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Photo Voter ID

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In the 2009 Regular Municipal Election, photo identification will be required for all voters voting in person. Photo ID creates greater integrity in the City election and does not unduly interfere with a person's right to vote.

Every registered voter will be able to vote. A process has been created to allow people with no ID to still cast a ballot. The City Charter amendment passed by the City Council in 2005 survived a court challenge because it was found by the Federal Court of Appeals to be an appropriate way to increase the integrity of City elections and did not unduly interfere with a citizen's right to vote.

Voting Procedure

Bring a photo ID to your polling location.

Valid ID

The ID **must contain your picture and name** and may be an ID:

1. issued by a government agency (e.g. passport, city/county/state/federal id badge, state identification card);
2. a driver's license;
3. student identification card;
4. commercial transaction card such as a credit or debit card;
5. an insurance card;
6. a union card;
7. a professional association card; or,
8. a photo identification card issued by the City Clerk..

This is not an exclusive list. If the voter is able to present an identification card that contains the voter's picture and name, then in most instances they will be issued a ballot. If the election judge has a question about a particular photo ID presented by a voter, they will contact the City Clerk.

Provisional Process

If the voter is unable to provide a photo identification card, or it is determined to be unusable, they are still allowed to vote on a provisional ballot, but only if they swear or affirm under penalty of perjury in an affidavit provided by the City Clerk that they are the registered voter listed on the voter registration rolls at the precinct at which they presented themselves to vote and provides their date of birth and the last four digits of their social security number.

The voter without ID may then cast the provisional ballot and must appear at the City Clerk's office within 10 days with a photo ID.