

Subject: [DPNeBlast] GET UP, GET OUT AND VOTE

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Polls are open until 7 pm.

Greetings, neighbors

DATELINE, DEER PARK, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

All our civil liberties were won with bloodshed, and yet they can be chipped away, moment by moment, by bullies.

Don't be fooled, don't be discouraged, do not be intimidated. Don't be surveyed or predicted out of participating. ***The only vote that won't be counted is the one you don't bother to cast.***

We were the Barn, we voted. One gentleman made a mistake using the scanner, into which you will put your own ballot to capture its electronic image. The scanner beeped to indicate he had overvoted (cast too many votes for one office. He simply went back to the judge, folded his wrong ballot (it is NOT destroyed, but mailed in to the election authorities), and he was given a fresh ballot.

Another gentleman was mistakenly give a Precinct 101 instead of 104 ballot; he noticed and asked to have the mistake corrected.

If anything happens, bring it to the attention of the site manager or one of the election judges. That includes anything you do not understand or that does not feel right. If you feel your concerns were not given due consideration, you can call the **State's Attorney's office, 847-377-3000**. Investigators are in the area and can get to any polling place very quickly. But serious inquiries only, please.

No one can electioneer within 100 feet of the polling place. But beyond that, candidates and supporters can greet you, pat on the back, encourage your vote. To be inside the polling place, you must have credentials. If you see anyone that you think ought not to be

there, or if someone's presence disturbs you or if you feel intimidated, you can ask to see their credentials. So, see the paragraph above. These are the guidelines we were given today; again, this is our understanding, we cannot speak in any official capacity.

There is no excuse not to vote. As they say, if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

If you failed to register, take care of that immediately. Just visit <http://AmIRegistered.info> today. That's "Am I Registered" and if you are not, do so. We can put you in touch with a registrar, or you can register at the Village Hall. For our Cook County Neighbors. <http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/register.asp>

See you around the neighborhood, and wear your "Proud to Vote" sticker proudly.

Together, we are stronger!

PS a few more details, if you're still interested:

Here's what happens at the end of the day: After all the voters have put their own ballots into the scanner, when the polls close, that machine will be hooked up to a telephone line, and the results will be faxed to Lake County Seat. Then the machine will be opened, the ballots will be hand counted, then packaged up and driven to Waukegan to the Lake County Clerk's office. Here at DPN, we felt very confident that our vote could not be tampered with. We also liked that we could see how many voters had gone before us.

We took some photographs in the polling place, which was our right under Illinois Code. We were amused that the Site Manager was waiting for us! To everyone working the polling place today, on behalf of the voters, thank you for your service. It's a long, long day for you, and yet, you are cheerful and helpful—and you make a difference.

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