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Press Statement

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS HISTORIC VOTE ON VOTING MACHINE RESOLUTION

**Press Conference
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
1:00pm
Steps of City Hall**

City Council members, Civic leaders, Public Interest Groups, and supporters of paper ballot voting systems held a press conference on the steps of City Hall in the wake of the City Council vote to pass Resolution 131 which urges the New York City Board of Elections to choose a paper ballot and optical scanner voting system to replace the city's older mechanical voting machines. Resolution 131, introduced by Council Member Charles Barron, opposes the selection of computerized ATM-style electronic voting machines.

"The cornerstone of democracy is to make sure that every vote counts and Paper Ballots/Optical Scanners has proven to be the most reliable voting system," said Councilman Charles Barron. "The passage of this resolution is a timely, important and victorious step in the right direction. The board of elections is urged to follow the recommendation of the City Council and the countless other community groups, advocacy organizations, and concerned voters who represent the voice of the people. Further, the New York City Council is setting an example for legislatures around the entire country because preventing voting irregularities is a serious national issue as well.

Educating New Yorkers about this important issue was a collaborative effort. Advocates such as Ms. Teresa Hommel of the Election Integrity Taskforce and Groups such as New Yorkers for Verified Voting, the League of Women Voters, NYPIRG and the Brennan Center for Justice as well as individual concerned citizens, have contributed tremendously. Today's vote is a real victory."

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