

Casting a Write-In Vote on Election Day!

What you as a voter should know:

- Keep the writing in the box or write upwards.
- If you write into the box on the left or right it will cause your other votes issues (Example 1). If you write Only in the box for the office you are correct & vote would be good (Example 2). If you write upwards (Example 3) your vote will count-DO NOT touch any ovals with the markers.

Example 1

This will cause an overvote for the column with the oval colored in because the box has writing in & the office has been voted in above if it's a vote for one-causes an overvote.

<input type="radio"/> Democratic Julie Smith	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Booker Toner	<input type="radio"/> Democratic John Jones	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Taylor White
<input type="radio"/> Republican John Doe		<input type="radio"/> Republican Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/> Republican Ida Rose
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Conservative Suzy Hook		
Write-In Mickey Mouse	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

Example 2

You can choose to keep the writing in the box under the correct column as shown below-if it's a vote for one you can't color an oval & do a write-in it will be an overvote.

<input type="radio"/> Democratic Julie Smith	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Booker Toner	<input type="radio"/> Democratic John Jones	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Taylor White
<input type="radio"/> Republican John Doe		<input type="radio"/> Republican Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/> Republican Ida Rose
	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Suzy Hook		
Write-In Mickey Mouse	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

Example 3

You can choose to start in the Write-In box & go up the column as shown-DO NOT to touch an oval with marker. -if it's a vote for one you can't color an oval & do a write-in it will be an overvote.

<input type="radio"/> Democratic Julie Smith	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Booker Toner	<input type="radio"/> Democratic John Jones	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Taylor White
<input type="radio"/> Republican John Doe		<input type="radio"/> Republican Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/> Republican Ida Rose
<input type="radio"/> Conservative Suzy Hook			
Write-In Mickey Mouse	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

How can an Inspector Help?

- ❖ IF a voter asks an Inspector to show them how to do a write-in they can ONLY explain on the **SAMPLE BALLOT** that is displayed at your polling site how to cast the write-in.

What an Inspector CAN'T do?

- ❖ Help you with spelling-you just need to do your best-as long as the intent is clear it will count.
 - Example: Bill Smith or William Smith-as long as that person is known by either name they are acceptable. If you spell it Bil Smith it counts.
- ❖ They can't voluntarily tell you that there are 2 ends to the marker for write-ins & ovals. If they do it's considered electioneering. That's the same reason they can't help with spelling.



