

Retaining the Lever Voting Machines

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New York City Hearing, 42 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y.

About a year ago, while most others were hailing the virtues of the paper ballot optical scanner, I stood before a similar group of people at a similar hearing and stated a different opinion -

KEEP OUR LEVER VOTING MACHINES

1. They have performed well continually.
2. The lever voting machine is more tamper-proof than any other voting machine.
3. They were built to last over 150 years; so there's considerable time left on them.
4. They are easy to maintain and relatively easy to repair, if necessary.
5. We know how and where to store them, how and where to deliver them.
6. People are familiar with and comfortable using them.
7. As a poll worker myself, I can attest to their accuracy - checks and double-checks.
8. Were there to be a power outage, you would not have the lights at the top; but you would still be able to vote and to count the vote and no votes would be lost.
9. The lever machine has proven itself to be more reliable than any other voting machine we have today of any technology.

I strongly urge that we retain our Lever Voting Machines!

Sincerely and in PEACE,

Catherine Skopic