

Alexandra Aiello testimony

Greetings:

Please see below for my written testimony regarding my experience voting on June 23rd, 2020.

I had received an application for an absentee ballot in May and I mailed it out around June 3rd - which was plenty of time prior to the June 16th deadline - or so I thought. I did not receive my ballot until the morning of the election and by that time, there was no choice but for me to bring my ballot to my polling station at the Quincy Senior Residences in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. This was such a disheartening experience because while I was able to walk over to my polling station, I couldn't help but think of my fellow New Yorkers who were not able to do so. It should be assumed that for the November election, that it will be encouraged for us to vote absentee as COVID-19 is still a prevalent threat. Therefore, I highly encourage the New York City Board of Elections to start making preparations to ensure that voters can feel confident in choosing their preferred method to make their voices heard - especially with the upcoming Presidential election.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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