

**HINDS COUNTY POLLING SITE MONITORING
DISABILITY RIGHTS MISSISSIPPI**

Red - indicates more immediate changes needed – presented to EC on 9/11/2023

Green – indicates it’s considered accessible and no changes required currently – Good!

Turquoise – highlights problems with Express Vote Machine and needed training or update

	POLLING LOCATIONS 8/8/23	Survey Results
Group 1	<p>R1 – Raymond United Methodist Church R2 – Hinds Comm. College Meat Dept. Or Meat Market DG – Springhill Christian Center 10 – Galloway Elementary School C2 – Wildwood Baptist Church</p>	<p>R1 – Multiple spaces for accessible parking, accessible machine was working; however, brick in front of one of the doors, and no poll worker outside for curb side assistance.</p> <p>R2 – Plenty of parking; more signage needed to indicate the route and which door to use; all glass so poll worker could see if curb side needed; accessible machine available.</p> <p>DG – Plenty of parking and spaces; accessible drop off marked; small ramp to main entry with steps on either side – does need at least 1 handrail.</p> <p>10 – NO curb cut at all from parking, driveway area to the entry way doors; doors were wide enough and propped open but the mechanism used to keep open were obstacles of stacked chairs and a big stone; better signage needed; had issues with accessible machine not working until approx. 11am.</p> <p>C2 – Better signage to the route needed; the pathway was clear but the doors were heavy, closed, and had hardware that required pushing down, grasping, then pulling; they needed to be propped open. Needed to mark and indicate accessible parking closer to the entry point; accessible</p>

		<p>machine was still being worked on at 9am; seems to be some issue with a poll worker thinking it acceptable for voters to just park where they want and to just call him when they are ready to come vote. Training needed</p>
<p>Group II</p>	<p>55 – Police Training Center 22 – Fire Station #20 23 – Medgar Evers Municipal Library 30 - Faith Presbyterian Church 29 – Powell Middle School 13 – Walton Elementary School</p>	<p>55 - The parking area is ample but not close to the entry point; the surface is a mixture of concrete and asphalt but it's rough, and the area close to the sloping ramp is just broken up and dangerous; better signage at the entrance is needed; doors needed to be propped open due to mechanism requiring grasp push and pull.</p> <p>22 - better signage need at street; parking is confusing yet ample; the entry door has a lip of about 4 to 5 inches and no temporary ramp or wedge; the door was blocked and just a hazard area in general as voters had to step around/over a water hose, buckets on the floor, leaking ice, general clutter; no poll worker outside watching and with parking around the back; there are no curb cuts.</p> <p>23- signage needs to be improved; spaces are available but drop off might cause some traffic in a heavy voting day due to how the route is.</p> <p>30 – Better signage would be helpful but no major issues found; slightly confusing 2nd “accessible” entrance, but the main entry point had the same accessible features so it was basically redundant.</p> <p>29 – Plenty of parking even though the incline to approach the entry door might cause a difficulty for someone in a manual chair or on crutches/walker; ramp and entry ways were spacious but the curb cut</p>

		<p>needs improvement – it is grassy and has a large dip in one side which could tip an electric chair over. Poll workers available and watching; needs spaces for accessible vehicle parking to be clearly marked in effort to not block the one curb cut.</p> <p>13 – Problematic site; security is an issue; school doors remain locked, so voters are interspersed with students and this lends to multiple issues; the accessibility is rough; no curb cuts on the street at all, so a voter must park in a side lot that is far from the entry point, travel along the sidewalk and go up an old built in ramp that is very narrow with concrete sides and no hand rails. It is not up to any standard or code and could be dangerous.</p>
Group III	<p>ED – Edwards Community Center ST – St. Thomas Baptist Church BO – Bolton Volunteer Fire Dept. BR – Brownsville Vol. Fire Dept. PN – Sumner Hill Jr. High</p>	<p>ED – no problems noted.</p> <p>ST – Doors needed to be propped open due to twist/turn knob.</p> <p>BO – Better signage needed; vehicles parked in front of and too close to entryway.</p> <p>BR – No problems indicated.</p> <p>PN – No indicator it had moved but was not a working site on election day.</p>
Group IV	<p>33 – Casey Elementary 32 – Fire Station #16 34 – Willie Morris Library</p>	<p>33 – Better signage needed; doors needed to be propped open due to weight and difficulty in opening.</p>

	<p>8 – Fire Station #5 44 – New Jerusalem Church</p>	<p>32- Better signage needed to reserve spaces for accessible parking.</p> <p>34- Door needed to be opened wider and different method for keeping open needed as the door stop block created an obstacle for a wheelchair; good signage, the accessible machine was in an area with no privacy and in a position so that backing up to leave after completing the process would prove to be difficult – as only accessible from one side.</p> <p>8- Parking is limited to a back lot and the path around to the voting entry is rough and broken and hazardous to a person using any kind of mobility device for assistance; the Express vote machine did not have all the necessary equipment, thus rendering it not accessible.</p> <p>44- the concrete “ramp” is not adequate – it’s too narrow, rough, and has broken sides- it should be repaired or a small temporary ramp should go over it.</p>
<p>Group V</p>	<p>45 – St. Phillips Episcopal Church 1 – Eudora Welty Library/ Old Capitol 14 – Fondren Presbyterian Church 46 – Christ United Methodist Church 28 – Golden Key Community Center (Fannie Lou Hamer Library)</p>	<p>45 – Good parking and easy access; no poll watcher outside for curb side voting. Signage could be better.</p> <p>1 - Was a mess due to change up the night before – More time to prepare may help; signage was good</p> <p>14 - Plenty of parking, but a space should be designated for passenger drop off or van accessible spot; more signage out in more visible spots due to the doorway being in such a covered area; No Poll worker outside</p>

		<p>46- Accessible parking far from the accessible voting entrance; Better signage needed.</p> <p>28 - Great accessibility but needed more adequate signage on the entry doors.</p>
<p>Group VI</p>	<p>42 – McWillie Elementary School 40 – Collins Northside Chapel 79 – Briarwood Presbyterian Church 78 – Ascension Lutheran Church 81 – Aldersgate United Meth Church</p>	<p>42- Needed a sign on the accessible door for Vote Here</p> <p>40 - Accessible pathway to accessible entrance is overgrown with weeds and vegetation; better signage needed</p> <p>79 - The accessible parking is too far from the accessible entrance; the pathway from parking to the sidewalk is covered with so much pine straw that the curb cut is not clearly visible; better signage for voting area is needed. No poll worker outside for curbside notification.</p> <p>78 - The slope from the parking lot up to the entryway is too steep for someone who uses a manual chair and the path down is too slippery when wet and covered in pine straw; the drop off is right in front of the main entry but could block other voters and isn't ideal; the slope is too precarious to be safe or manageable for voters with any kind of mobility impairment; no poll worker outside.</p> <p>81- Parking lot is too rough with holes, loose rocks, and pine straw making it difficult to navigate; doors needed to be propped open due to mechanism to open difficult to grip.</p>

<p>Group VII</p>	<p>U2 – Hinds county District 3 Barn U1 – Evelyn Taylor Regional Library CH – Little Mount Center CA – Belmont Church LE – Learned Fire Dept. 09 - Belhaven College 18 - Wells Memorial United Methodist Church 06 - Good Samaritan Center</p>	<p>U2- Door needed to be propped open due to twist knob; U1- Door needed to be propped open. CH - The accessible parking marked spots are the furthest away from the voting entry point; a simple wedge to address the approx. 3 to 4 inch rise in the curb and marking off 2 spaces would suffice for greater accessibility and ease of access. CA - No accessible parking that makes sense; they have an accessible parking sign in the grass of a steep embankment; the door is not accessible because of the twist knob, should be propped open but it might block anyone trying to drive through to the parking lot; not a safe location. LE - Door should be propped open due to twist knob. 09 - Temporary double ramp set up for the 6 to 7" rise in front of the entry – it is rickety, loose, and narrow with no handrails. They told the advocate they had a wider/larger ramp “in the back, but it had been raining, so...”; they chose not to make the effort and it was not currently raining/had not rained much; No signage on the entry door to indicate voting site. 18 – Accessible parking is farthest from open entrance; the accessible entrance leads to a locked door. Better signage or designating some accessible spaces closer to main entrance might help. 06 –the main entrance was not at all accessible due to stairs; any additional accessible entrance was not identifiable/did not seem to exist;</p>
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Group VIII	C1 – Olde Town Depot Building C3 – Northside Baptist Church C4 – Clinton YMCA C6 – First United Methodist Church – Clinton 26 – Fire Station #15 – actually the church next door (True 4 Life Church)	C1- gravel parking lot area could pose issues, needs to be filled in better so that there's not the change in height from paved parking to gravel lot. No poll worker outside for curb side. C3- adequate parking spaces; accessible parking close to door but paint was very faded; door was propped open; no poll worker outside for curb side assist. C4- Doorway seemed to be inaccessible; the only parking is accessible is if a vehicle pulls through the covered entryway and someone is dropped off there; the pathway from the parking lot to the entryway has a big dip in it that would be dangerous or impassable for someone in a wheelchair. C6 – Needs more visible signage; 26- The parking is ample, designated, and close to the entrance; however the small pathway from the parking to the doorway is broken up, grassy and uneven and quite narrow at the start point; the door should be propped open; no poll worker outside for curb side assist.
Group IX	71 – Lester Elementary School 70 – New Horizon Church 68 – Wilkins Elementary School 64 – St. James Baptist Church	71- No curb cut from the street at all; parking lot across the street is full of potholes and broken ground; signage is too small; the walkway is long and the path to the voting area is grassy, no way to tell the poll workers to

<p>63 – Davis Temple Church of God 59 – Word of Christ Church 47 – Battlefield Park Rec Center</p>	<p>unlock the main school doors; totally inaccessible; no poll worker monitoring outside for curb side voting. Did have Express Vote going.</p> <p>70- No issues noted. – However, more visible signage from road might be helpful.</p> <p>68- Inaccessible spot due to shared parking with student pickup line on one side and houses/neighborhood close on the other side; signage is easily blocked; the “accessible” entrance on the side has a curb cut that’s not viable due to gravel, rocks, grass; the pathway is too far and the incline of the ramp is too steep; there is broken/falling metal roofing over the walkway that seems too dangerous to traverse; no poll worker monitoring for curb side assistance.</p> <p>64- Only “Vote Here” sign on the side door was being removed at 6:45pm and only put back up once advocate spoke to poll worker – training needed; the accessible entrance is around to the front of the church but no “Vote Here” sign to indicate it could be used; parking is limited with only street access; accessible doors locked.</p> <p>63- Parking is on side of church if needing to use the accessible curb cut but the curb cuts were haphazardly placed and one had a cone partially blocking it; parking was difficult in the small lot and big truck was using the one marked accessible space; no one outside watching for curb side assistance needs.</p> <p>59- Parking is level and super close to the front door/main entry point – but there are concrete bumpers that would create a problem for someone</p>
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		<p>in a wheelchair having to get around or through them; entire front was glass so poll workers were watching out.</p> <p>47- Great spot; plenty of flat, close parking; small walk to entry point with a concrete ramp if needed; poll worker standing by; plenty of space inside and working machines with proper equipment.</p>
<p>Group X</p>	<p>TE1 – Terry High School ROTC bldg. TE2 – Wyndale Baptist Church B2 – Byram Vol. Fire Dept. B3 – Wesley Trinity Church OB – Byram City Hall</p>	<p>TE1- Parking is adequate but needs a space designated for accessible parking closer to the path/walkway; better signage needed; door needed to be propped open; The Express Vote machine was there but not fully set up and operational at 9:45am.</p> <p>TE2 - adequate accessible parking and clearly marked; however they had a bench propping the door open and this created a barrier, they were asked to make a change; Express vote machine not operational at approx. 11:25 am.</p> <p>B2 – Parking is flat and even, but nothing specifically marked off for accessible parking; there was a 2” lip (piece of wood) at the entryway and would have created a barrier for someone in a wheelchair with limited mobility to get over. Quite possible the doorway was too narrow but would need further evaluation; door should have been propped open due to being a turn / twist knob. The Express Vote machine was not operational – they were waiting on a code at 10:40am.</p> <p>B3- There was ample parking, however the signage led one to believe that the shortest route to the voting area would be the spaces that were down a steep slope; but there was a viable, well-appointed accessible entrance</p>

		<p>that if it was designated as such, wasn't marked – better signage and planning.</p> <p>OB- This site was accessible and in good condition with no obstacles for physical access; however, they had an Express Vote machine which was not set up because, as our advocate was told, "they had never used it before." Unacceptable. Training needed.</p>
<p>Group XI</p>	<p>TN – St. Paul United Methodist Church PO - Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church CY – Mclean Volunteer Fire Dept. 84 – China Grove Baptist Church 80 – Tougaloo Community Center</p>	<p>TN- gravel parking area; the walkway to the doorway is narrow, rough, and there are 2 steps, that are approx. 4" high each to enter the door; the door should have been propped open, as it is a twist/turn knob; they offer curb side but there was no poll worker watching for those who may need assistance.</p> <p>PO- Parking is ok; could use more signage; the door should be propped open as it is too heavy to maneuver for someone with limited dexterity; it is possible someone in a power chair would not be able to navigate through the door due to it being up against a wall and the door may not open wide enough for someone to easily turn into the space; the Express Vote Machine did not have all the equipment set up at 2:40pm.</p> <p>CY- Parking was adequate and accessible; entry was wide open and flat, however, all of the equipment was not set up on the Express Vote machine.</p> <p>84- Parking is sufficient; the entry ways into the voting area are not accessible or manageable. The main voting entrance is a little side door with a step up that's approx. 3 to 4" and the double doors right next to it</p>

		<p>that are considered the accessible entrance were closed. At least needs a temporary wedge at both doorways, but ideally should just use the double doors since they are so close to the side entrance.</p> <p>80- Ample accessible parking; curb cut might need a little maintenance to clean up but otherwise fine; doors open and flat entry; no problems indicated.</p>
Group XII	<p>16 – Fondren Church 38 – Chastain Middle School 37 - Boyd Elementary 39 – Fire Station #7</p>	<p>16- Signage too small; ramp too steep for manual chair; no earphones available for accessible machine; great parking.</p> <p>38 – Double doors propped open but with the center partition left only a 28” pathway; and small lip at doorway; no sidewalk access; accessible machine working well.</p> <p>37- major puddle and mud at sidewalk curb cut; Van accessible parking spot needs better marking/signage to eliminate being blocked; accessible machine not working and a cord was run over the accessible entrance; Front doors (Alternative Accessible Entrance) isn’t actually accessible due to locked doors, no accessible handles, and the main door (the one which can be remotely opened) won’t open all the way due to scraping the concrete.</p> <p>39- Needs more efficient signage for parking; Did not have the accessible voting machine at all;</p>