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Hello,

I mailed in my application for an absentee ballot several weeks ago and as of Saturday, June 20th have yet to receive it to mail it back, postmarked by Tuesday, June 23rd.

Since I needed something to do during NYC's Phase 1 reopening, I went to vote in person last Saturday. I appreciate that NYC now offers early voting with weekend hours. The voting site was much farther than my usual voting site by about 2 miles more. It was a nice day, so didn't mind the walk and the added Vitamin D intake.

The voting site for zip code 10312 was very nice, clean and empty! I voted and was on my way within minutes. The BOE staff were very nice and professional, but could use more training. They didn't know how to sign me in on the touch screen pad and repeatedly yelled out my registered party to get me the right ballot. The early voting sticker, bracelet and free stylus pen were a nice touch. I hope NYC will continue to offer early voting for future elections.

With regard to my absentee ballot that I never received, BOE needs to do better here. I understand that the demand was much higher due to the Governor's Executive Order. I was able to make the decision to vote in person. Many people who also did not receive their absentee ballot may not be so comfortable voting in person, so what happens to their votes?

Not sure how BOE due dates are determined, but it seems like it was very tight, given the high demand for absentee ballots. Maybe next time, start the process earlier and build in more time to mail out the ballots.

Thank you. Have a great day.

Best regards,
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