing reports.
- Inform the assigned compliance officer if the matter has been resolved or can be resolved; if it can be resolved, please indicate your proposal for resolution.

#### How much time is allowed for preparation of a position statement?

Fourteen calendar days is normally allowed for responding to the charge. A brief extension of time may be allowed in particular cases, but only if good cause exists and it is clear that the employer is working in good faith to supply all of the necessary information. Position statements may also be supplemented if new information is obtained by the respondent after the initial position statement is submitted to the Division.

#### ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Cochise County Recorder's Office c/o Management 1415 Melody Ln., Bldg B Bisbee, AZ 85603	PERSON FILING CHARGE  Ms. Kathleen Hoffard  THIS PERSON (check one or both)  ☐ Claims to be Aggrieved ☐ Is filing on Behalf of Other(s)  CHARGE NO.
	TCRD-2019-0166
NOTICE OF CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION (See the enclosed for additional information)	
This is notice that a charge of discrimination has been filed against you Act, involving the following:	our organization under the Arizona Civil Rights
☐ Employment ☐ Public Accommodations ☐ Fair Housing	☐ Arizonans with Disabilities Act ☐ Voting
The boxes checked below apply to our handling of this charge:	
1. ACRD has a Mediation program that gives parties an opportunity to resolve the issues of a charge without extensive investigation or expenditure of resources. Please refer to the enclosed Mediation Information Sheet for more information about the program. If you would like to participate, please respond by May 23, 2019 to:	
PHOENIX Office – Keena Patel, Mediation Coord TUCSON Office – Adam Glaser, Mediation Coord	The state of the s
If you do not wish to try Mediation, you must respond to any re	equest(s) made below by the dates specified there.
2. Please provide by May 19, 2019 a statement of your position on supporting documentation to the ACRD representative listed below. You we investigate the charge. A prompt response to this request will make	our response will be placed in the file and considered as
3. Please respond fully by to the enclosed red ACRD representative listed below. Your response will be placed in the prompt response to this request will make it easier to conclude our investigation.	
For further inquiry on this matter, please use the charge number shown above. Your position statement, your response to our request for information or any inquiry you may have should be directed to:	
Attorn 400 W	na Civil Rights Division ney General's Office – Tucson Vest Congress S-315 n, Arizona 85701
CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION  RACE COLOR SEX RELIGION NAT ORIGIN AGE  See enclosed copy of charge of discrimination.	E DISABILITY RETALIATION OTHER
Date Name / Title of Authorized Official  May 9, 2019 Patricia G. Rianchi, Compliance	Signature Signature
May 9, 2019 Patricia G. Bianchi, Compliance	: Ivialiagei

## OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Civil Rights Division		
COMPLAINT OF DISCR	IMINATION COMPLAINT NUMBER TORD-2019-0144	
Name (Indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs.) Ms. Kathleen Hoffard	HOME TEL. NO. (Include Area Code) 520-508-7464	
5423 S. Sioux Ave. Sierra	a Vista, AZ 85650 Cochise	
Show below the name of the government entity, business entity, individu	al, property owner, etc., against whom this complaint is being filed.	
NAME Cochise County Recorder's Office	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code). 520-432-8350	
	ity, state and zip code bee, AZ 85603	
STREET ADDRESS RECEIVE	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	
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	DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUATION DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE (Month, Day, Year)  11/06/2018	
EXPLAIN THE PARTICULARS OF WHAT TOOK PLACE (II additional space is no.  I. PERSONAL HARM: A I requested and was defined by the space of	eded, attach extra sheet(s):	
equal access to voting.	lenied reasonable accommodations necessary to afford me	
II. RESPONDENT'S REASON FOR ADVERSE	ACTION: A None given	
III. DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: For the	e following reasons I believe I have been discriminated ne Arizona Civil Rights Act, as amended. The particulars	
A. I am registered voter in Cochise County person with apparent disabilities.	; eligible and qualified to vote in the United States. I am a	
Christian Minisries located at 1519 Avenid locations that as a reasonable accommoda including but not limited inadequate handical	visited two polling centers. The polling center was located 85650. The second polling center was located at Shiloh la del Sol, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. I requested at both tion, I be permitted to vote curbside because barriers; p parking and small area rugs posed significant disability workers denied my requests because the polling places	
B. I believe and therefore allege that but f equal access to voting.	for my disabilities; I would not have been denied full and	
believe, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and SI	ignature Of Complainant and Date	
will advise the Civil Rights Division if I change my address or elephone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the rocessing of my complaint in accordance with their procedures.	abscribed and sworn to before the this date (Month, Day, Year)	
OFFICIAL SEAL ANDREW STEVENS Notary Public-State of Arizona COCHISE COUNTY MY COMM#: 522902 EXPIRES: January 24, 2021		

## **EXHIBIT "H"**



BRIAN M. McINTYRE Cochise County Attorney

May 30, 2019

Linda Bohlke, Investigator
Office of the Arizona Attorney General
Civil Litigation Division & Division of Civil Rights Section
400 W. Congress Street
South Bldg., Suite S-315
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Kathleen Hoffard v. Cochise County Recorder's Office CRD No.: TCRD-2019-0166

Dear Ms. Bohlke:

Cochise County hereby submits its Position Statement in response to the May 4, 2019 Complaint of Discrimination filed by Ms. Kathleen Hoffard (also referred to as "Claimant"). As set forth below, Cochise County respectfully submits that the Complaint is without merit and should be dismissed. Cochise County denies that it discriminated against Ms. Hoffard based on her disability.

#### I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Cochise County is a governmental body organized as a political subdivision of the State of Arizona. It serves a largely rural community in southeast Arizona, with the County seat located in Bisbee, Arizona. Cochise County encompasses 6,250 square miles and has a population of approximately 140,000 people. Incorporated cities or towns in Cochise County include Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Huachuca City, Benson, Tombstone, Douglas, and Willcox.

As of November 1, 2018, Cochise County employed 838 people. Cochise County maintains various office locations within the county limits. Cochise County is a governmental entity and therefore, is not "owned" like a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship. Rather, Cochise County is governed under the Arizona statutory system of county government, which allocates statute-based duties among appointed department heads and elected officials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This position statement is based upon the undersigned's knowledge of the facts at the time of its submission.

Cochise County has seventeen (17) vote centers across the region that are American Disability Act ("ADA") Compliant and Accessible, that meet the needs of elderly and disabled voters. See Exhibit A, attached hereto, News Release, Cochise County ensures voting process is accessible and convenient, May 2, 2018; Exhibit B, attached hereto, ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities. Because all of the vote centers meet ADA requirements, the need for curbside voting was eliminated. See Exhibit C, attached hereto, Cochise County Poll Worker Handbook 2018, Assisting Disabled and Elderly Voters; Exhibit D, attached hereto, PowerPoint Slides re: Cochise County Poll Worker Handbook 2018 (Page 22), American Disability Act (ADA).

Curbside voting is no longer offered because of the potential for injury to voters, poll workers and the voting machine equipment. The touchscreen ExpressVote machines are large, contain sensitive components, and are not designed to be moved repeatedly in and out of the vote center facility for curbside voting. The machines tend to tip over and could cause injury to the disabled voter in his/her car or the poll worker. Simply stated, it is not safe for poll works to move these very top-heavy voting machines outside to a vehicle. Further, all vote center poll workers are trained to provide assistance to disabled and elderly voters. See Exhibits C, D. Any voter requesting assistance is entitled to receive help and those voters who have difficulty standing in line, although not entitled to advance to the front of the line, can be offered a place to sit until it is his or her turn to vote. (Id.).

On January 7, 2019, Ms. Hoffard, through the Arizona Center for Disability Law, filed a discrimination claim with the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") of 2002, 52 U.S.C. §§ 21081, et seq., alleging that Cochise County discriminated against her based on her disability, by refusing to provide curbside voting at two vote centers in Sierra Vista, Arizona. See Exhibit E, attached hereto, HAVA Complaint of Behalf of Kathleen Hoffard. Ms. Hoffard also alleged that the number of handicapped parking spaces were inadequate and that she was afraid that she would trip on the area rugs at the vote centers. Ms. Hoffard further alleges that standing in line and walking were difficult for her due to her disability.

On January 14, 2019, the Arizona Secretary of State denied Ms. Hoffard's discrimination claim because it was procedurally deficient, and notified Lisa M. Marra, Director of Cochise County Elections of Ms. Hoffard's concerns. *See* Exhibit F, Letter from Janine Petty, Deputy State Elections Director, Arizona Secretary of State to Arizona Center for Disability Law, dated January 14, 2019.

On February 4, 2019, Lisa M. Marra, Cochise County Elections Director, wrote to Ms. Hoffard about the concerns in her HAVA Complaint, explaining that the vote centers are ADA Compliant and fully ADA Accessible under the federal guidelines established for polling locations and therefore, curbside voting is no longer a requirement. See Exhibit G, attached hereto, Letter to Kathleen Hoffard from Lisa M. Marra, dated February 4, 2019. Ms. Marra further explained that because of the variety of different ballot styles (approximately 500 ballot styles), there are no paper ballots at the vote centers. Any voter who chooses to vote in person is required to come to the ADA accessible vote center and cast his/her vote on one of the touchscreen ExpressVote machines. Additionally, Ms. Marra offered Ms. Hoffard the option of participating in early voting, requesting a paper ballot be mailed to her, and/or voting early, in-person at

the Cochise County Recorder's Office. Ms. Hoffard never contacted Ms. Marra or responded to Ms. Marra's letter. On May 4, 2019, Ms. Hoffard filed the instant Complaint of Discrimination.

The persons primarily tasked with collecting and responding to the Complaint are:

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#### II. ALLEGED PERSONAL HARM

Cochise County denies discriminating against Ms. Hoffard based on her disability. Based on the Complaint of Discrimination, it appears that Ms. Hoffard believes that she was discriminated against based on her disability due to the County's refusal to provide her with a reasonable accommodation to afford her equal voting access. Specifically, *inter alia*, Ms. Hoffard alleges that the County refused to provide her with curbside voting.

#### A. Curbside Voting Is No Longer Available in Cochise County

Ms. Hoffard alleges that on November 6, 2018, she visited two polling centers in Sierra Vista, where she requested, and was denied, curbside voting. *See* Complaint of Discrimination.

Curbside voting is no longer available in Cochise County. See Exhibits A, C & D. Cochise County's 17 vote centers are ADA Compliant and ADA Accessible. Cochise County invested over one million dollars in technology to make these vote centers fully ADA Accessible. Exhibit G. The touchscreen ExpressVote machines are heavy and contain very sensitive components. Id. They are not designed to be moved in and out of the vote center facilities for curbside voting and tend to tip over, which could cause serious injury to a disabled voter at his/her car or to the poll worker moving the ExpressVote machine. Id. Moreover, Cochise County residents and voters were notified that the County would no longer offer curbside voting via a press release on May 2, 2018 (over 6 months before the November 6, 2018 Election), and through

various Facebook posts. Exhibit A. Cochise County issued the press release and posted information on its Facebook page so that the County's residents and voters would know that curbside voting would not be available at the vote centers. In over two (2) elections and nearly 20,000 in-person voters since the elimination of curbside voting, Cochise County has had only one (1) other concern about its elimination. See Exhibit H, attached hereto, Vote Center Survey, General Election November 6, 2018, VC-8. Because the vote centers are ADA Compliant and ADA Accessible, Cochise County did not discriminate against Ms. Hoffard based on her disability by refusing her request for curbside voting.

Moreover, Ms. Hoffard had several options available to her to cast her vote. First, Ms. Hoffard had an opportunity to participate in early voting, by joining the Permanent Early Voting List. See Exhibit G. Ms. Hoffard would automatically receive a ballot by mail for every election in which she is eligible to vote. She would then have the option of returning the ballot by mail or dropping it off in one of the secure drop boxes located inside the County service centers. Second, Ms. Hoffard could request a ballot be mailed to her for any election by calling the Cochise County Recorder's Office at least 12 days before the election. Id. Finally, Ms. Hoffard could vote early, in-person, at the Recorder's Office in Bisbee, starting 27 days before the election. Id. Because Cochise County offers these alternatives to in-person voting at votes centers, Ms. Hoffard has full and equal access to voting. Consequently, the County did not deny Ms. Hoffard her right to vote, nor did the County discriminate against her based on her disability.

#### B. Handicap Parking Spaces Comply with Building, Zoning Codes and ADA Checklist

Ms. Hoffard alleges that the handicap parking spaces at the vote centers are inadequate. However, the number of handicap parking spaces is controlled by the building and zoning codes. Further, the ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities (Exhibit B, page 3) outlines the required number of handicap parking spaces at a vote center. Both of the vote centers that Ms. Hoffard visited met the requirement for the number of handicap parking (accessible parking) spaces under the ADA. See Exhibit I, attached hereto, Vote Center Accessibility Evaluation (ADA Compliance Worksheet) for VC-8, Shiloh Christian Ministries; Exhibit J, attached hereto, Vote Center Accessibility Evaluation (ADA Compliance Worksheet) for VC-9, Methodist Church. Unfortunately, Ms. Hoffard may have come to the vote centers at a busy time and the handicapped parking spots may have been filled. Ms. Hoffard may have had to wait for a handicapped parking space, but that does not mean that the number of handicapped parking spaces were inadequate.

#### C. Area Rugs at the Vote Centers Have Non-Slip Rubber Backing

Ms. Hoffard alleges that "small area rugs" caused significant disability hurdles for her and she was afraid that she would slip or trip on the rugs. However, the rugs at the vote centers are not "small area rugs" or "throw rugs" like those you could buy at a department store that tend to slip. Rather, they are industrial, commercial rugs with non-slip rubber backing, designed to prevent slippage and falling, used in churches and similar facilities. Further, had Ms. Hoffard asked any of the poll workers for assistance, or expressed to one of the poll workers that she was afraid she may trip or fall on the area rugs, someone would have helped her to safely navigate over the rugs, and provided her with a place to sit, if standing was too much for her. There is no indication that she did so.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Cochise County denies discriminating against Ms. Hoffard on the basis of her disability, as alleged in the Complaint of Discrimination. The facts establish that the vote centers that Ms. Hoffard visited were both ADA Compliant and ADA Accessible and Cochise County notified its residents and voters that curbside voting would no longer be offered at these vote centers. Further, there is no indication that after Ms. Hoffard was informed that curbside voting was no longer offered, that she requested any other type of assistance from the poll workers. Moreover, Ms. Hoffard had at least three other options available to her for her to cast her vote: Permanent Early Voting List; requesting a ballot be mailed for a specific election; and/or in-person, early voting at the Cochise County Recorder's Office. Ms. Hoffard did not avail herself of any of these options.

Based on the foregoing, Cochise County respectfully requests complete dismissal of the Complaint of Discrimination.

As to matters contained herein, I swear or affirm that I have read the information and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and/or belief. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,

**COCHISE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** 

Christine J. Roberts

Civil Deputy County Attorney
Cochise County Attorney's Office

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### Dismissal Notice

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> Cochise County Recorder's Office c/o Christine Roberts, Deputy County Attorney 150 Quality Hill Rd., P.O. Drawer CA Bisbee, AZ 85603

Re: Kathleen Hoffard v. Cochise County Recorder's Office AZDA CRD No.: TCRD-2019-0166

### The Division of Civil Rights Section is closing its file on this charge.

Based upon its investigation, the Division of Civil Rights Section concludes that the information obtained is not sufficient to establish violations of the statute(s) and further investigation is unlikely to produce such evidence. This does not certify that the Respondent is in compliance with the statute(s). No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge/complaint. The notice of Charging Party's appeal rights is included on the reverse or following page.

On behalf of the Division.

Rebekah Browder, Chief Counsel

## R10-3-106 APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION; REOPENING OF PROCEEDINGS

The Charging Party may apply for reconsideration of dismissal of the charge. The application shall be in writing, must be made under oath stating that it is accurate under penalty of perjury, must specifically state the grounds upon which it is based, and shall be filed within twenty (20) days from Charging Party's receipt of the Division's decision.

A Charging Party's application must include any new evidence the Charging Party believes should be considered by the Division. New evidence includes, but is not limited to, additional documentation and witnesses not previously disclosed or considered by the Division during its investigation, new arguments, and/or other new information concerning the charge. If the Charging Party identifies new witnesses, he/she must describe in detail what these new witnesses will testify to regarding the Charging Party's allegations of discrimination and/or retaliation, and the witnesses' last known addresses, telephone numbers, or other contact information.

The application may be granted or denied at the Division's discretion. The Division may, on its own motion, reconsider a dismissal of a charge or any finding of fact it has issued.

A Charging Party's application for reconsideration does not affect the running of any statute of limitations, or deadline, for filing a lawsuit in court on any claims under the Arizona Civil Rights Act. Charging Parties should consult with a private attorney if they have questions concerning the statute of limitations and/or their rights under state and federal law.

All applications for reconsideration of dismissal of the charge must be submitted to Chief Counsel, Division of Civil Rights Section, Office of the Arizona Attorney General, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

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IT IS ORDERED Plaintiff's motion is DENIED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

**Honorable Scott H. Rash** 

United States District Court Judge