

## **Frank Acevedo**

Dear Campaign Finance Board:

I am writing to complain about my voting experience earlier today at JHS 109 - Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School located at 213-10 92nd Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428.

My wife (Margaret Acevedo) and myself showed up to vote at 06:35 AM. When we showed up to vote (Election:074; Assembly District: 33) that particular polling station was not manned and the site Coordinator was apparently unaware of this deficiency. He was contacted and assigned a lady to the site who was unaware of how to set up the necessary ballots for voters to fill out prior to scanning. Initially we were given Affidavit ballots that were obviously the wrong ones, the second time we returned we were only given 1 ballot and should have been given 2. When I brought this up to the site coordinator he too seemed unaware of what needed to be handed out for voting to occur. It was not until I requested that he ask another functioning station that he received the proper guidance and was able to provide us with the necessary ballots to vote.

Once we had filled out the necessary ballots we proceeded to the scanners that were set up. Upon approaching it was noted that the polling place workers designated to assist with scanning were on their personal cell phones texting and not paying attention to their duties. When we were able to get the attention of one of the workers she led us to the only working scanner, out of 3, and were finally able to vote.

In all of my years of voting I have never been faced with such an unprofessional collection of polling staff:

1. All wore masks but some had their nose and mouth exposed while wearing them.
2. The polling place workers at the front desk as one walked in were busy talking to one another and were not attentive to voters as they presented to vote.
3. Scanners were not all functioning.
4. Staff had apparently not been adequately trained.
5. Communication between staff members was noted to consist of yelling in a very informal manner between tables.
6. Leadership was not prepared to coordinate and make sure needs of the voting public were met.

I ascertain that all of the above information is accurate and true and represents a succinct picture of the inadequacies present earlier today. Hopefully this can be addressed prior to the Presidential elections this coming November.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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