

2004 Candidate Information Packet

Minneapolis School District Offices

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Note: This handout is distributed as general information for candidates and others concerning campaigning, Election Day activities and restrictions. It also includes campaign sign regulations specific to Minneapolis. It is not a complete list of laws pertaining to election procedures and is not intended to be relied upon nor used to resolve any question or dispute with respect to any particular factual situation. Please refer to the materials provide by Hennepin County and the State Campaign Manual for additional information.

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Campaign Sign Regulations

Enforcement of campaign sign violations is split between the City and the County, depending on whether the sign violated the city's ordinances or state campaign practices law. For information on enforcement of Minneapolis ordinances contact the City Sign Inspector at 612-673-5837 (leave a detailed message) or the Minneapolis Elections office. For enforcement information of state laws, contact Hennepin County Elections at 612-348-5151.

Minneapolis Code of Ordinances:

543.260. Political signs. (a) *Location.* Political signs are allowed as a permitted encroachment in the required front yard. No political sign shall be closer than eight (8) feet from any other zoning lot. No political sign shall be placed on the public right-of-way, including boulevard trees and utility poles.

(b) *Size.*

(1) *Residence and OR1 Districts.* One (1) freestanding or wall political sign, not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, shall be permitted per street frontage. A larger political sign may be allowed, provided such sign shall be included in the calculation of the total permitted sign area of the site and shall be regulated as such.

(2) *All other districts.* One (1) freestanding or wall political sign, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area, shall be permitted per street frontage. A larger political sign may be allowed, provided such sign shall be included in the calculation of the total permitted sign area of the site and shall be regulated as such.

(c) *Height.*

(1) *Residence and OR1 Districts.* The height of a freestanding political sign shall not exceed six (6) feet. A political sign mounted on a wall shall not exceed the height requirements of the district in which the sign is located.

(2) *All other districts.* The height of a freestanding political sign shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet. A political sign mounted on a wall shall not exceed the height requirements of the district in which the sign is located.

(d) *Sign removal.* Signs sponsoring candidates for public office shall be removed within ten (10) days after an election has been held unless the candidate is one (1) who qualifies as a candidate to be named on the ballot at a general election after a primary election. In that case, signs erected prior to the primary election may be left in place until ten (10) days after the general election.

State laws relating to campaign signs:

MS 160.27 (statute summary) Campaign signs must not be posted on public right-of ways of public highways, roads or streets, including city boulevards (the space between the sidewalk and the curb).

MS 211B.04 Campaign literature must include disclaimer.

(a) A person who participates in the preparation or dissemination of campaign material other than as provided in section [211B.05](#), subdivision 1, that does not prominently include the name and address of the person or committee causing the material to be prepared or disseminated in a disclaimer substantially in the form provided in paragraph (b) or (c) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Except in cases covered by paragraph (c), the required form of disclaimer is: "Prepared and paid for by the committee,(address)" for material prepared and paid for by a principal campaign committee, or "Prepared and paid for by the committee,(address), in support of(insert name of candidate or ballot question)" for material prepared and paid for by a person or committee other than a principal campaign committee.

(c) In the case of broadcast media, the required form of disclaimer is: "Paid for by the committee."

(d) Campaign material that is not circulated on behalf of a particular candidate or ballot question must also include in the disclaimer either that it is "in opposition to(insert name of candidate or ballot question.....)"; or that "this publication is not circulated on behalf of any candidate or ballot question."

(e) This section does not apply to objects stating only the candidate's name and the office sought, fundraising tickets, or personal letters that are clearly being sent by the candidate.

(f) This section does not apply to an individual who acts independently of any candidate, committee, political committee, or political fund and spends only from the individual's own resources a sum that is less than \$300 in the aggregate to produce or distribute campaign material that is distributed at least 14 days before the election to which the campaign material relates.

(g) This section does not modify or repeal section [211B.06](#).

211B.045 Noncommercial signs exemption.

In any municipality with an ordinance that regulates the size of noncommercial signs, notwithstanding the provisions of that ordinance, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted from August 1 in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election.

MS 211B.15 Corporate political contributions.

Subd. 2. **Prohibited contributions.** A corporation may not make a contribution or offer or agree to make a contribution, directly or indirectly, of any money, property, free service of its officers, employees, or members, or thing of monetary value to a major political party, organization, committee, or individual to promote or defeat the candidacy of an individual for nomination, election, or appointment to a political office. For the purpose of this subdivision, "contribution" includes an expenditure to promote or defeat the election or nomination of a candidate to a political office that is made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or committee established to support or oppose a candidate.

(Note: statute provided due to potential campaign contributions relating to advertising in businesses.)

State law continued:

MS 173.15 Prohibited advertising devices.

After June 8, 1971 no advertising device shall be erected or maintained:

- (1) which purports to be or resembles an official traffic control device, sign, or signal, or railroad sign or signal; or which hides from view or interferes in any material degree with the effectiveness of any traffic control device, sign, or signal, or railroad sign or signal, or which obstructs or interferes with the driver's view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic for a distance not to exceed 500 feet;
- (2) which prominently displays the word "stop" or "danger";
- (3) which contains statements, words, or pictures of an obscene, indecent, or immoral character, or such as would offend public morals or decency;
- (4) on any right-of-way of the interstate system of highways, except as otherwise provided by law or allowed by the commissioner;
- (5) on private land without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof;
- (6) on trees, shrubs, or which are painted or drawn upon rocks or natural features, or on public utility poles;
- (7) which has distracting flashing or moving lights so designed or lighted as to be a traffic hazard;
- (8) to which access can be obtained only from an interstate main traveled way but excluding frontage roads adjacent thereto;
- (9) which are structurally unsafe, in disrepair, or are abandoned.



Procedures for Political Solicitation in Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Apartment Buildings for 2004 Elections

This letter explains Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's (MPHA) procedures for political solicitation in MPHA apartment buildings for the 2004 elections. Everyone must follow this procedure which complies with Minnesota State law. A candidate who has filed for election to a public office and representatives who are with the candidate are permitted on the premises for the purpose of campaigning door to door and distributing campaign literature to the individual apartments. The number of persons and the visits shall be reasonable.

Also, the candidate and the candidate's representative must first contact Property Management to gain access to the building. To contact the appropriate property management staff, please call MPHA's Director of Property Management at (612) 342-1225. Also, all candidates and their representatives shall have reasonable and proper identification to enter the premises. However, tenants may deny admittance to their unit.

No one may erect or post a sign of a political nature on or within the building community space or grounds. However, tenants may post signs in their unit windows, subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Signs may be posted no earlier than 30 days prior to primary elections and must be removed one week after general elections.
- b. Signs from window to window or between apartments are not permitted.
- c. Signs may not cover more than 15% of the total glass area in the room.

Political gatherings are permitted if non-restrictive in nature and are open to all tenants and their guests. If resident organizations invite a candidate for a certain elected office to attend a meeting, they are encouraged to give all candidates for the same office the opportunity to attend. This is especially true, if controversial issues will be discussed. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Property Management at 612-342-1225.

Campaigning in Multiple Unit Dwellings

211B.20 Denial of access by political candidates to multiple unit dwellings.

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly, to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park, other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who has filed for election to public office or to campaign workers accompanied by the candidate, if the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the purpose of campaigning. A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not prohibit:

- (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or personal residential unit;
- (2) requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to admission to a multiple unit dwelling;
- (3) in the case of a nursing home, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;
- (4) limiting visits by candidates or workers accompanied by the candidate to a reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours;
- (5) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or
- (6) denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple unit dwelling for good cause.

When, Where and How to Vote

Election Dates and Hours

Primary: Tuesday, September 14, 2004

General: Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Polls open 7:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Voting

Primary: Friday, August 13 - Monday, September 13, 2004

General: Friday, October 1 - Monday, November 1, 2004

Voter registration Deadlines – To pre-register to vote in the:

Primary election: Tuesday, August 24, 2004

General election: Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Where do I vote?

You must vote in the precinct in which you live. Each precinct has a polling place. In Minneapolis, there are currently 131 polling places, all of which are accessible to voters with disabilities. Polling places for 2004 were approved by the Minneapolis City Council in May, 2004. Please do not refer to any past-year lists. When a polling place location changes, registered voters of the affected precinct are notified by postcard prior to the Primary election.

How do I find my precinct?

By the Web: to find a link to the Hennepin County Precinct Finder check the Minneapolis Elections Web site: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections

- Enter your street address and find your polling place.

By phone: Call Minneapolis Elections at 612-673-2070.

How do I vote?

Voting is easy and accessible. All polling places meet state and federal accessibility standards. Voters who need assistance marking a ballot may bring someone along to the polling place or they can get assistance from election judges (of different political parties). Election judges can even provide service to a voter in their vehicle. With prior arrangements sign language interpreters can be made available at polling places where there are voters with hearing disabilities.

You can pre-register, register on Election Day or vote by absentee ballot. Check the regulations carefully; it will help reduce delays.

Eligibility to Vote and Registration Information

Eligibility of voters

A person is eligible to vote if, at the time of the election he/she:

- Is 18 years of age or older
- Is a citizen of the United States and
- Has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days.

The following are NOT eligible to vote:

- Anyone convicted of treason or any felony whose civil rights have not been restored
- Anyone under court order guardianship of the person where individual has not retained the right to vote
- Anyone found by a court of law to be legally incompetent

Who needs to register?

- An individual who has never registered to vote
- An individual who has moved or changed their name since last being registered
- An individual who has not voted at least once in the last 4 years

Note: Pursuant to federal and state law, an individual who registers by mail after 1/1/03 and has not yet voted in a federal election in Minnesota **may** be required to show identification on election day before voting.

How To Pre-Register To Vote

Pre-register to vote in person or by mail:

Register in person at one of these sites:

- Minneapolis City Hall, Room 1B
- Minneapolis Public Libraries
- Minneapolis Park Buildings
- Minneapolis Fire Stations
- Minneapolis Police Stations
- Hennepin County Service Centers (Brookdale, Ridgedale, Southdale & Maple Grove)
- Hennepin County Government Center, Room A600
- where you apply for, renew or change your Minnesota Driver License or ID card
- from the registrar's office or student association at colleges, universities and technical schools

Fill out the [Minnesota Voter Application](#) electronically, print it and sign it and deliver it or mail it to your local election official. The Minnesota Voter Application is also available in [additional formats](#): Large Print English, Hmong, Russian, Somali and Spanish.

Forms are available from the Secretary of State's office via the Minneapolis Elections Web site: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections

Deliver it in person or by mail to Minneapolis Elections, 350 5th Street South - Room 1B, Minneapolis MN 55415-1396 or Hennepin County Elections, A-600 Government Center, 300 6th Street South, Minneapolis MN 55487.

Voter Registration Applications must contain original signatures and cannot be faxed.

IMPORTANT - Pre-registration is available up to 20 days prior to an election.

Deadlines to pre-register to vote in 2004:

- Primary: August 24, 2004
- General: October 12, 2004

Voter Registration Applications must be received by the Elections Office or by one of our agencies by 5:00 p.m.

Newly registered voters will receive a postcard notice indicating their polling place location.

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive

A new federal law, The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), requires additional information when registering to vote.

Two questions at the top of the Voter Registration Application: The voter registration application now includes two questions to be answered by registrants - "Are you a U.S. citizen" and "Will you be 18 years old on or before Election Day?" The registrant should answer both questions before filling out the rest of the card. **Please do not fill in the boxes for the voter unless assistance is required.**

ID information: All registrants now must also provide their Minnesota Driver's License or Minnesota ID number if they have one.

- ◆ If they do not have a MN Driver's License Number or MN ID number, then they must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number
- ◆ If the voter does not have a current & valid MN Driver's License or MN ID or a Social Security number, then the voter should print "NONE" in the box designated for the ID number.

Required information for voter registration in Minnesota:

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Address
- ◆ Date of birth
- ◆ Signature

Information about returning completed applications:

Minnesota law requires completed voter registration applications to be submitted to election officials within 10 days after the cards are dated by the voter. M.S. 201.061 subd.1

In-person delivery of applications: Completed applications can be delivered to county and city government offices and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Mail-in registrations: Voters who submit their applications by mail, either through the United States Post Office or a commercial delivery service, may be required to show identification at the polls the first time they vote. If you mail in the applications collected at a voter drive, please include a copy of your business card or contact information with the applications.

Additional information:

Who needs to register or re-register? Voters may register when they turn 18, and must re-register any time they change their name or move, including moving to a different apartment.

Postcard notification: Newly registered voters will receive a postcard telling them that they are registered and where they vote on Election Day. Any time a polling place changes, the registered voters of the precinct are notified with a new postcard.

Felony status: Applicants with a question on the status of a prior felony conviction should contact their probation officer to gain clarification. They should resolve their status question before completing a voter registration card until they know that their civil rights have been restored.

Pre-registration deadlines are at 5 p.m. 20 days prior to each election:

Primary:	August 24, 2004
General:	October 12, 2004

Voting by Absentee Ballot Prior to Election Day

Eligible Minneapolis voters may vote by absentee ballot for any of the following reasons:

- Absent from the precinct on election day
- Illness or disability
- Religious discipline or observance of religious holiday
- Service as an election judge in another precinct

Vote In-Person - location and hours

Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South 5th Street - Room 1B

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and the Saturday before each election from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Absentee voting dates:

- Primary Absentee Voting: Friday, August 13 - Monday, September 13, 2004
- General Absentee Voting: Friday, October 1 - Monday, November 1, 2004

Vote by Mail - You have three options:

1. Print an absentee ballot application from the Minneapolis Elections Web site.
2. Call to request that an absentee ballot application be sent to you.
3. Write a request. An application need not be on an official or standard form. It is accepted if it contains the following information:
 - your name and residence address
 - the address to which you wish ballot(s) sent
 - reason for the request,
 - date of application, and
 - your signature
 - the election(s) for which you want a ballot

Send your completed absentee ballot application via mail or fax:

Minneapolis Elections, 350 5th Street South - Room 1B, Minneapolis MN 55415-1396

Fax: (612) 673-2756

NOTE: Applications returned on behalf of a voter must be mailed or returned within 10 days after dated. M.S. 201.061. Please allow at least seven days to complete the process.

Election Day Registration Requirements

Proof of residence - Voters registering to vote on election day must provide proof of identity and residence within the precinct. A voter can register with any one of the following proof's of residence OR with a combination of one approved photo ID AND one approved utility bill.

Any ONE of the following is authorized:

- Valid **Minnesota driver's license** or **learner's permit** (or receipt for either) showing correct/current address in the precinct
- Valid **Minnesota identification card** (or receipt) showing correct/current address in precinct
- Current students may provide a dated Student ID **or** dated registration card **or** dated fee statement with a valid address in the precinct, **or** Student ID if on a dorm list (obtained by the Elections Department from the school prior to the election)
- **Ineffective or Late Notice** card mailed by election headquarters within the two weeks prior to election day, showing address of voter in the precinct (If you receive this card, follow all instructions and bring it to your polling place)
- **Prior registration in the same precinct** (applies if voter has moved within the same precinct or changed their name)
- **Witness/voucher** -- oath of a pre-registered voter in the same precinct or of a voter who registers on election day with one of the other authorized identification. A voter who is vouched for cannot vouch for another voter.

OR, Use one picture ID from Column 1 along with one type of utility bill from Column 2

Column 1 ONE APPROVED PHOTO ID	A N D	Column 2 ONE APPROVED UTILITY BILL
Must contain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current name • Photo • old address or no address MN Driver's License MN State ID U.S. Passport U.S. Military ID Student ID from MN post-secondary educational institution	A N D	Must contain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current name • current address in precinct • payment due within 30 days before or after election day Cable television Electric Gas Phone Sewer Solid waste

	Water
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Minnesota Election Laws Relating to Election Day Activities

NOTE: For all election laws see Minnesota Statutes Chapter 200 through 212

M.S. 204C.06 Conduct in and near polling places

Subdivision 1. **Lingering near polling place.** An individual shall be allowed to go to and from the polling place for the purpose of voting without unlawful interference. No one except an election official or an individual who is waiting to register or to vote shall stand within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place. The entrance to a polling place is the doorway or point of entry leading into the room or area where voting is occurring.

Subd. 2. **Individuals allowed in polling place.** (a) Representatives of the secretary of state's office, the county auditor's office, and the municipal or school district clerk's office may be present at the polling place to observe election procedures. Except for these representatives, election judges, sergeants-at-arms, and challengers, an individual may remain inside the polling place during voting hours only while voting or registering to vote, providing proof of residence for an individual who is registering to vote, or assisting a handicapped voter or a voter who is unable to read English. During voting hours no one except individuals receiving, marking, or depositing ballots shall approach within six feet of a voting booth, unless lawfully authorized to do so by an election judge.

(b) Teachers and elementary or secondary school students participating in an educational activity authorized by section [204B.27](#), subdivision 7, may be present at the polling place during voting hours.

Subd. 3. **Damaging or removing election materials; gross misdemeanor.** No individual shall intentionally:

(a) Tear down, mutilate, deface or otherwise damage during the hours of voting any voter instruction poster placed inside or outside of a polling place by an election judge or other election official; or

(b) Remove from the polling place before the time for voting ends any ballots prepared for use at the election or any supplies or conveniences placed in voting booths for use by the voters, except as authorized by law.

A violation of this subdivision is a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 4. **Damaging or removing election materials; felony.** No individual shall intentionally:

(a) Remove from a polling place any election file or election register, except as authorized by law;

(b) Damage, deface, or mutilate any ballot, election file or election register or any item of information contained on it, except as authorized by law; or

(c) Add anything to a ballot, election file or election register, except as authorized by law.

A violation of this subdivision is a felony.

Subd. 5. **Sergeant-at-arms.** The election judges may appoint a sergeant-at-arms when necessary to keep the peace or otherwise to assist them. An election judge may request a sergeant-at-arms or a peace officer to arrest or remove from the polling place any individual who, despite a warning to desist, engages in disorderly conduct. A sergeant-at-arms or a peace officer shall not otherwise interfere in any manner with voters.

Subd. 6. **Peace officers.** Except when summoned by an election judge to restore the peace or when voting or registering to vote, no peace officer shall enter or remain in a polling place or stand within 50 feet of the entrance of a polling place.

Subd. 7. **Use of intoxicating liquor; prohibition; penalty.** During the time an election is being held it is a misdemeanor to bring intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor into a polling place, to drink intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor in a polling place, or to be intoxicated in a polling place. The election judges shall not permit an obviously intoxicated individual to vote or remain in the polling place for any purpose.

Subd. 8. **Access for news media.** The county auditor or municipal or school district clerk, or their designee, may, by written authorization, permit news media representatives to enter polling places for up to 15 minutes during voting hours to observe the voting process. A media representative must obtain prior authorization and present photo identification to the head election judge upon arrival at the polling place and must not otherwise:

- 1) approach within six feet of an election judge or voter;
- 2) converse with a voter while in the polling place;
- 3) make a list of persons voting or not voting; or
- 4) interview a voter within the polling place.

M.S. 211B.11 Election day prohibitions

Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person may not display campaign material, post signs, ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter within a polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary or election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary or election day. This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B. The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk may provide stickers which contain the words "I VOTED" and nothing more. Election judges may offer a sticker of this type to each voter who has signed the polling place roster.

Subd. 2. Repealed, 1997 c 147 s 79

Subd. 3. **Transportation of voters to polling place; penalty.** A person transporting a voter to or from the polling place may not ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter on primary or election day to vote or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question.

Subd. 4. **Penalty.** Violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

211B.07 Undue influence on voters prohibited.

A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force, coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, loss, including loss of employment or economic reprisal, undue influence, or temporal or spiritual injury against an individual to compel the individual to vote for or against a candidate or ballot question. Abduction, duress, or fraud may not be used to obstruct or prevent the free exercise of the right to vote of a voter at a primary or election, or compel a voter to vote at a primary or election. Violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

211B.13 Bribery, treating, and solicitation.

Subdivision 1. **Bribery, advancing money, and treating prohibited.** A person who willfully, directly or indirectly, advances, pays, gives, promises, or lends any money, food, liquor, clothing, entertainment, or other thing of monetary value, or who offers, promises, or endeavors to obtain any money, position, appointment, employment, or other valuable consideration, to or for a person, in order to induce a voter to refrain from voting, or to vote in a particular way, at an election, is guilty of a felony. This section does not prevent a candidate from stating publicly preference for or support of another candidate to be voted for at the same primary or election. Refreshments of food or nonalcoholic beverages of nominal value consumed on the premises at a private gathering or public meeting are not prohibited under this section.

Subd. 2. **Certain solicitations prohibited.** A person may not knowingly solicit, receive, or accept any money, property, or other thing of monetary value, or a promise or pledge of these that is a disbursement prohibited by this section or section [211B.15](#).

M.S. 204C.07 Challengers

Subd. 1. Partisan elections. At an election to fill partisan offices, the chair of an authorized committee of each major political party may appoint by written certificate voters from that political party to act as challengers of voters at the polling place for each precinct. Only one challenger from each major political party for each precinct shall be allowed to remain in the polling place at one time.

Subd. 2. Nonpartisan elections. At an election to fill nonpartisan offices, each nonpartisan candidate may appoint by written certificate voters to act as challengers of voters at the polling place for each precinct. Only one challenger for each candidate shall be allowed to remain in the polling place for each precinct at one time.

Subd. 3. Elections on a question. At an election where a question is to be voted upon, the mayor of a city, or the school board of a school district, or the board of supervisors of a town, upon receiving a written petition signed by at least 25 eligible voters, shall appoint by written certificate one voter for each precinct in the municipality, or school district if applicable, to act as a challenger of voters in the polling place for that precinct.

Subd. 4. Restrictions on conduct. The election judges shall permit challengers appointed pursuant to this section to be present in the polling place during the hours of voting and to remain there until the votes are counted and the results declared. No challenger shall handle or inspect registration applications, files, or lists. Challengers shall not prepare in any manner any list of individuals who have or have not voted. They shall not attempt to influence voting in any manner. They shall not converse with a voter except to determine, in the presence of an election judge, whether the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct.

Sample letter - Show letter to the Chair Election Judge in each precinct you visit.

CHALLENGER LETTER

Election Date: _____

To Election Judges, City of Minneapolis:

_____ is authorized to represent
_____, **(political party or candidate for office)**
_____, at this polling place.

I understand I am not to handle or inspect registration applications, files or lists, or prepare in any manner any list of individuals who have or have not voted, or attempt to influence voting in any manner, or converse with a voter except to determine, in the presence of an election judge whether the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct.
(MS204C.07 Subd. 4)

I also understand that I shall not touch or interfere with ballots during the counting process at 8:00 PM. *(MS204C.19 Subd. 1)*

Signature of Challenger

Phone number of Challenger

*Signature of Chair representing a major political party
or Signature of Candidate for Nonpartisan office*

Phone number of Chair or Candidate

Date

Important Telephone Numbers and Web Sites

City of Minneapolis Elections 612-673-2070
TTY 612-673-2157
E-mail: Elections@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Web: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections

Hennepin County Elections 612-348-5151
TTY 612-348-3461
Web: www.co.hennepin.mn.us

Secretary of State Elections Office 651-215-1440
For TTY communication, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask them to place a call to 651-215-1440.

Political Parties: four major political parties in Minnesota

Democratic Farmer Labor	651-293-1200
Green	612-871-4585
Independence	612-827-6488
Republican	651-222-0022

More election related information is available at the following Web sites:

Minnesota Election Laws – Chapter 200 through 212
www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/200.htm

Minnesota Statutes, Session Laws, and Rules
www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.htm

Minnesota State Legislature – Legislation and Bill Tracking
www.library.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis.htm

Federal Elections Commission
www.fec.gov

Elections Assistance Commission
<http://www.fec.gov/hava/eac.htm>

Federal Voting Assistance Program
www.fvap.ncr.gov

