



Basics of Poll Greeting

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What are Poll Greeters?

- **Poll Greeters are the people standing or sitting outside the polling place at the OCDP table, talking to voters, answering questions, and pointing to literature we hope voters find helpful.**
- **Our job is important because it's our last interaction with the voter before they actually cast their ballot.**

**What do I
need to
bring with
me?**

- **A jacket and umbrella.**
- **Water and snacks for you.**
- **A fully charged phone or tablet.**
- **A desire to have fun and be sociable.**

What are the Expectations of Poll Greeters?

- **Project a positive, welcoming attitude.**
- **Be on time and complete the entire shift.**
- **Be familiar with Shift Setup/Teardown if beginning or ending a shift.**
- **Wear a vest, lanyard or sticker clearly identifying you as an OCDP volunteer. These will be available at the table.**
- **Know who to ask if you have questions – contact information for the site coordinator and the OCDP leadership team will be in a 3 ring binder at the greeter table**

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- Be familiar with the QR codes at the poll-greeter tables and what information they link to.
- Be familiar with the Sample Ballots.
- Encourage voters to review the Sample Ballot.
 - Open with QR code, take a picture, take a copy
 - Voters can take materials into the voting booth with them.
- Remind everyone to vote down the whole ballot
- Be familiar with the 50 ft. Buffer Zone (no electioneering)
- Thank people for voting and offer them an “I voted” sticker.

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Poll Greeting Table: Candidate Literature Policy

- The Orange County Democratic Party supports democratic candidates running for office.
- OCDP will not promote or distribute campaign literature that features unaffiliated voters or voter guides provided by political action groups and media outlets endorsing candidates.
- Materials provided by the Orange County Democratic Party and individual democratic candidate materials are allowed to be distributed from the OCDP poll greeting table.
- OCDP does not support any implicit or explicit candidate endorsements made by any member of our body.

Voter ID Requirements

A Photo ID IS NEEDED to vote

Requirements are in the Greeter Manual

Acceptable forms of Photo ID for voters under 65 (provided the ID is unexpired or is expired for one year or less) include:

- **North Carolina driver's license**
- **State ID from the NCDMV (also called "non-operator ID")**
- **U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card**
- **Driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, District of Columbia or U.S. territory (only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)**

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Acceptable Forms of Photo ID (regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date) include:

- **Military or veterans ID card issued by the U.S. government**
- **Tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by the State or federal government**
- **ID card issued by an agency of the U.S. government or the State of North Carolina for a public assistance program**

Voter ID Requirements

- NC State Board of Elections has a list of approved student and public employee identification cards for use as photo identification for voting through December 31, 2024 is here:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id/student-public-employee-idsapproved-voting>

- All approved student and employee ID cards are acceptable statewide for voting.
- Only the physical version of UNC One Card can be used for identification. The digital version will not be accepted.

Voter ID Requirements

NC Voters Who Do Not Have a Photo ID

- All voters will be allowed to vote with or without an ID.
- If an in-person voter does not provide an acceptable ID they may:
 - vote a provisional ballot and bring a copy of an acceptable Photo ID to the County Board of Elections' office by the day before the county canvass
 - fill out an ID Exception Form and vote a provisional ballot

Curbside Voting

location.

Be aware of the curbside voting options at your

- **Curbside voting is available for voters who are unable to enter the voting place without physical assistance due to age or disability.**
- **Drivers are not able to vote curbside if it is only a matter of convenience.**

EARLY VOTING

Is the Voter in the Right Place?

- **Early Voting? No problem!! Anyone registered in Orange County can vote at any Early Voting Site.**
- **You can register to vote at any Early Voting site if you live in Orange County if you are not registered. You will need proof of residency to register to vote. You CANNOT register to vote on Election Day.**
- **You can change your address during Early Voting at any Early Voting site but NOT on Election Day.**
- **If the voter lives and is registered in another county, they must vote in that county. Use the Voter Registration**

ELECTION DAY

Is the Voter in the Right Place?

- On election day you **MUST** vote at your own precinct.
- If the voter lives in Orange County but doesn't know what precinct, you can look up their voter registration online at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup>.
- If they can't get to their own precinct on election day, encourage the voter ask for a provisional ballot.

Provisional Voting

- **When to ask for a provisional ballot.**
 - **Early Voting - if you do not have a photo ID with you**
 - **Election Day**
 - **if a voter is registered in another precinct in the county but cannot make it to their precinct in time.**
 - **if a voter is sure they have registered, but their name does not appear. This could be a data entry error.**
- **Election Day – Voter forgot to register? It's too late. A provisional ballot won't be counted.**
- **THE BEST WAY TO AVOID MANY PROBLEMS IS TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO VOTE IN EARLY VOTING**



Poll Greeter and Poll Observer Roles



- **Poll Greeters and Poll Observers have different roles at the Polls.**
 - **Poll Greeters are at the OCDP table outside the polling place, talk to voters, answer questions, and point to literature we hope voters find helpful.**
 - **Poll Observers are located inside and outside the polling place. They ensure that voting processes are working smoothly and report issues such as long lines, non-functioning voting machines, access problems for people with disabilities, and voter intimidation.**
- **If a Poll Greeter notices a problem at the poll or a voter comes to you with a concern, the Poll Greeter should inform the Poll Observer. The Poll Observer is in direct contact with the Voter Protection team and can report issues and ask questions of that team. If there is no poll observer during a shift, report concerns to the site coordinator.**

Voter and Greeter Safety

- If you witness voter intimidation, do not confront anyone.
- Report any intimidation immediately to the outside Poll Observer if present at the site and contact your Early Voting Coordinator, OCDP leadership or Precinct Chair (list in 3 ring binder).
- Do not engage with anyone carrying a weapon. NC is an open-carry state.
- If you feel personally threatened by a clear and present danger, then call 911.
- If you feel unsafe, you are welcome to leave the site immediately.

End of Shift Reporting

Poll Greeters are encouraged to report the following at the end of their shift via text or email to their site coordinator:

- Any attempts at voter intimidation or harassment.
- Moments when a greeter felt unsafe, uncomfortable, or threatened.
- Moments when a greeter had a great conversation with a voter.
- Did nothing really happen at all? We want to hear that too!

Poll Greeting & COVID-19

- We recommend that all volunteers be vaccinated.
- There are currently no social distancing or mask mandates in effect in Orange County. Masks are optional and acceptable.
- Do not volunteer if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks, are waiting on test results, or are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

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- **Hand Hygiene and Sample Ballots:**
 - Since COVID-19 is unlikely to be transmitted via shared objects, it is acceptable to distribute sample ballots.
 - Hand sanitizer is available for use.
- **Again, do not volunteer if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks, are waiting on test results, or are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.**

Who to contact?

EARLY VOTING: If you have any questions or concerns you can contact your early voting site coordinator or Jo Birckmayer:

- All Sites: Jo Birckmayer – voterexpercoord@orangedems.com
- Chapel of the Cross: Martin Feinstein martin_Feinstein@unc.edu
- Hillsborough Commons: Jo Birckmayer jbirckmayer@msn.com
- Seymour Center: Caryn Zoffer carynzoffer@gmail.com
- Carrboro Town Hall: Karen Macklin kgzm53@gmail.com
- Chapel Hill Library: Woody Setzer woody.setzer@gmail.com
- Efland Cheeks Community Center: Ken Woods kennethwoods46@gmail.com;
Charles Burnham: charles_burnham@msn.com

Thank you!! Happy Poll Greeting  **ORANGEDEMOCRATS**



THANK YOU!