

JPAC *for OLDER ADULTS*

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STATEMENT URGING THE RETENTION AND CONTINUED USE OF OUR LEVER VOTING MACHINES

The Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults (JPAC), a grassroots senior advocacy group with hundreds of senior members throughout metropolitan New York, urges elected and appointed officials to take all actions necessary to enable the state to keep and continue to use the lever voting machines.

The current economic crisis makes it irresponsible to continue in the implementation of new voting systems that will cost more than the federal money we have received for that purpose, and will ultimately raise the cost of conducting elections in our state.

We believe that senior centers, hospitals, firehouses, teachers, police officers, public transportation, affordable housing, and other services that people depend upon for their daily lives are more important than the computerization of voting machines.

The mechanical lever voting machines can serve New York State for another 100 years or more with routine maintenance, and cost little to maintain and use.

Now that New York State has complied with all federal requirements for voting systems by the purchase and use of accessible Ballot Marking Devices, it must use its limited resources to aid New Yorkers through these difficult times.

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