



Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc.

Florida's Protection and Advocacy System

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Mr. Jerry Holland
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 E Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Supervisor Holland:

Approximately 20% of Florida's citizens have some type of disability. Many of these people vote, and most have friends and family who vote. As you are aware, state and federal laws guarantee the right to accessible voting for individuals with disabilities. Citizens with disabilities should also have full access to all aspects of civic participation.

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. has embarked on the Voter Independence Project (VIP) to ensure that persons with disabilities have the opportunity to exercise their right to independently vote in 2008 in accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and other laws. As a component of the VIP, the Advocacy Center surveyed 180 early voting sites in 49 of the 67 counties.

Congratulations! Our staff surveyed the early voting locations in Duval County and found them to be in compliance with accessibility standards within the scope of the survey. We appreciate your county's efforts ensuring that persons with disabilities can access an early voting location in your county in the same manner persons without disabilities can access it.

Jacksonville Supervisor of Elections Branch Office (Gateway Mall)	• Nothing found inaccessible
Bradham-Brooks Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Highlands Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Pablo Creek Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Southeast Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
South Mandarin Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Mandarin Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
West Regional Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Murray Hill Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Beaches Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Regency Square Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
University Park Branch Library	• Nothing found inaccessible
Jacksonville Main Supervisor of Elections office	• Nothing found inaccessible

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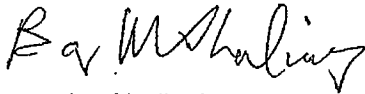
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The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. is Florida's federally authorized and funded, Governor-designated, statewide protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities. Our mission is to advance the quality of life, dignity, equality, self-determination, and freedom of choice of persons with disabilities through collaboration, education, advocacy, as well as legal and legislative strategies.

We are available to provide further information or assistance. Thank you for helping assure that every American's voice is heard this election year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry M. Shalinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Barry M. Shalinsky
Voter Independence Project Director

Enclosures