

Testimony of Janice S. Lintz: Elections Administration and Voting Rights in New York State

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I am an attorney on retirement status who worked the June 19, 2018 election at 11488 Fort Hamilton Senior Center, 9941 Fort Hamilton Parkway 11209, King's County/ Brooklyn. Everything I describe below is upon information and belief. Unfortunately, I could not testify in person due to the BOE's unwillingness to permit me to testify over the video, which is a reasonable accommodation during COVID's surge.

I witnessed campaigning inside the poll, a candidate influencing a Poll Coordinator, violation of election rules, lying, and the failure of the NYS and NYC BOE to investigate the incident properly. For over a year, I pursued my allegations only for the BOE to ignore me, and the issues disappear.

The Poll Coordinator resided in upstate NY, stayed at the Delegate's home, and the Delegate brought the Poll Coordinator lunch on a tray. The Poll Coordinator asked the poll workers who lived inside the district to sign the petition of the Delegate whose home the Poll Coordinator was staying. The gentleman who worked adjacent to me said he couldn't refuse without fear of reprisal.

The Poll Coordinator demanded we sign the certification documents a half-hour before the poll closed at 8:30 pm but writing the time was 9 pm. I refused, and the Poll Coordinator told me that working an election was "perhaps not the right job for me..." The Poll Coordinator seemed to prefer a less informed and honest poll worker.

About half the poll workers left the site before the Poll Coordinator completed the tabulations. The Poll Coordinator couldn't locate one of the books that a worker inadvertently locked inside the cabinet. The Poll Coordinator had a meltdown, and at my recommendation, cut the red cable tie and located the missing book. We used masking tape to seal the cabinet since there are no extra ties. I photographed the revised seal to document how we left the cabinet. (Ex A)

Shortly after the election, I received a letter from the BOE making false accusations, including threatening to withhold my salary, violating NYS Labor Laws.

The Poll Coordinator's statements about me are patently false. I do not work in ecology. I work to make the world accessible for people with hearing loss. Former Governor Paterson appointed me to the Interagency Council for People who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing n/k/a The Center of Justice. Mayor Bloomberg appointed me to the Taxi of Tomorrow Committee. I was also selected twice by FCC Chairman Martin to the Consumer Advisory Committee, and the former US Access Board Director appointed me to its Rail and Passenger Vessel Committees. I accomplished most of the significant hearing access in NYS from taxis, subway information booths, museums, and theaters.

The BOE accused me of suppressing a voter's vote when I questioned a voter's signature. In my opinion, the voter's signature did not match, so I advised her I needed the Poll Coordinator's assistance. She was furious, but it was my responsibility to ensure signatures matched or have a Poll Coordinator decide. As an attorney on retirement status, I am aware a judge will hold me to a higher standard as an attorney. The voter thought she was going to bully me into accepting her signature and left the table.

When the voter returned, the Poll Coordinator reviewed the signatures and approved them. I requested the Poll Coordinator to initial the book since I disagreed with his decision. The BOE's letter states I did not call over the Poll Coordinator while simultaneously saying I questioned the Poll Coordinator. The two statements contradict each other, including his initials are in the book.

I never discussed the Governor. Instead, I discussed voting and disabilities. Further, I spoke to Eileen Dalton to add hearing access to the senior center, which surprisingly didn't offer it.

The BOE accused me of being a no-show for training despite already completed training. So how did I work the election if I was a no-show for training?

It felt as if the BOE sought to derail educated Poll Coordinators from working the polls so that Poll Coordinators could campaign inside the poll and violate polling rules. The BOE's failure to immediately take action about improprieties at a polling site is alarming. I expect strict adherence to the polling rules, and I seek a full investigation into the issues I raise.

Sincerely,

Janice Lintz

Exhibit A



