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Resolution on the need for paper ballots, optical scanners and accessible ballot-marking devices for voters in New York City

The Members of the New York City Chapter of New York StateWide Senior Action Council approved the following resolution at its regular membership meeting today.

Whereas:

Paper ballots and precinct-based optical scanners offer a more easily-used method of voting than electronic voting machines, and

Accessible ballot-marking devices can enable voters with disabilities or minority languages to mark their paper ballot independently and privately, and

Voting equipment for marking and scanning paper ballots is more reliable, auditable, and cost-effective than equipment for handling electronic ballots, and

We are confident that our New York City Board of Elections can safeguard paper ballots easily and without causing public doubts about the honesty and propriety of our elections, but electronic voting has caused doubts as well as many lawsuits,

Therefore, we resolve the following:

To urge the New York City Council to pass Resolution 131 which urges adoption of paper ballots and optical scanners, with accessible ballot-marking devices, when our city has to replace our lever voting machines, and

To urge the New York City Board of Elections to choose paper ballots and optical scanners, with accessible ballot-marking devices, when it has to replace our lever voting machines.

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