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Resolution for Sufficient New Voting Equipment to Avoid Long Voter Lines

WHEREAS, Direct Recording Electronic voting machines (“DREs”) have been associated with long voter waiting lines, and

WHEREAS, long wait times have disenfranchised many voters who are unable to wait to vote, and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions have purchased DREs using a ratio as low as one DRE serving from 175 to 278 registered voters, and

WHEREAS, in most jurisdictions DREs do not have a voter-verifiable paper audit record, which is required by New York State law, and

WHEREAS, New York voters using DREs will need sufficient time to both enter their votes and then verify the votes as printed on the DRE paper audit record, so that voting on DREs in New York would require a longer time per voter than voting in jurisdictions with DREs that do not have a voter-verifiable paper audit record, and therefore more equipment would be needed in New York than in jurisdictions using DREs without a voter-verifiable paper audit record, and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers for Verified Voting as well as the Task Force on Election Integrity of Community Church of New York have studied wait times, and concluded that if more than 200 to 300 registered voters are assigned per DRE, the voters will have unreasonable waits to vote,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Independent Democrats strongly urges the New York State Board of Elections to assign no more than 200 to 300 registered voters per DRE.

Adopted by the membership on Thursday, April 12, 2007.