

# **Access The Vote**

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DURING THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services (DRDC) is the Protection & Advocacy (P&A) organization for the District of Columbia. We are federally-mandated to represent people with disabilities and ensure their access to facilities, services, and programs in DC. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) charged P&A organizations throughout the nation, including DRDC, to "ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places." 52 U.S.C. § 21061. As a result of a settlement agreement in *American Association of People with Disabilities v. District of Columbia*, DC agreed to make all polling places accessible to persons with disabilities by the 2004 Presidential Primary.

Since 2004, DRDC has surveyed polling places during Presidential and DC major elections and reported on the results of those surveys to the DC Board of Elections (BOE) and the public to promote 100% voting accessibility for DC voters with disabilities. In addition to conducting surveys and producing reports, DRDC meets and works with BOE officials, testifies before

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, e.g., DRDC, DC Voting Access Report: Voting Accessibility During the June 4, 2024 Primary Election (2024), (2024 Primary Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the November 8, 2022 General Election (2022), (2022 General Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the June 21, 2022 Primary Election (2022) (2022 Primary Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the November 3, 2020 General Election (2020) (2020 General Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the June 2, 2020 Primary Election (2020) (2020 Primary Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the June 19, 2018 Primary Election (2018) (2018 Primary Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access Report on the June 14, 2016 Presidential Primary Election (2016) (2016 Primary Election Report); DRDC, DC Voting Access: The November 4, 2014 Mayoral Election (2014) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, DC Voting Access: The April 1, 2014 Mayoral Primary (2014) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, DC Voting Access: The April 23, 2013 Special Election (2013) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, DC Voting Access: The November 6, 2012 Presidential Election (2012) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, DC Voting Access: Behind Closed Doors, The April 3, 2012 Presidential Primary (2012) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, DC Voting Access during the April 26, 2011 Special Election (2011) (on file with DRDC); DRDC, No Parity at the Polls: Four Years Later, Accessibility Survey for the February 12, 2008 Presidential Primary Election (2008) (on file with DRDC).

the DC Council about voter accessibility issues, and assists with accessibility training for election day workers and surveyors. For over 20 years, DRDC has provided BOE a checklist to help poll workers ensure vote center accessibility. DRDC's accessibility checklist was adopted as a national model by the former national disability voting rights organization, Project Vote. DRDC also advocates to resolve accessibility barriers during early voting and on Election Day and recommends solutions to BOE and poll workers.

This report analyzes the accessibility of vote centers and ballot drop boxes utilized during early voting and on Election Day for the November 5, 2024 General Election and identifies issues that hindered access by voters with disabilities to enter voting areas and cast their ballots. It is authored by Elizabeth Myerholtz (DRDC Staff Attorney).

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#### **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

DRDC's surveyors evaluated vote centers and ballot drop boxes throughout the District for accessibility, consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Department of Justice's 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.<sup>2</sup> Based on the results of the surveys,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 12130 et seq.; 28 C.F.R. Part 35 et seq.; U.S. Dep't of Just., <u>2010 ADA</u> Standards for Accessible Design, available at <a href="https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/design-">https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/design-</a>

vote centers and ballot drop boxes found to be out of compliance with these requirements are labelled as either structurally inaccessible or operationally inaccessible (or in some cases, both structurally and operationally inaccessible). Vote centers and ballot drop boxes are labelled **structurally inaccessible** if voters with disabilities could not independently<sup>3</sup> get to the voting area or vote due to issues that BOE staff or poll workers *could not* have remedied (e.g., stairs, ramps that did not comply with ADA requirements, broken elevators, and/or narrow doorways). Vote centers and ballot drop boxes are labelled **operationally inaccessible** if voters with disabilities could not get to the voting area or vote due to issues that BOE staff or poll workers *could* have remedied (e.g., impermanent barriers in the path to the drop box or vote center's accessible entrance that were not removed, incorrect or missing signage, and/or for vote centers with no available assistive equipment).

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standards/2010-stds/#2010-standards-for-state-and-local-government-facilities-title-ii (last visited Aug. 13, 2025); U.S. Dep't of Just., <u>ADA Checklist for Polling Places</u>, available at <a href="https://www.ada.gov/resources/polling-places-checklist/">https://www.ada.gov/resources/polling-places-checklist/</a> (last visited Aug. 13, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In addition to the standard definition of "independent," as used in this report, the term encompasses whether a voter can reach a doorbell or automatic door opener without assistance, and/or enter the voting area by virtue of responsive vote center staff or automatic door activation.

## **RESULTS OF ACCESSIBILITY SURVEYS**

During the November 5, 2024 General Election cycle, DRDC volunteers surveyed 73 of the 75 vote centers designated by BOE (97.33% of the total). DRDC surveyed all 50 election day vote centers (100%) and 23 of the 25 early vote centers (92%). 61.64% (45/73) of the vote centers surveyed were found to be structurally inaccessible, operationally inaccessible, or both structurally and operationally inaccessible. Specifically, 12.32% of all vote centers surveyed were structurally inaccessible (9/73), 55% of all vote centers surveyed were operationally inaccessible (40/73), and 6.85% of all vote centers surveyed were both structurally and operationally inaccessible (5/73).

There is a detailed analysis of reasons vote centers were found inaccessible and recommendations to increase accessibility beginning on page 15 of this report. For a complete list of inaccessible vote centers, see Appendix B.

The following are the criteria DRDC used to analyze accessibility at the vote centers, including data of the vote centers that were found inaccessible under each criteria. Complete lists of the vote centers found to be inaccessible under each criteria can be found in Appendix C.

#### **BARRIERS IN VOTE CENTER PARKING AREAS**

DRDC noted a general decrease in accessibility issues compared to the 2024 Primary Election.

Lack of Designated Accessible Parking Spaces - Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 15 vote centers (20.55% of all total vote centers surveyed) that failed to provide accessible parking. (Appendix C, Table 2). A vote center was considered operationally inaccessible due to providing insufficient accessible parking if it had less than 2 designated accessible parking spaces, either in the parking lot or the street parking area, or if it failed

to provide signage designating accessible parking spaces.<sup>4</sup> Of these 15 vote centers, 5 were early vote centers (21.74% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 10 were election day vote centers (20% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is a slight decrease from the percentage of vote centers lacking accessible parking during the 2024 Primary Election, where 26.67% of surveyed vote centers failed to provide accessible parking and is also a slight decrease from the 2022 General Election, where 23% of surveyed vote centers failed to provide adequate accessible parking.

<u>Lack of Accessible Route from Parking Area to Vote Center Entrance – Structurally or Operationally Inaccessible</u>

DRDC documented 3 vote centers (4.11% of all total vote centers surveyed) that failed to provide an accessible route from the parking area to the vote center entrance. (Appendix C, Table 3). Two of these vote centers were early vote centers (8.7% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 1 was an election day vote center (2% of all election day vote centers). This is less than the percentage of vote centers lacking accessible parking during the 2024 Primary Election, where 14.67% of all vote centers failed to provide an accessible route from the parking area to the vote center entrance.

Missing and/or Misplaced Signage - Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 13 vote centers (17.8% of all total vote centers surveyed) that failed to appropriately place adequate signage. (Appendix C, Table 4). Of these 13 vote centers, 5 were early vote centers (21.74% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 8 were election day vote centers (16% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 37.33% of all total vote centers had inadequate or misplaced

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Reserving street spaces right outside the accessible entrance and near a curb cut is essential to ensure voters with mobility devices can travel from the parking space to the vote center entrance without issue. These spaces should provide sufficient space for vehicles with wheelchair lifts to set out vehicle ramps (side or rear). In cases where a curb cut was not near the accessible entrance, the BOE should provide a temporary ramp next to the parking space and entrance or provide an accessible passenger drop off area to remedy this barrier.

signage and is also a decrease from the 2022 General Election, where 33% of surveyed vote centers had inadequate and/or misplaced signage.

DRDC surveyed for signage indicating: (1) the location of the accessible parking, (2) the location of curbside voting areas, (3) the route from the parking area to the vote center's accessible entrance, and (4) the location of the accessible entrance.<sup>5</sup>

- DRDC documented 3 total vote centers (4.11% of all total vote centers surveyed) that had missing or misplaced signage indicating the location of the accessible parking. (Appendix C, Tables 4a & 4b). Of these 3 vote centers, 1 was an early vote center (4.35% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 2 were election day vote centers (4% of all election day vote centers surveyed).
- DRDC documented 4 total vote centers (5.48% of all total vote centers surveyed) that had missing or misplaced signage indicating the location of curbside voting. (Appendix C, Table 4c). Of these 4 vote centers, 2 were early vote centers (8.7% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 2 were election day vote centers (4% of all election day vote centers surveyed).
- DRDC documented 7 total vote centers (9.59% of all total vote centers surveyed) that had missing or misplaced signage indicating the route from the parking area to the vote center entrance. (Appendix C, Table 4d). Of these 7 vote centers, 3 were early vote centers (13.04% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 4 were election day vote centers (8% of all election day vote centers surveyed).
- DRDC documented 3 total vote centers (4.11% of all total vote centers)
   that had missing or misplaced signage indicating the location of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Though not marked as inaccessible for purposes of this report, DRDC also surveyed to determine whether the accessible parking signs were close to a curb cut. <u>DRDC</u> documented 6 total vote centers (8.22% of all vote centers surveyed) where the accessible parking sign was not placed close to a curb cut. (Appendix C, Table 4f). Of these 6 vote centers, 4 were early vote centers (17.39% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 2 were election day vote centers (4% of all election day vote centers surveyed).

accessible entrance. (Appendix C, Table 4e). Of these 3 vote centers, 1 was an early vote center (4.35% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 2 were election day vote centers (4% of all election day vote centers surveyed).

<u>Curbside Voting Unavailable – Operationally Inaccessible</u>

DRDC documented 6 vote centers (8.22% of all vote centers surveyed) that failed to offer curbside voting. (Appendix C, Table 5). Of these 6 total vote centers surveyed, 2 were early vote centers (8.69% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 4 were election day vote centers (8% of all election day vote centers surveyed).

<u>Unstaffed Curbside Voting – Operationally Inaccessible</u>

DRDC documented 8 vote centers (10.96% of all vote centers surveyed) that offered curbside voting, but failed to staff the curbside voting area. (Appendix C, Table 6). Of these 8 total vote centers surveyed, 4 were early vote centers (17.39% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 4 were election day vote centers (8% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 13.33% of all vote centers failed to adequately staff curbside voting and continues the downward trend from the 2022 General Election, where 16% of surveyed vote centers failed to adequately staff curbside voting.

#### BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE VOTING AREA

DRDC documented 24 total vote centers (32.88% of all vote centers surveyed) that had barriers that made it difficult or impossible for people with disabilities to travel from the parking area to the voting area inside the vote centers. Common, recurring accessibility issues were found, from obstacles and abrupt rises in the accessible path to inaccessible elevators and ramps.

Lack of Accessible Entrance – Structurally and/or Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 6 vote centers (8.22% of all vote centers surveyed) that had inaccessible entrances. Entrances were considered

inaccessible if: a) the ramp/route to the entrance was too steep, not wide enough, and/or lacked handrails and was thus out of compliance with ADA standards (5 vote centers, see Appendix C, Table 12) and/or b) the doorway was locked or was not at least 32 inches wide to ensure that a voter using a wheelchair could fit through the door (1 vote center, see Appendix C, Table 10). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 12% of all vote centers lacked an accessible entrance.

## a. Inaccessible Ramp - Structurally Inaccessible

Of the 73 vote centers surveyed during the General Election cycle, a total of 37 required the use of a ramp along the accessible route to the voting area (50.68% of all vote centers surveyed). **DRDC documented 5 total vote centers (6.85% of all vote centers surveyed; 13.51% of all vote centers surveyed that required the use of a ramp) that had an inaccessible ramp.** (Appendix C, Table 12). All of these vote centers were election day vote centers (10% of all election day vote centers surveyed; 16.13% of all election day vote centers surveyed that required the use of a ramp).

# b. Narrow Doorways - Structurally and/or Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 1 vote center (1.37% of all vote centers surveyed) that had doorways that were narrower than 32 inches wide. (Appendix C, Table 10). This vote center, Stuart-Hobson Middle School, was an election day vote center (2% of all election day vote centers surveyed). Sometimes this issue may be remedied by opening a second door in a set of double doors, but in this circumstance, the doorway was simply constructed too narrowly.

Obstructed Paths to the Voting Area – Structurally and/or Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 8 total vote centers (10.96% of all vote centers surveyed) that had obstructions in the pathway along the route from the parking area to the main voting area. (Appendix C, Table 7). Of these 8 total vote centers, 3 were early vote centers (13.04% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 5 were election day vote centers (10% of all election day vote

centers surveyed). This is an increase from the 2024 Primary Election, where 6.67% of all vote centers were inaccessible due to an obstruction in the pathway to the voting area.

Abrupt Rise - Structurally and/or Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 7 total vote centers (9.59% of all vote centers surveyed) that had an abrupt rise over ½ inch tall in the pathway to the voting area. (Appendix C, Table 8). Three of these vote centers were early vote centers (13.04% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 4 were election day vote centers (8% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 14.67% of all vote centers had an abrupt rise.

Closed Doors, Lack of Backup System - Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 2 total vote centers (2.74% of all vote centers surveyed) that had closed doors and lacked any sort of backup system (i.e., poll worker stationed at the door, working doorbell, working automatic door opener), rendering the vote center operationally inaccessible. (Appendix C, Table 9). Both of these vote centers were early vote centers (8.7% of all early vote centers surveyed). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 5.33% of all vote centers had closed, heavy doors without a working backup system, and is a downward trend from the 2022 General Election, where 7% of vote centers surveyed presented this issue. DRDC urges BOE to ensure that doors are propped open at election day and early vote centers.

Loose Mats - Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 1 vote center (1.37% of all vote centers surveyed) that had loose mats that presented an obstacle for individuals with mobility disabilities. (Appendix C, Table 11). This vote center, Allen A.M.E. Church, was an election day vote center (2% of all election day vote centers surveyed).

<u>Inaccessible Elevators – Operationally Inaccessible</u>

Of the 73 vote centers surveyed during the General Election cycle, a total of 7 required the use of an elevator along the accessible route to the voting area. DRDC documented 4 total vote centers (5.48% of all vote centers surveyed, 57.14% of the vote centers surveyed that required the use of an elevator) that lacked an accessible elevator. (Appendix C, Table 13). These elevators were inaccessible for various reasons, including that they were too narrow, they lacked Braille indicators, or they lacked audible floor indicators. One of these vote centers was an early vote center (4.35% of all early vote centers surveyed; 50% of the early vote centers surveyed that required the use of an elevator) and 3 were election day vote centers (6% of all election day vote centers surveyed; 60% of the election day vote centers surveyed that required the use of an elevator). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 10.67% of all vote centers were inaccessible (88.9% of all vote centers that required the use of an elevator).

#### BARRIERS TO VOTING IN THE VOTING AREA

Lack of Assistive Technology - Operationally Inaccessible

DRDC documented 8 total vote centers (10.96% of all vote centers surveyed) that failed to have either an audio headset, magnifying glasses, or both readily available for voters with disabilities. (Appendix C, Tables 14 & 15). Two of these vote centers were early vote centers (8.7% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 6 were election day vote centers (12% of all election day vote centers surveyed). The data showed 2 total vote centers (2.74% of all vote centers surveyed) that failed to provide at least one audio headset at an electronic ballot marking device and 6 total vote centers (8.22% of all vote centers surveyed) that failed to have magnifying glasses readily available for voters with visual disabilities. These are similar statistics to the 2024 Primary Election, where 6.67% of vote centers lacked an audio headset at an electronic ballot marking device and 8% of vote centers lacked magnifying glasses that were readily available for voters with visual disabilities.

<u>Lack of Clear Floor Space for Voters Using Wheelchairs – Operationally</u> Inaccessible

DRDC documented 3 total vote centers (4.11% of all vote centers surveyed) that had less than five feet of turning radius available at electronic ballot marking devices, presenting a barrier for voters using wheelchairs. (Appendix C, Table 16). One of these vote centers was an early vote center (4.35% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 2 were election day vote centers (4% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is similar to the 2024 Primary Election, where 5.33% of all vote centers lacked five feet of turning space in front of the electronic ballot marking devices.

Lack of Privacy at Electronic Ballot Marking Devices

DRDC documented 8 total vote centers (10.96% of all vote centers surveyed) that lacked privacy at the electronic ballot marking devices. (Appendix C, Table 17). One of these vote centers was an early vote center (4.35% of all early vote centers surveyed) and 7 were election day vote centers (14% of all election day vote centers surveyed). This is a decrease from the 2024 Primary Election, where 25.33% of all vote centers failed to provide sufficient privacy for voters casting their ballot at electronic voting machines and is also a decrease from the 2022 General Election, where DRDC noted this issue at 21% of surveyed vote centers.

#### **VOTE BY MAIL**

During the General Election, DRDC successfully surveyed 54 of the 55 (98.18%) BOE ballot drop boxes. (Appendix D). Thirteen of the fifty-four ballot drop boxes surveyed (24.07%) were either structurally inaccessible or operationally inaccessible, or both. (Appendix E). Similar to the vote centers, ballot drop boxes were marked as structurally inaccessible if voters with disabilities could not access the ballot drop box due to issues that BOE staff could not have remedied and were marked as operationally inaccessible if voters with disabilities could not access the ballot drop box due to issues that BOE staff could have remedied. Seven of the ballot drop boxes surveyed

(12.96%) were structurally inaccessible and 9 (16.67%) were operationally inaccessible. This is an increase from the 2024 Primary Election, where DRDC found 14.54% of all ballot drop boxes to be inaccessible. For breakdowns of ballot drop boxes by reason of inaccessibility, see Appendix F.

# **VOTING AT THE DC JAIL AND THE CENTRAL TREATMENT FACILITY**

The District restored the vote to all qualified DC residents, regardless of criminal conviction, in 2021. D.C. Law 23-277. In 2022, the DC Council passed the Elections Modernization Amendment Act, which requires that the District operate a vote center for District residents incarcerated in the DC Department of Corrections' (DOC) care and custody at the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF). To advance that promise, BOE partnered with the DOC to implement vote centers at CDF and CTF. DRDC applauds BOE's efforts to ensure that all DC residents who want to vote are able to exercise that right.

DRDC staff surveyed the vote centers at CDF and CTF on October 30, 2024. At CDF, DRDC's surveyor spoke with BOE staff who noted that DOC only allowed 10 residents to come to the vote center from their housing units at a time and that this slow flow of traffic was concerning. The BOE staff stated this was due to purported "safety and security" but speculated that it could really be the result of under-staffing. The BOE staff was concerned that the slow flow of traffic may require that the vote center be open an extra day. BOE staff also reported that prior to the arrival of DRDC's surveyor, the electronic ballot marking device had not been set up to allow the requisite 5-feet turning radius for voters using wheelchairs, but that he corrected that issue before DRDC arrived.

At CTF, DRDC's surveyor noted that the electronic ballot marking device was not positioned to allow the requisite 5-foot turning radius for voters using wheelchairs. This was fixed upon request. Both vote centers only had one electronic ballot marking device available, which may have also slowed voting traffic at the vote centers.

The day of the election, DRDC staff received concerning reports from residents at CDF's men's Mental Health Unit during a regular monitoring visit. The residents reported that they had never been offered the chance to vote at CDF's vote center and that no one came to the unit during the days of voting at CDF to take people to vote. Per the residents, only 5 individuals on the unit were able to vote because they received mail-in ballots. They were excited upon seeing DRDC's staff because they believed the DRDC staff member was there to help them vote, but the staff member had to explain that voting at CDF had already ended. DRDC urges DOC to ensure all eligible individuals in its care and custody are offered an opportunity to vote.

DOC is an automatic voter registration agency, similar to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). <sup>6</sup> BOE mails all registered voters mail-in ballots. That there were individuals who wanted to vote who did not receive mail-in ballots indicates that DOC did not automatically register those individuals to vote. DOC must ensure that it provides voter registration to all individuals and does not deny individuals the opportunity to vote based on disability.

#### **BOE'S RESPONSE TO DRDC'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

DRDC staff consistently works to bring any prevalent voting barriers identified by voters with disabilities to BOE staff. Prior to the November 2024 General Election cycle, DRDC provided a copy of our report from the 2024 Primary Election to BOE and also sent a letter on August 26, 2024, regarding some of the more serious violations at sites selected for the General Election based on our preliminary findings before the 2024 Primary Election report was published.

During early voting and on Election Day, DRDC staff and volunteers made on-the-spot recommendations to poll workers and BOE staff with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(c)(1)(A)(ii). Unless individuals indicate that they do not want to register to vote or that they are not a U.S. citizen, DOC is required to automatically register to vote all individuals in its care or custody at CDF and CTF. D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(c(1)(B)(ii).

goal of immediately resolving accessibility barriers. These efforts and BOE's responses are noted for each vote center below. BOE poll workers and staff at least partially responded to DRDC's recommendations to correct accessibility barriers at 20 vote centers.

The next section details each of the vote centers and ballot drop boxes found to be structurally and/or operationally inaccessible, along with specific recommendations for improved accessibility. DRDC has also provided recommendations to improve vote centers that were not found to be inaccessible but still presented accessibility concerns.

A table of all vote centers found to be inaccessible is included in Appendix B and a breakdown of the vote centers by reason of inaccessibility is included in Appendix C. A table of all ballot drop boxes found to be inaccessible is included in Appendix E and a breakdown of the ballot drop boxes by reason of inaccessibility is included in Appendix F.

# **INACCESSIBLE VOTE CENTERS**

#### I. INACCESSIBLE ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS

# Columbia Heights Education Campus - 3101 16th Street NW, 20010

This vote center was **structurally inaccessible** due to the lack of an accessible path from the parking area to the vote center. This vote center only used street parking, however there was no curb cut on the block where the street parking was assigned. Therefore, the curb presented an abrupt rise that voters needed to traverse in order to access the vote center, making the path inaccessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Work with District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to install a curb cut on the block of the vote center or utilize a temporary ramp to traverse the curb cut.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	Abrupt rise (curb cut).
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# Marie Reed Elementary School - 2201 18th Street NW, 20009

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to the presence of objects that were undetectable by a cane. The electronic ballot marking devices were arranged such that the cords for the machines were elevated in the air, rather than taped to the floor. This hazard for voters using canes to navigate their surroundings was fixed upon the request of DRDC's surveyor.

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices were originally arranged in a way that did not protect the privacy of voters, but this too was fixed upon the request of DRDC's surveyor.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Tape down all cords and ensure the pathways are clear of other objects undetectable by a cane. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election No	lo privacy.
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# Bancroft Elementary School - 1755 Newton Street NW, 20010

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because it did not offer curbside voting. Additionally, the doors to the vote center were not propped open, however a poll worker was stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility for all voters. Prop open heavy doors.

## Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Unpropped doors.
November 6, 2012 General Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.

# Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library - 1630 7th Street NW, 20001

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for many reasons. First, the vote center did not designate any accessible parking. Second, there were issues with ensuring adequate staffing. There was a single poll worker inside the front door of the vote center who was helping a voter to complete an accessible ballot. This same poll worker was also solely responsible for staffing the curbside voting area because the vote center did not have sufficient staff. The doors at the vote center were unpropped, and the same poll worker explained that they would only have a poll worker stationed at the door some of the time because they did not have enough staff to have someone there the entire time. However, the door did have a working automatic door opener, making the entrance accessible. Third, the accessible route required the use of an elevator, but the elevator lacked audible floor

indicators. Finally, there was less than 5 feet of turning radius available at the electronic ballot marking devices. DRDC's surveyor noted that "the room that they use as the main voter area in this library is just not big enough for everything to be sufficiently spaced out. A wheelchair user would have difficulty navigating through this room."

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices were arranged in a way that did not protect the privacy of voters.

Recommendations: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated for voters with disabilities. Ensure vote center is adequately staffed to provide assistance at curbside voting and entrance areas. Prop open heavy doors. Ensure that elevators are ADA-compliant. Ensure electronic ballot marking devices are positioned to allow five feet of turning radius. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Insufficient accessible parking.
	Inaccessible elevator. Lack of 5 feet
	turning radius.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors. Inaccessible
	elevator.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.
April 23, 2013 Special Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 6, 2012 General Election	Inaccessible elevator. Closed, heavy
	doors without working backup
	system.
April 3, 2012 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator. Closed, heavy
	doors without working backup
	system.

## Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church - 1701 15th Street NW, 20009

This vote center was both **structurally inaccessible** and **operationally inaccessible**. The vote center was **structurally inaccessible** due to the presence of an abrupt rise of over half an inch caused by uneven pavement between the street and the curb cut.

The vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to issues with the building's elevator. The main vote center entrance was inaccessible for voters with mobility disabilities due to a set of stairs, so there was a separate, accessible entrance that required the use of an elevator to reach the voting area. However, the elevator did not have controls marked with Braille, audible floor indicators, or doors that were at least 36 inches wide, as required by the ADA. Because of the inaccessibility of the elevator, there was not a fully accessible route to the voting area for voters with disabilities. BOE has been aware of issues with this elevator for 12 years and has previously reported in its performance oversight response to the DC Council that this vote center has an elevator that does not conform to the ADA requirements for elevator cars. Nevertheless, this vote center with its inaccessible elevator continued to be used for the 2024 election cycle.<sup>7</sup>

Additionally, DRDC's surveyor noted that one of the electronic ballot marking devices at this vote center (the one with the screen originally lowered to serve voters using wheelchairs) had broken, but no one had come out to fix it. The vote center staff had lowered one of their remaining electronic ballot marking device screens due to the inoperable machine.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure the route to the vote center entrance is free from abrupt rises. Ensure that elevators are accessible to voters with disabilities. Ensure all voting equipment is running properly and promptly respond to requests to fix technical issues with electronic ballot marking devices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> DC BOE, Oversight Responses FY22-23, Question 67 (p. 126), available at: <u>2023-Performance-Oversight-Responses-DC-BOE.pdf</u>

### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Abrupt rise (divots in pavement).
	Inaccessible elevator.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 4, 2014 General Election	Inaccessible elevator.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 6, 2012 General Election	Inaccessible elevator.
April 3, 2012 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.

# Horace Mann Elementary School - 4430 Newark Street NW, 20016

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, there was insufficient accessible parking. This vote center used a parking lot, but had only designated a single accessible parking space. Second, the route from the parking lot to the vote center entrance was not adequately marked with signs. Though there were signs posted, they were far from the parking lot, thus requiring voters to travel down the street past the school's main entrance in order to see the directions to the vote center entrance. Third, magnifying glasses were not readily available for voters with disabilities, though they were made available upon request.

Recommendations: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot. Place sufficient signage along the pathway from the parking lot to the vote center entrance. Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available at the check-in and demonstration tables.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inadequate signage re: accessible entrance; no designated accessible parking.
November 8, 2022 General Election	No designated accessible parking.
November 4, 2014 General Election	No designated accessible parking.

# Barnard Elementary School - 430 Decatur Street NW, 20011

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because it did not have curbside voting available to voters with disabilities. Additionally, the doors at this vote center were not propped open, though there was a working automatic door opener, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility to all voters. Prop open heavy doors.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting. Closed,
	heavy doors without working backup
	system.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Curbside voting staff stationed
	inside vote center without clear line
	of sight to curbside voting station.
	Unpropped doors.



This photo, taken
November 5, 2024, shows a
large sign partially blocking
the accessible entrance to
the Fort Stevens Recreation
Center vote center.

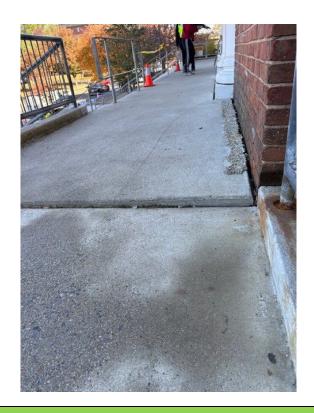
## Fort Stevens Recreation Center - 1327 Van Buren Street NW, 20012

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for two reasons. First, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area. Second, there were obstructions in the pathway. One of the accessible entrance signs had been placed in a way that was blocking the vote center's accessible entrance. This was corrected at the suggestion of DRDC's surveyor.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Station a poll worker to monitor the curbside voting station. Ensure the route to the accessible entrance is free from obstructions, including signage.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Obstructions (cones blocking
	accessible parking).
June 19, 2018 Primary Election	Obstructions (signs, rugs, chair,
	cords).

This photo, taken on November 5, 2024, shows the abrupt rise that is at the top of the ramp leading to the entrance of Powell Elementary School.



# Powell Elementary School - 1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011

This vote center was both *structurally inaccessible* and *operationally inaccessible*. The vote center was *structurally inaccessible* for many reasons. First, there was no accessible entrance. To reach the front entrance to the vote center, which was designated with signage as the accessible entrance, voters needed to either climb many stairs or traverse a very large, steep, non-ADA-compliant ramp. Additionally, there was a break in the pavement near the top of the ramp that caused an abrupt rise. This issue was noted in DRDC's report on the 2024 Primary Election and DRDC relayed these accessibility concerns directly to BOE's ADA Coordinator prior to the 2024 General Election, yet this inaccessible, main entrance was again used as the accessible entrance.

The vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because there was no designated accessible parking. The vote center utilized street parking but failed to designate accessible parking anywhere along the street. Even if accessible parking had been designated, the lack of curb cut would present the issue of an abrupt rise.

During her testimony before the D.C. Committee on Executive Administration & Labor's performance oversight hearing on February 19, 2025, BOE's Executive Director Monica Evans stated that it was BOE's understanding that there was an alternative, accessible ramp available at this vote center for the 2024 Primary Election. DRDC's surveyor found no such alternate ramp available during the 2024 Primary Election and the schools' large, steep, non-ADA-compliant ramp was marked as the accessible route to the vote center entrance. If an alternate ramp was available during the 2024 General Election, it was not obvious nor marked in a way that voters would know where it was. The main, inaccessible ramp was again marked as the accessible route to the vote center entrance for the 2024 General Election.<sup>8</sup>

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure that ramps at all vote centers are ADA-compliant. Relocate this vote center or identify an alternative accessible voter entrance complete with alternative accessible parking.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inaccessible entrance. Inaccessible
	ramp. Abrupt rise. Inaccessible
	parking.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Inaccessible ramp. Inaccessible
	entrance. No signage indicating
	accessible parking.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Inaccessible entrances due to non-
	ADA-compliant ramp and pathway
	potholes and abrupt rises. No
	accessible parking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> During the 2022 General Election, a different entrance to Powell Elementary School was designated as the accessible entrance for voters with disabilities. However, that entrance was also inaccessible as there was no accessible path to that entrance from the street or parking areas. Thus, voters with disabilities were unable to access the vote center. Prior to the 2024 Primary Election, BOE's ADA Coordinator informed DRDC that the accessible entrance at Powell Elementary School would be relocated, yet the main entrance, served by the inaccessible ramp, was again used as the accessible entrance for both the 2024 Primary and General Elections.

## Shepherd Recreation Center - 7800 14th Street NW, 20012

This vote center was **structurally inaccessible** because the ramp that served as the accessible pathway to the vote center entrance had no handrails, making the entrance inaccessible.

Recommendations: Ensure that ramps are ADA-compliant.

### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Non-ADA-compliant ramp.
	Inaccessible entrance.

# Burroughs Elementary School - 1820 Monroe Street NE, 20018

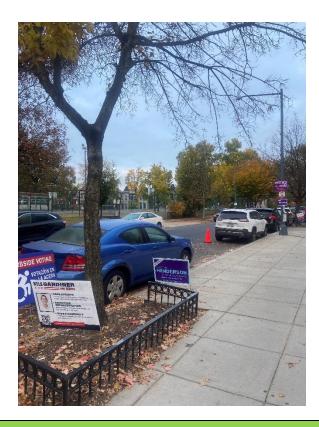
This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because there was inadequate accessible parking. The vote center utilized a parking lot but only had a single designated accessible parking space.

Additionally, the doors to the vote center entrance were unpropped, but there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot. Prop open heavy doors.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Cars without accessible placards parked in accessible parking spaces, with a third car parked in access aisle.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Insufficient accessible parking.
June 14, 2016 Primary Election	Closed heavy doors without working
	backup system.
November 4, 2014 General Election	Closed heavy doors without working
	backup system.

Closed heavy doors without working backup system.



This photo, taken on November 5, 2024, shows the street parking area of the vote center at Dunbar Senior High School. Though there was curbside voting designated, there was no designated accessible parking.

# <u>Dunbar Senior High School – 101 N Street NW, 20001</u>

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to the lack of designated accessible parking. The vote center utilized street parking but failed to designate any accessible parking.

Additionally, the doors to the vote center entrance were not propped open, though there was a poll worker stationed at the doors, making the entrance accessible. Finally, the electronic ballot marking devices were not arranged in a way that protected the voters' privacy.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated on the street and near a curb cut. Prop open heavy doors. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	No designated accessible parking.
	Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Unpropped doors. No designated
	accessible parking. No privacy.
April 3, 2012 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
February 12, 2008 Primary Election	No designated accessible parking.
	Unpropped doors.

### Mt. Horeb Baptist Church - 3015 Earl Place NE, 20018

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because a headset was not readily available at the electronic ballot marking devices, though one was made available upon request.

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices were not arranged in a way that protected the voters' privacy.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure an audio headset is available at the electronic ballot marking devices for voters with visual disabilities. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

# Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	No privacy.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	No privacy.

# Noyes Education Campus - 2725 10th Street NE, 20018

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, there was insufficient accessible parking. Though the vote center utilized a parking lot, there was only one permanent accessible parking space and the vote center failed to designate any additional accessible parking spaces. Second, there was a lack of signage indicating the route from the

accessible parking to the accessible entrance. Third, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area. Fourth, there was no signage posted indicating the location of the accessible entrance.

Recommendations: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot. Place adequate signage indicating the route from the parking area to the vote center's main and accessible entrances. Station a poll worker to monitor curbside voting area. Place signage marking the vote center's accessible entrance.

# Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Misplaced signage indicating
	location of inaccessible parking and
	inaccessible entrance.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Insufficient accessible parking. No
	signage indicating designated
	accessible parking viewable from
	street in front of accessible
	entrance.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Inadequate signage (curbside
	signage not visible from road).
	Unstaffed curbside voting.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	No signage.

# Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library - 5401 South Dakota Avenue, 20011

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because it did not offer curbside voting.

Recommendations: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility to all voters.



This photo, taken on
November 5, 2025, shows
the elevator at Jefferson
Middle School Academy.
The call button on the
outside of the elevator is
missing, making the
elevator inaccessible for
voters with disabilities.

## Jefferson Middle School Academy - 801 7th Street SW, 20024

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, there was no designated accessible parking. Though this vote center utilized a parking lot, there were no accessible spaces designated for voters with disabilities. Second, the building's elevator lacked audible floor indicators and the buttons on the outside of the elevator were broken.

Additionally, the doors to the vote center entrance were unpropped, though there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot. Ensure that elevators are ADA-compliant. Prop open heavy doors.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Locked gate at parking lot, rendering
	accessible parking inaccessible.
	Inaccessible elevator. Closed, heavy

	doors without working backup
	system.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.



This photo, taken on November 5, 2024, shows confusing signage placed inside of the Payne Elementary School vote center. The accessible parking sign is posted on the inside of the building.

# Payne Elementary School - 1445 C Street SE, 20003

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, there was originally no designated accessible parking separate from the curbside voting area, which was not near a curb cut. DRDC's surveyor brought this to the attention of the site coordinator, who agreed to use cones and signs to designate accessible parking separate from the curbside voting area and near a curb cut. Second, there were issues with the accessible parking signage. The accessible parking signage was inexplicably hung inside the building, near the accessible entrance.

Additionally, the accessible entrance door was not propped open, however there was a doorbell and building security was responding to individuals who used the doorbell. DRDC's surveyor confirmed that the

security staff would be present until after voting closed to allow voters entry to the vote center. However, the doorbell was roughly six feet in front and to the left of the door, and not obvious that it must be used to gain entry through the accessible entrance. DRDC's surveyor witnessed multiple voters attempt to use the accessible entrance and need to be directed by BOE staff to use the doorbell. DRDC's surveyor suggested that the site coordinator place a sign indicating to voters to use the doorbell, and the site coordinator agreed to do so.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated on the street, separate from the curbside voting area and near a curb cut. Ensure accessible parking signage is appropriately placed to indicate the location of the accessible parking. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unpropped doors without working
	backup system. Misplaced signage
	designating accessible parking.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Accessible parking not near curb cut
	(abrupt rise). Unpropped doors.
November 3, 2020 General Election	No signage designating route to
	accessible entrance.
June 19, 2018 Primary Election	Broken or no doorbell. Closed, heavy
	doors with no working back-up
	system.
April 3, 2012 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.

#### Stuart-Hobson Middle School - 410 E Street NE, 20002

This vote center was both **structurally inaccessible** and **operationally inaccessible**. The vote center was structurally inaccessible due to a doorway that was less than 32 inches wide. There was a set of double doors that voters needed to traverse to reach the main voting area, but only one of the two doors was propped open. The other door was blocked by a wall and not able

to be opened to the full 32 inches required, thus rendering the doorway too narrow.

The vote center was **operationally inaccessible** because magnifying glasses were not readily available for voters with disabilities, though they were made available upon request.

Recommendations: Ensure all doorways along the accessible path to the voting area are at least 32 inches wide. Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available at the check-in and demonstration tables.

### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Narrow doorways.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Unpropped doors.

# Watkins Elementary School - 420 12th Street SE, 20003

This vote center was **structurally inaccessible** due to the presence of an abrupt rise inside the vote center. There was a door divider inside that rose from the ground about 1 inch high, resulting in an abrupt rise.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Remove or remedy all structural barriers, including abrupt rises.

# Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Abrupt rise.
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# Kimball Elementary School - 3375 Minnesota Avenue SE, 20019

This vote center was **operationally inaccessible** because the signage indicating the location of the curbside voting area was not visible from the road.

Additionally, the doors at this vote center were unpropped but there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting signage is in plain view of the road. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Signage issues (route from parking
	area to main voter entrance).
	Unpropped doors.

# Miner Elementary School - 601 15th Street NE, 20002

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for a few reasons. First, the signage indicating the location of the curbside voting area was not visible from the road, though this was fixed upon the request of DRDC's surveyor. Second, magnifying glasses were not readily available for voters with disabilities, though they were made available upon request. Third, the voting area lacked the requisite 5-feet of turning radius at the electronic ballot marking devices, though this was also fixed upon request.

Additionally, the doors at this vote center were not propped open, though there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting signage is in plain view of the road. Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available at the check-in and demonstration tables. Position all electronic ballot marking devices to allow five feet of turning radius. Prop open heavy doors.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Missing signage re: accessible
	parking. Unpropped doors.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Curbside voting signage not in plain
	view of road.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Unpropped doors and no doorbell.
	No headsets.

November 6, 2012 General Election	Closed heavy doors without working
	backup system.

# Nalle Elementary School - 219 50th Street SE, 20019

This vote center was **structurally inaccessible** due to a non-ADA-compliant ramp. The ramp served as the accessible route to the vote center entrance, but it lacked handrails.

Additionally, though this vote center utilized street parking and a curb cut was available, the accessible parking sign was not posted close to the curb cut.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure that ramps are ADA-compliant. Ensure accessible parking signage is posted as close to the curb cut as possible.

# Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Abrupt rise. Obstructions in the
	pathway.

# River Terrace Education Campus - 420 34th Street NE, 20019

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for two reasons. First, there was insufficient signage directing voters from the parking lot in the back of the building to the location of the vote center entrance in the front of the building. Second, magnifying glasses were not readily available for voters with disabilities.

Recommendations: Place sufficient signage along the pathway from the parking lot to the accessible entrance. Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available at the check-in and demonstration tables.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inadequate signage re: accessible
	street parking.

June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Insufficient curbside voting signage.
	No audio headsets.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Inadequate signage re: route from
	parking lot to entrance.

## Kenilworth Recreation Center - 4321 Ord Street NE, 20019

This vote center was **structurally inaccessible** due to the presence of a non-ADA-compliant ramp. There was a ramp that served as the accessible route to the vote center entrance, but the ramp did not have handrails.

Recommendations: Ensure that all ramps are ADA-compliant.

### St. Timothy's Episcopal Church - 3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for a few reasons. First, there was inadequate accessible parking. Though the vote center had a parking lot, there was only one designated accessible parking space. Second, the route from the parking area to the vote center entrance was not clearly marked. The parking lot was located behind the building and the vote center entrance was in the front of the building. Thus, there was a long route voters needed to traverse to reach the vote center entrance, but this path was not clearly marked with signs. Third, there were obstructions in the pathway. A Lime bike was parked in the middle of the accessible pathway, obstructing the path for voters with disabilities. DRDC's surveyor moved the bike to make the pathway accessible.

Recommendations: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot. Place sufficient signage along the pathway from the parking lot to the accessible entrance. Ensure the pathway to the accessible entrance is free from obstructions.

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	No signage re: location of accessible
	parking.

November 8, 2022 General Election	No designated accessible parking
	separate from curbside voting.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Insufficient designated accessible
	parking. Obstructions (signs and
	shrubbery).
June 19, 2018 Primary Election	Obstructions (shrubbery).
June 14, 2016 Primary Election	No signage re: accessible entrance
	from parking area.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	No signage re: accessible entrance.
	Obstructions.

## Allen A.M.E. Church - 2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for two reasons. First, there was no signage in the front of the building (where the street and main entrance to the vote center were located) indicating the location of the parking area or accessible entrance (both of which were located behind the building). This was fixed at the request of DRDC's surveyor.

Second, there was an issue with loose carpet along the accessible path. The main building entrance was not accessible due to a flight of stairs. The accessible entrance was in the back of the building and required that voters traverse a ramp. Part of the ramp leading to the accessible entrance was carpeted, but some of the carpet had pulled away from the base of the ramp, becoming a hazard for voters with mobility disabilities. DRDC's surveyor requested that the vote center staff tape down the loose carpet, and this issue was fixed upon request.

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices were not arranged to protect voters' privacy.

Recommendations: Ensure sufficient signage indicating the location of the accessible parking and accessible entrance and that the signs are properly placed in plain view from the street. Ensure all loose mats/carpet are either removed or secured with tape. Position all electronic ballot marking devices

facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inadequate signage re: curbside voting. Loose carpet. No privacy.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Inadequate signage re: location of designated accessible parking.
	Curbside voting signage not visible from street.

#### Covenant Baptist Church - 3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032

This vote center was both *structurally inaccessible* and *operationally inaccessible*. The vote center was *structurally inaccessible* because there was a temporary ramp along the accessible route, but the ramp lacked the necessary 5-foot landing space.

The vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because a sign had been placed in the middle of the sidewalk, obstructing the pathway.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure all ramps are ADA-compliant. Ensure the route to the vote center entrance is free from obstructions.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 3, 2020 General Election	Obstructions in path (signs).
June 19, 2018 Primary Election	Slope of the pathway to the voting
	area too steep and no handrails.

# Hendley Elementary School - 425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for a couple of reasons. First, there was no designated accessible parking available for voters with disabilities. This vote center utilized both street parking and a parking lot, but still no spaces were designated as accessible parking. DRDC's surveyor

noted that there were two accessible spaces in the parking lot, but the paint designating them as accessible parking was very faded and they were not otherwise marked. Upon the arrival of DRDC's surveyor, there were two cars parked in those spaces, neither of which had an accessible parking placard. The site coordinator confirmed that there was no accessible parking designated for voters with disabilities. DRDC's surveyor suggested that the site coordinator work to remove the two cars parked in the accessible spaces in the parking lot and reclaim them for voters by erecting accessible parking signs. DRDC's surveyor witnessed one of the cars be moved and reclaimed with accessible parking signage but the other space was still occupied by the time the surveyor left.

Second, there was a significant amount of broken concrete in the path to the accessible entrance, creating obstructions in the path for voters with mobility disabilities.

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices were originally facing the general voting area. DRDC's surveyor requested that these be turned to protect voters' privacy and this issue was fixed upon request.

Recommendations: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated for voters with disabilities. If designating accessible parking on the street, ensure the spaces are near curb cuts to avoid an abrupt rise in the pathway to the entrance. Ensure the pathway from the parking area to the vote center entrance is free from obstructions. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Insufficient accessible parking. Obstructions in pathway (broken
	concrete). No privacy.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Obstruction in pathway.
November 3, 2020 General Election	No accessible parking. No privacy.

This photo, taken on November 5, 2024, shows obstructions along the pathway to the entrance for the vote center at The Arc, making it inaccessible for voters with mobility disabilities.



#### The Arc - 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for many reasons. First, though the vote center offered curbside voting, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area. Second, there were electioneering tables in the pathway from the parking area to the vote center entrance, obstructing the pathway. Finally, there was no audio headset available at the electronic ballot marking devices, though one was made available upon request.

Additionally, the doors at this vote center were not propped open, but there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible. The electronic ballot marking devices were not arranged in a way to protect voters' privacy.

Recommendations: Station a poll worker to monitor the curbside voting station. Ensure the pathway from the parking area to the vote center entrance is free from obstructions, including electioneering tables. Ensure an audio headset is available at the electronic ballot marking devices for voters with visual disabilities. Prop open heavy doors. Position all electronic ballot

marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Audio headset and magnifying
	glasses not readily available.

#### Union Temple Baptist Church - 1225 W Street SE, 20020

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because it did not offer curbside voting. Additionally, the doors at the vote center entrance were unpropped, but there was a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility to all voters. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.
	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Unpropped doors.
June 14, 2016 Primary Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.
November 4, 2014 General Election	Unpropped doors.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.
April 23, 2013 Special Election	Closed, heavy doors without working
	backup system.
November 6, 2012 General Election	No curbside voting.
April 26, 2011 Special Election	Unpropped doors.

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#### Columbia Heights Community Center - 1480 Girard Street NW, 20009

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, there was an abrupt rise in the pathway to the vote center. Though this vote center installed a temporary ramp near the street parking, which was much closer than the curb cut, the door jam of the main entrance was pulling away from the ground, resulting in an abrupt rise of ¾ of an inch. Second, though there were two elevators to the voting area, neither was fully accessible. One was out of service and was missing visual and braille markings for the second floor. The functional elevator lacked audible floor indicators. Finally, there was less than the necessary 5 feet of turning radius at the electronic ballot marking device, though this was fixed upon request.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure the pathway to the vote center is free of abrupt rises. Ensure that elevators are accessible to voters with disabilities. Ensure electronic ballot marking devices are positioned to allow five feet of turning radius.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator. Abrupt rise.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Inaccessible elevator. Abrupt rise.
	Lack of 5-foot turning radius.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Inaccessible elevator.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Abrupt rise.
April 1, 2014 Primary Election	Lack of 5-foot turning radius.

# Georgetown Neighborhood Library - 3260 R Street NW, 20007

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, this vote center failed to offer curbside voting. Second, there were many political signs in the pathway to the voting center, creating obstructions in the pathway. Third, there was a lack of signage regarding where the accessible

voter entrance was located. Finally, magnifying glasses were not readily available to voters, though they were made available upon request.

Additionally, the doors to the vote center were not propped open, though there was a working automatic door opener, making the entrance accessible.

Recommendations: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility for all voters. Ensure the path to the vote center entrance is free from obstructions. Ensure adequate signage indicating the location of the accessible voter entrance. Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available for voters with disabilities. Prop open all doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Lack of signs re: accessible parking
	and accessible route to voting area.
	Unstaffed curbside voting.
	Unpropped doors.
November 8, 2022 General Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.
	Obstruction on ramp pathway
	(eroding flagstone). Unpropped
	doors.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - 901 G Street NW, 20006

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to the lack of accessible parking. The accessible parking at this vote center was not separately designated from the curbside voting area.

Additionally, the accessible parking sign was not posted close to a curb cut and the outermost doors to the vote center were unpropped, though there was a working automatic door opener, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated separate from the curbside voting area and near curb cut. Post accessible parking sign near curb cut. Prop open all doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unpropped doors. Misplaced
	signage.
November 8, 2022 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	No designated accessible parking
	separate from curbside voting.
	Unpropped doors.



This photo, taken
November 1, 2024, shows
the accessible parking area
at the Stead Recreation
Center vote center. The
accessible parking area
was not located near a curb
cut.

### Stead Recreation Center - 1625 P Street NW, 20036

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for multiple reasons. First, though the vote center offered curbside voting, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting. Additionally, the accessible parking sign was posted far from a curb cut, though this was fixed upon request, and doors at the vote center were unpropped, though there was a working automatic door opener to make the doorways accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting areas are appropriately staffed. Post accessible parking sign near curb cub. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.
	Accessible parking sign far from curb
	cut.

#### Cleveland Park Library - 3310 Connecticut Avenue NW, 20008

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because although the vote center offered curbside voting, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area.

Additionally, the doors to this vote center were unpropped, however there was a working automatic door opener and a poll worker stationed at the door, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting areas are appropriately staffed. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.
	Abandoned car blocking curbside
	voting station. Closed, heavy doors
	without working backup system.

# <u>Takoma Community Center – 300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012</u>

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for two reasons. First, the location of the parking lot was not clear from the main voter entrance. Additionally, the doors to the accessible entrance at this vote center were closed upon the arrival of DRDC's surveyor, though they were propped open upon request.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure sufficient signage to adequately mark the location of the parking areas, vote center entrances, and the route in between. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election Unpropped doors.

This photo, taken on November 3, 2024, shows the pathway to the entrance of the Raymond Recreation Center vote center. An area of the pathway was missing several bricks, presenting a danger to voters with mobility and sight disabilities. DRDC's surveyor suggested placing a hazard cone over the area, as demonstrated in the photo.



## Raymond Recreation Center - 3725 10th Street NW, 20010

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for two reasons. First, there were obstructions in the pathway from the parking area to the vote center entrance. There was an area of sidewalk along the pathway that was missing bricks, presenting a hazard for individuals using walkers, canes, or wheelchairs. This was fixed upon request by covering the area with an orange cone to alert voters to the obstruction. Second, though the vote center offered curbside voting, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure the pathway from the parking area to the vote center entrance is free from obstructions. Ensure curbside voting areas are appropriately staffed.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 3, 2020 General Election	Obstruction (sign).
June 2, 2020 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting.



This photo, taken on
November 1, 2024, shows a
set of poles around the
curb cut on the block of the
Woodridge Neighborhood
Library vote center. The
poles make it impossible
for anyone to park near the
curb cut, making it difficult
for people with mobility
disabilities to access the
pathway to the vote center
from the parking area.

#### Woodridge Neighborhood Library – 1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to a lack of accessible parking. Upon the arrival of DRDC's surveyor, the vote center did not have any accessible parking separately designated from the curbside voting area. The vote center utilized street parking but there were poles installed around the curb cut that prevented anyone from parking near the curb cut. Thus, even if accessible parking had been separately designated, the only way a voter could access the sidewalk without encountering the abrupt rise of the curb would be to traverse a significant way up the street to go

around the poles to reach the curb cut. DRDC's surveyor worked with the site coordinator at this vote center to designate two accessible parking spaces in the Library's parking lot and to install signs to indicate the accessible route from the parking lot to the vote center entrance. The site coordinator did not have enough signs to adequately mark the accessible route, so she contacted BOE to gather more signs.

Recommendations: Ensure at least 2 accessible parking spaces are designated separately from curbside voting areas. Continue to use the Library's parking lot for accessible parking or install a temporary ramp to allow voters to traverse the curb cut.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	No accessible parking separate from
	curbside voting. Inadequate signage
	re: accessible parking and route from
	accessible parking to voting area.

# Walker Jones Middle School/RH Terrell Recreation Center – 155 L Street NW, 20001

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because magnifying glasses were not readily available to voters, though they were made available upon request.

Recommendation: Ensure magnifying glasses are readily available to voters.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	No audio headset readily available.
November 3, 2020 General Election	No audio headsets.

#### King Greenleaf Recreation Center - 201 N Street SW, 20024

This vote center was **operationally inaccessible** because it failed to offer curbside voting and because there were obstructions in the pathway,

including various signs and cardboard along the floor inside the vote center.

Additionally, the doors were not propped open, though there was a poll worker stationed at the doors, making the entrance accessible.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Offer curbside voting to ensure accessibility to all voters. Ensure the pathway inside the vote center is free from obstructions. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

November 8, 2022 General Election	Obstruction (fallen sign). Unpropped doors.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Unstaffed curbside voting. Unpropped doors.
June 14, 2016 Primary Election	Unpropped doors.

#### Rosedale Recreation Center - 1701 Gales Street NE, 20002

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* because only one accessible parking space was designated in the vote center parking lot.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the parking lot.

#### Benning Stoddert Recreation Center - 100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to signage issues. Specifically, the curbside voting sign at this vote center was not visible from the road. Additionally, the vote center utilized street parking, but the sign designating accessible parking was not posted near a curb cut.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting sign is posted within plain view of the road. Ensure the accessible parking sign is posted near a curb cut for vote centers that utilize street parking.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Curbside voting sign not visible from
	road.

#### Hillcrest Recreation Center - 3100 Denver Street SE, 20020

This vote center was **operationally inaccessible** due to signage issues. Specifically, the curbside voting sign was not posted in plain view of the road, though it was visible after voters entered the parking lot. Second, there were no signs posted to indicate the route to the accessible entrance.

Additionally, the site coordinator at this vote center refused to allow DRDC's surveyor access to the inside of the vote center. The site coordinator improperly demanded to see an ID and badge from the "election board" and refused the surveyor entry. Thus, DRDC was unable to survey the voting area of this vote center.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure curbside voting sign is posted within plain view of the road. Ensure sufficient signage indicating the route from the parking area to the accessible entrance. Educate site coordinators on role of DRDC surveyors.

#### Fort Stanton Recreation Center - 1812 Erie Street SE, 20020

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* due to issues with accessible parking. The vote center utilized a parking lot, and there were two designated accessible spaces in the parking lot, however the route from the parking lot to the entrance was steep and had sidewalk cracks that resulted in abrupt rises 2-3 inches high. DRDC's surveyor spoke with the poll workers who recognized this was not accessible, so they designated a single accessible parking space in the driveway in front of the entrance to the vote center, however they would only designate a single accessible space.

Additionally, the electronic ballot marking devices at this vote center were not arranged in a way to protect voters' privacy. When this was brought to

the attention of the site coordinator, the site coordinator agreed to call someone to address the concern, but she thought the machine's cords would prevent them from turning the screens.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure at least two accessible parking spaces are designated in the driveway in front of the entrance to the vote center. Position all electronic ballot marking devices facing away from the main voting area to ensure privacy for voters with disabilities.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	No privacy.
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#### Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center - 700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

This vote center was *operationally inaccessible* for many reasons. First, there were issues with the accessible parking. The vote center utilized both street parking and a parking lot, however only the street parking was accessible. The parking lot only had one designated accessible parking space and the route from the lot to the accessible entrance required that the voters traverse stairs, making the route inaccessible. Second, though the vote center offered curbside voting, there were no poll workers staffing the curbside voting area. This was fixed at the request of DRDC's surveyor. Third, the doors at this vote center were unpropped and there was no automatic door opener or poll workers stationed at the door. There was a doorbell, but staff did not respond to open the door. Instead, staff simply told DRDC's surveyor to enter the vote center through a speaker and DRDC's surveyor had to open the door themselves.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure accessible parking area is sufficiently marked with signs. Ensure curbside voting areas are adequately staffed. Prop open heavy doors.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Vote Center:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Insufficient accessible parking. No
	accessible parking signage.
	Unpropped heavy doors without
	working backup system.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Abrupt rise. Unstaffed curbside
	voting. Unpropped heavy doors
	without working backup system.
November 3, 2020 General Election	No accessible parking. Unstaffed
	curbside voting.

# **Bald Eagle Recreation Center - 100 Joliet Street SW, 20032**

Though not counted as inaccessible for the purposes of this report, this vote center required increased accessibility. The vote center utilized street parking, but the accessible parking sign was not posted close to a curb cut. This was fixed at the request of DRDC's surveyor.

Recommendation: Ensure accessible parking sign is posted close to a curb cut.

#### III. INACCESSIBLE BALLOT DROP BOXES



This photo, taken on November 1, 2024, shows many missing and loose bricks in the pathway in front of the ballot drop box at the Frank D. Reeves Center.

#### Frank D. Reeves Center - 2000 14th Street NW, 20009

This ballot drop box was *operationally inaccessible* due to multiple loose and missing bricks in the ground in front of the drop box, causing multiple obstructions in the path to the drop box as well as an unstable surface voters had to traverse to reach the drop box.

Recommendation: Ensure the path to the drop box is free of obstructions.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Drop Box:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Uneven and loose brick pavers
	impeding route to drop box.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Uneven and loose brick pavers
	impeding route to drop box.

#### Banneker Community Center - 2500 Georgia Avenue NW, 20001

This ballot drop box was **structurally inaccessible** because the ramp that served as the accessible route to the drop box did not have a 5-foot-long landing area, in violation of the ADA.<sup>9</sup>

Recommendation: Ensure that ramps are ADA-compliant.

#### **Georgetown Neighborhood Library - 3260 R Street NW, 20007**

This ballot drop box was **operationally inaccessible** due to many political signs in the pathway to the drop box, which created obstructions that would be difficult for voters using wheelchairs to traverse in order to reach the drop box.

Recommendation: Ensure the path to the drop box is free of obstructions.

#### Stead Recreation Center - 1625 P Street NW, 20036

This ballot drop box was *operationally inaccessible* due to the presence of many leaves covering the surface of the pathway to the drop box. The path therefore was not a stable, non-slip surface.

Recommendation: Ensure the path to the drop box is stable and slip-resistant.

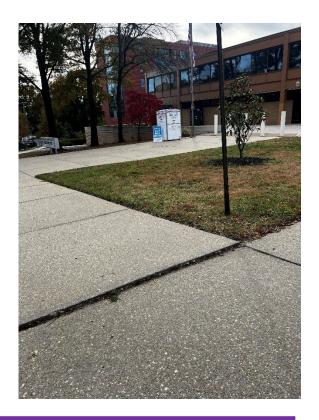
#### Palisades Library - 4901 V Street NW, 20007

This ballot drop box was *operationally inaccessible* due to the presence of many leaves covering the surface of the pathway to the drop box. The path therefore was not a stable, non-slip surface.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the path to the drop box is stable and slip-resistant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 28 C.F.R. § 35.151 et seq.; 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, § 405.7.3, available at <a href="https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8">https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8</a> (last visited Aug. 19, 2025).





These photos, taken on October 26, 2024, show the pathways to the ballot drop box located at the Second District Police Station. The photo on the left shows a row of poles obstructing the path to the drop box. The photo on the right shows an abrupt rise in the pathway to the ballot drop box.

#### Second District Police Station - 3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016

This ballot drop box was *structurally inaccessible* due to inaccessibility of the pathway to reach the drop box. There were two pathways that served the drop box: the most direct path had an abrupt rise that voters would need to traverse, making it inaccessible; the other, long path had a line of immovable poles less than 32" apart that voters in wheelchairs would need to go through. Because the space between the poles was so narrow, this presented a barrier for voters with disabilities to reach the drop box.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the most direct path to the drop box is free from abrupt rises or relocate the drop box.

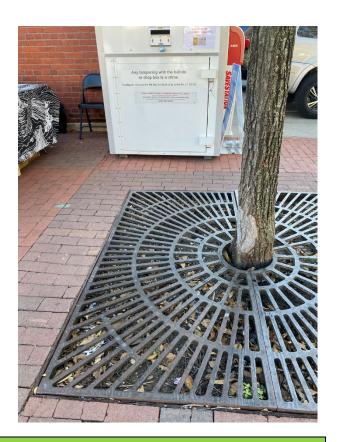
# Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Library –7420 Georgia Avenue NW, 20012

This ballot drop box was *structurally inaccessible* due to a ramp that was out of compliance with ADA standards. The ADA requires that all ramps have handrails. <sup>10</sup> Because voters were required to traverse the ramp to the drop box and the ramp did not have handrails, there was no accessible way for voters to reach the drop box.

Recommendation: Ensure that ramps are ADA-compliant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 28 C.F.R. § 35.151 et seq.; 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, § 405.8, available at <a href="https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8">https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8</a> (last visited Aug. 19, 2025).

This photo, taken on
November 3, 2024, shows a
grate in front of the ballot
drop box at Eastern Market.
The grate's large openings
make the path to the drop
box inaccessible for
someone using a cane.



#### Eastern Market - 225 7th Street SE, 20003

This ballot drop box was *operationally inaccessible* because the surface at the opening of the ballot drop box was not free of surface openings greater than half an inch due to a grate. The grate also obstructed the pathway from the street to the ballot drop box. This issue remains unresolved from the 2024 Primary Election.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the path to the drop box is stable and free of obstructions. Alternatively, turn the drop box 90 degrees so that the entrance to the drop box is accessible without needing to traverse the grate.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Ballot Drop Box:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Obstruction (large grate).
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Obstruction (raised and loose metal
	grate).

#### Deanwood Library - 1350 49th Street NE, 20019

This ballot drop box was **structurally inaccessible** due to the presence of an abrupt rise of over ½ an inch in the pathway from the street to the drop box.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the pathway from the street to the drop box is free of abrupt rises.





The photos above show the path from the street to the ballot drop box at Benning (Dorothy Height) Library. The path to the ballot drop box from the street and sidewalk requires individuals to traverse the long, steep driveway, presenting a safety hazard for people with disabilities. Therefore, the only accessible way to access the ballot drop box from the street and sidewalk is to enter the Library from the front facing the street, use the Library's elevator to descend a level, and exit the building at the back where the ballot drop box was located.

## Benning (Dorothy Height) Library - 3935 Benning Road NE, 20019

This ballot drop box was **structurally inaccessible** due to the lack of an accessible path from the street to the drop box except through Benning

Library's elevator, which was only available to voters during the Library's operating hours and not at any time, as stated on BOE's mail-in-ballot drop box instructions. This issue remains unresolved from the 2022 election cycle.

During her testimony before the D.C. Committee on Executive Administration & Labor's performance oversight hearing on February 19, 2025, BOE's Executive Director Monica Evans stated that BOE did not understand or agree with DRDC's findings in prior reports that this drop box was only accessible during the Library's operating hours because the drop box was located on the street. As demonstrated in the photos above, the drop box was not located on the street, but rather in the back of the Library building, near the Library's parking lot. The driveway from the street and sidewalk in front of the Library to the parking lot in the back of the building is steep, rendering the driveway inaccessible to pedestrians with disabilities. Thus, the only accessible path from the street/sidewalk to this drop box is to go inside the Library, take the elevator down to the parking lot, and then exit the building to the drop box. This issue could be remedied by relocating the drop box to the street.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Ensure there is an accessible pathway from the street to the ballot drop box at all hours or consider relocating this drop box to the street or another accessible location.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Ballot Drop Box:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	No accessible path from the street to
	the drop box except through the
	library's elevator.
November 8, 2022 General Election	No accessible path from the street to
	the drop box except through the
	library's elevator; elevator's internal
	buttons inoperable.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	No accessible path except through
	the library's elevator, rendering the
	ballot drop box inaccessible from the
	street when the library was closed.

#### Penn Branch Center - 3202 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, 20020

This ballot drop box was *structurally inaccessible* because the ramp that was required to access the drop box did not have handrails, in violation of the ADA.<sup>11</sup> Because voters must traverse the ramp in order to reach the drop box, there was no accessible way for voters to reach the drop box.

Recommendation: Ensure ramps are ADA-compliant.

#### Parklands-Turner Library - 1547 Alabama Avenue SE, 20032

Though not labeled inaccessible for the purposes of this report, DRDC noted an accessibility issue during its survey of this drop box. DRDC's surveyor witnessed two BOE officials arrive to empty this drop box at the same time of surveying. The BOE officials parked in the accessible parking space which was closest to the ballot drop box, even though there were plenty of open parking spaces around.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure accessible parking spaces are available for voters with disabilities.

#### Seventh District Police Station - 2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

This ballot drop box was both **structurally inaccessible** and **operationally inaccessible**. The drop box was **structurally inaccessible** due to the presence of an abrupt rise that was caused by severe unevenness in the path that led to the drop box. The drop box was **operationally inaccessible** due to obstructions in the pathway. There was a large hole in the pathway to the drop box that would need to be avoided in order to safely reach the drop box.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the path to the drop box is free of abrupt rises and obstructions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 28 C.F.R. § 35.151 et seq.; 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, § 405.8, available at <a href="https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8">https://www.access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405\_8</a> (last visited Aug. 19, 2025).

#### Hendley Elementary School - 425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032

This ballot drop box was *operationally inaccessible* due to the lack of an accessible path to the drop box. From the parking area, there was significant broken concrete that made the pathway difficult to traverse for voters with mobility disabilities or those individuals who use a wheelchair. From the street, the only curb cut had an abrupt rise of over half an inch, creating an obstruction in the path for voters with mobility disabilities.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Ensure the pathway from the street to the drop box is free of abrupt rises and broken concrete.

#### Past Reports that Noted Relevant Problem(s) at this Ballot Drop Box:

June 4, 2024 Primary Election	Broken concrete obstructing path
	from parking area; abrupt rise
	obstructing path from street.
June 21, 2022 Primary Election	Metropolitan Police Department
	(MPD) temporary solar streetlamp
	located in the middle of the
	sidewalk, obstructing wheelchair
	access.
November 3, 2020 General Election	Abrupt rise on pathway to drop box
	and sign obstructed pathway to drop
	box.

#### **APPENDICES**

#### **APPENDIX A: VOTE CENTERS SURVEYED**

DRDC successfully surveyed 73 of the 75 (97.33%) available vote centers during the General Election cycle. 23 of the 25 (92%) early vote centers were surveyed and all 50 (100%) of the election day vote centers were surveyed. The early vote centers that were not surveyed were Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10th Street NE, 20002) and Deanwood Recreation Center (1350 48th Street NE, 20019).

Vote Center	Address
Columbia Heights Education	3101 16th Street NW, 20010
Campus	
Marie Reed Elementary School	2201 18th Street NW, 20009
H.D. Cooke Elementary School	2525 17th Street NW, 20009
Bancroft Elementary School	1755 Newton Street NW, 20010
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church	1701 15th Street NW, 20009
Hardy Middle School	1819 35th Street NW, 20007
Annunciation Church	3810 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
	20016
Janney Elementary School	4130 Albemarle Street NW, 20016
Murch Elementary School	4810 36th Street NW, 20008
Palisades Recreation Center	5200 Sherier Place NW, 20016
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Oyster-Adams Bilingual School	2801 Calvert Street NW, 20008
Barnard Elementary School	430 Decatur Street NW, 20011
Fort Stevens Recreation Center	1327 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Ida B. Wells Middle School	405 Sheridan Street NW, 20011
Lasalle-Bakus Education Campus	501 Riggs Road NE, 20011
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
St. John's College High School	2607 Military Road NW, 20015
Shepherd Recreation Center	7800 14th Street NW, 20012
Takoma Education Campus	7010 Piney Branch Road NW, 20012
Burroughs Elementary School	1820 Monroe Street NE, 20018

Dunbar Senior High School	101 N Street NW, 20001
Joseph H. Cole Recreation Center	1299 Neal Street NE, 20002
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	2914 Bladensburg Road NE, 20018
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library	5401 South Dakota Avenue NE,
	20011
McKinley Technology High School	151 T Street NE, 20002
Eastern Market	225 7th Street SE, 20003
Jefferson Middle School Academy	801 7th Street SW, 20024
J.O. Wilson Elementary School	660 K Street NE, 20002
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
Stuart-Hobson Middle School	410 E Street NE, 20002
Watkins Elementary School	420 12th Street SE, 20003
Kelly Miller Middle School	301 49th Street NE, 20019
Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Avenue SE, 20019
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
Nalle Elementary School	219 50th Street SE, 20019
Randle Highlands Elementary	1650 30th Street SE, 20020
School	
River Terrace Education Campus	420 34th Street NE, 20019
Kenilworth Recreation Center	4321 Ord Street NE, 20019
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Anacostia High School	1601 16th Street SE, 20020
Ballou High School	3401 4th Street SE, 20032
Turner Elementary School	3264 Stanton Road SE, 20020
Covenant Baptist Church	3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Union Temple Baptist Church	1225 W Street SE, 20020
Columbia Heights Community	1480 Girard Street NW, 20009
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Prince Hall Center (Masonic	1000 U Street NW, 20001
Temple)^	
Georgetown Neighborhood Library <sup>^</sup>	3260 R Street NW, 20007
M.L.K. Jr. Memorial Library <sup>^</sup>	901 G Street NW, 20006

West End Public Library^	2301 L Street NW, 20037
Stead Recreation Center^	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Cleveland Park Library^	3310 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20008
Chevy Chase Community Center^	5601 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20015
University of the District of	4200 Connecticut Avenue NW,
Columbia^	20008
Emery Heights Community Center^	5801 Georgia Avenue NW, 20011
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Raymond Recreation Center^	3725 10th Street NW, 20010
Turkey Thicket Recreation Center^	1100 Michigan Avenue NE, 20017
Woodridge Neighborhood Library^	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Walker Jones Middle School/RH	155 L Street NW, 20001
Terrell Recreation Center^	
King Greenleaf Recreation Center^	201 N Street SW, 20024
Rosedale Recreation Center^	1701 Gales Street NE, 20002
Benning Stoddert Recreation	100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Hillcrest Recreation Center^	3100 Denver Street SE, 20020
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 Erie Street SE, 20020
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032
Arthur Capper Community Center^	1000 5th Street SE, 20003
Bald Eagle Recreation Center^	100 Joliet Street SW, 20032

<sup>^</sup> denotes early vote center

# **APPENDIX B: Inaccessible Vote Centers**

Vote Center	Address
Columbia Heights Education	3101 16th Street NW, 20010
Campus	
Marie Reed Elementary School	2201 18th Street NW, 20009
Bancroft Elementary School	1755 Newton Street NW, 20010
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church	1701 15th Street NW, 20009
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Barnard Elementary School	430 Decatur Street NW, 20011
Fort Stevens Recreation Center	1327 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
Shepherd Recreation Center	7800 14th Street NW, 20012
Burroughs Elementary School	1820 Monroe Street NE, 20018
Dunbar Senior High School	101 N Street NW, 20001
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	2914 Bladensburg Road NE, 20018
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library	5401 South Dakota Avenue NE,
	20011
Jefferson Middle School Academy	801 7th Street SW, 20024
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
Stuart-Hobson Middle School	410 E Street NE, 20002
Watkins Elementary School	420 12th Street SE, 20003
Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Avenue SE, 20019
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
Nalle Elementary School	219 50th Street SE, 20019
River Terrace Education Campus	420 34th Street NE, 20019
Kenilworth Recreation Center	4321 Ord Street NE, 20019
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Covenant Baptist Church	3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Union Temple Baptist Church	1225 W Street SE, 20020
Columbia Heights Community	1480 Girard Street NW, 20009
Center <sup>^</sup>	

Georgetown Neighborhood Library <sup>^</sup>	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial	901 G Street NW, 20006
Library <sup>^</sup>	
Stead Recreation Center <sup>^</sup>	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Cleveland Park Library^	3310 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20008
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Raymond Recreation Center^	3725 10th Street NW, 20010
Woodridge Neighborhood Library <sup>^</sup>	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Walker Jones Middle School/RH	155 L Street NW, 20001
Terrell Recreation Center^	
King Greenleaf Recreation Center^	201 N Street SW, 20024
Rosedale Recreation Center^	1701 Gales Street NE, 20002
Benning Stoddert Recreation	100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Hillcrest Recreation Center^	3100 Denver Street SE, 20020
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 Erie Street SE, 20020
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

#### **APPENDIX C: Tables of Vote Centers by Reason of Inaccessibility**

**Table 1: Vote Centers that were Structurally Inaccessible** 

Vote Center	Address
Columbia Heights Education	3101 16th Street NW, 20010
Campus	
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church	1701 15th Street NW, 20009
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
Shepherd Recreation Center	7800 14th Street NW, 20012
Stuart-Hobson Middle School	410 E Street NE, 20002
Watkins Elementary School	420 12th Street SE, 20003
Nalle Elementary School	219 50th Street SE, 20019
Kenilworth Recreation Center	4321 Ord Street NE, 20019
Covenant Baptist Church	3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032

Table 2: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Fewer
Than Two Designated Accessible Parking Spaces

Vote Center	Address
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
Burroughs Elementary School	1820 Monroe Street NE, 20018
Dunbar Senior High School	101 N Street NW, 20001
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
Jefferson Middle School Academy	801 7th Street SW, 20024
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial	901 G Street NW, 20006
Library^	
Woodridge Neighborhood Library^	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Rosedale Recreation Center^	1701 Gales Street NE, 20002
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 Erie Street SE, 20020
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

Table 3: Vote Centers that were Structurally or Operationally Inaccessible due to Lack of Accessible Route from Parking Area to Vote Center Entrance

Vote Center	Address
Columbia Heights Education	3101 16th Street NW, 20010
Campus	
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 Erie Street SE, 20020
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

Table 4: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Missing and/or Misplaced Signage

Vote Center	Address
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Avenue SE, 20019
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
River Terrace Education Campus	420 34th Street NE, 20019
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Georgetown Neighborhood Library^	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Woodridge Neighborhood Library^	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Benning Stoddert Recreation	100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Hillcrest Recreation Center^	3100 Denver Street SE, 20020

Table 4a: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Inadequate or Misplaced Signage Indicating the Location of Accessible Parking in the Vote Center Parking Lot

Vote Center	Address
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012

# Table 4b: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Inadequate or Misplaced Signage in the Vote Center Street Parking Area

Vote Center	Address
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003

Table 4c: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Inadequate or Misplaced Curbside Voting Signage

Vote Center	Address
Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Avenue SE, 20019
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
Benning Stoddert Recreation	100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019
Center^	
Hillcrest Recreation Center^	3100 Denver Street SE, 20020

# Table 4d: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Inadequate or Misplaced Signage Indicating Route from the Parking Area to the Vote Center Entrance

Vote Center	Address
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
River Terrace Education Campus	420 34th Street NE, 20019
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Woodridge Neighborhood Library^	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Hillcrest Recreation Center^	3100 Denver Street SE, 20020

Table 4e: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Inadequate or Misplaced Signage Indicating the Vote Center's Accessible Entrance

Vote Center	Address
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018

Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Georgetown Neighborhood Library <sup>^</sup>	3260 R Street NW, 20007

Table 4f: Vote Centers with Signage far from the Curb Cut

Vote Center	Address
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
Nalle Elementary School	219 50th Street SE, 20019
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial	901 G Street NW, 20006
Library <sup>^</sup>	
Stead Recreation Center <sup>^</sup>	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Benning Stoddert Recreation	100 Stoddert Place SE, 20019
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Bald Eagle Recreation Center^	100 Joliet Street SW, 20032

Table 5: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Failing to Offer Curbside Voting

Vote Center	Address
Bancroft Elementary School	1755 Newton Street NW, 20010
Barnard Elementary School	430 Decatur Street NW, 20011
Lamond-Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library	5401 South Dakota Avenue NE,
	20011
Union Temple Baptist Church	1225 W Street SE, 20020
Georgetown Neighborhood Library^	3260 R Street NW, 20007
King Greenleaf Recreation Center^	201 N Street SW, 20024

Table 6: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Lack of Poll Workers at Curbside Voting

Vote Center	Address
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Fort Stevens Recreation Center	1327 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Noyes Education Campus	2725 10th Street NE, 20018
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Stead Recreation Center <sup>^</sup>	1625 P Street NW, 20036

Cleveland Park Library^	3310 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20008
Raymond Recreation Center^	3725 10th Street NW, 20010
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

Table 7: Vote Centers that were Operationally or Structurally Inaccessible due to an Obstruction in the Pathway to the Voting Area

Vote Center	Address
Fort Stevens Recreation Center	1327 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	3601 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Covenant Baptist Church	3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Georgetown Neighborhood Library^	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Raymond Recreation Center^	3725 10th Street NW, 20010
King Greenleaf Recreation Center^	201 N Street SW, 20024

Table 8: Vote Centers that were Operationally or Structurally Inaccessible due to an Abrupt Rise in the Pathway to the Voting Area

Vote Center	Address
Columbia Heights Education	3101 16th Street NW, 20010
Campus	
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church	1701 15th Street NW, 20009
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
Watkins Elementary School	420 12th Street SE, 20003
Columbia Heights Community	1480 Girard Street NW, 20009
Center <sup>^</sup>	
Woodridge Neighborhood Library^	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 Erie Street SE, 20020

Table 9: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Closed,
Heavy Doors with No Working Backup System

Vote Center	Address
Takoma Community Center^	300 Van Buren Street NW, 20012
Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center^	700 Yuma Street SE, 20032

Table 10: Vote Centers that were Structurally or Operationally Inaccessible due to Narrow Doorways

Vote Center	Address
Stuart-Hobson Middle School	410 E Street NE, 20002

Table 11: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Loose

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Vote Center	Address
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

Table 12: Vote Centers that were Structurally Inaccessible due to Non-ADA-Compliant Ramp

Vote Center	Address
Powell Elementary School	1350 Upshur Street NW, 20011
Shepherd Recreation Center	7800 14th Street NW, 20012
Nalle Elementary School	219 50th Street SE, 20019
Kenilworth Recreation Center	4321 Ord Street NE, 20019
Covenant Baptist Church	3845 South Capitol Street SW, 20032

Table 13: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Elevators that Lacked Braille and/or Audible Floor Indicators

Vote Center	Address
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church	1701 15th Street NW, 20009

Jefferson Middle School Academy	801 7th Street SW, 20024
Columbia Heights Community	1480 Girard Street NW, 20009
Center <sup>^</sup>	

Table 14: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Lack of a Readily Available Audio Headset

Vote Center	Address
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	2914 Bladensburg Road NE, 20018
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020

Table 15: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Lack of Readily Available Magnifying Glasses

Vote Center	Address
Horace Mann Elementary School	4430 Newark Street NW, 20016
Stuart-Hobson Middle School	410 E Street NE, 20002
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
River Terrace Education Campus	420 34th Street NE, 20019
Georgetown Neighborhood Library^	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Walker Jones Middle School/RS	155 L Street NW, 20001
Terrell Recreation Center^	

Table 16: Vote Centers that were Operationally Inaccessible due to Lack of 5-Foot Turning Radius at Accessible Electronic Ballot Marking Devices

Vote Center	Address
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE, 20002
Columbia Heights Community	1480 Girard Street NW, 20009
Center^	

Table 17: Vote Centers that Lacked Privacy at Accessible Electronic Ballot Marking Devices

Vote Center	Address
Marie Reed Elementary School	2201 18th Street NW, 20009
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Dunbar Senior High School	101 N Street NW, 20001
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	2914 Bladensburg Road NE, 20018
Allen A.M.E. Church	2498 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Fort Stanton Recreation Center^	1812 E Street SE, 20020

# **Appendix D: Ballot Drop Boxes Surveyed**

DRDC successfully surveyed 54 of the 55 available ballot drop boxes (98.18% of the total). The only ballot drop box that was not surveyed was located at Perry Street Prep Charter School (1800 Perry Street NE, 20018).

Vote Center	Address
Frank D. Reeves Center	2000 14th Street NW, 20009
Mt. Pleasant Library	3160 16th Street NW, 20010
Columbia Heights Shopping Center	3100 14th Street NW, 20010
Truist Bank	1801 Adams Mill Road NW, 20009
Banneker Community Center	2500 Georgia Avenue NW, 20001
Georgetown Neighborhood Library	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial	901 G Street NW, 20006
Library	
West End Public Library	2301 L Street NW, 20037
Stead Recreation Center	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro	2301 I Street NW, 20037
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library	1630 7th Street NW, 20001
Chevy Chase Library	5625 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20015
Tenley-Friendship Library	4450 Wisconsin Avenue NW, 20016
Cleveland Park Library	3310 Connecticut Avenue NW,
	20008
Palisades Library	4901 V Street NW, 20007
Second District Police Station	3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016
Guy Mason Recreation Center	3600 Calvert Street NW, 20007
Hattie Holmes Wellness Center	324 Kennedy Street NW, 20011
Petworth Library	4200 Kansas Avenue NW, 20011
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton)	7420 Georgia Avenue NW, 20012
Library	
Fourth District Police Station	6001 Georgia Avenue NW, 20011
Lamond Recreation Center	20 Tuckerman Street NE, 20011
Takoma Park Neighborhood Library	416 Cedar Street NW, 20012
Woodridge Library	1801 Hamlin Street NE, 20018
UDC Community College @ Backus	5171 South Dakota Avenue NE,
	20017

Joseph H. Cole Recreation Center	1299 Neal Street NE, 20002
Dunbar Senior High School	101 N Street NW, 20001
Union Market DC	1309 5th Street NE, 20002
Monroe St. Market (Outside of	625 Monroe Street NE, 20017
Busboys and Poets)	
Harry Thomas Recreation Center	1743 Lincoln Road NE, 20002
Northeast Library	330 7th Street NE, 20002
Southwest Library	900 Wesley Place SW, 20024
Eastern Market	225 7th Street SE, 20003
DCPS Headquarters	1200 First Street NE, 20002
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE, 20003
BOE Headquarters	1015 Half Street SE, 20003
Capital View Library	5001 Central Avenue SE, 20019
Deanwood Library	1350 49th Street NE, 20019
Benning (Dorothy Height) Library	3935 Benning Road NE, 20019
Francis A. Gregory Library	3660 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Sixth District Police Station	5002 Hayes Street NE, 20019
Benning Ridge Service Center	4525 Benning Road SE, 20019
Penn Branch Center	3202 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, 20020
Ridge Road Community Center	830 Ridge Road SE, 20019
Rosedale Library	1701 Gales Street NE, 20002
Anacostia Library	1800 Good Hope Road SE, 20020
Parklands-Turner Library	1547 Alabama Avenue SE, 20032
Bellevue (William O. Lockridge)	115 Atlantic Street SW, 20032
Library	
Seventh District Police Station	2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
The Arc	1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, 20020
Department of Human Services	2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
	SE, 20020
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032
Patterson Elementary School	4399 South Capitol Terrace SW,
	20032
Fort Stanton Recreation Center	1812 E Street SE, 20020

# Appendix E: Inaccessible Ballot Drop Boxes

Vote Center	Address
Frank D. Reeves Center	2000 14th Street NW, 20009
Banneker Community Center	2500 Georgia Avenue NW, 20001
Georgetown Neighborhood Library	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Stead Recreation Center	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Palisades Library	4901 V Street NW, 20007
Second District Police Station	3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton)	7420 Georgia Avenue NW, 20012
Library	
Eastern Market	225 7th Street SE, 20003
Deanwood Library	1350 49th Street NE, 20019
Benning (Dorothy Height) Library	3935 Benning Road NE, 20019
Penn Branch Center	3202 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, 20020
Seventh District Police Station	2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032

#### **Appendix F: Tables of Ballot Drop Boxes by Reason of Inaccessibility**

**Table 1: Ballot Drop Boxes that were Structurally Inaccessible** 

Vote Center	Address
Banneker Community Center	2500 Georgia Avenue NW, 20001
Second District Police Station	3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton)	7420 Georgia Avenue NW, 20012
Library	
Deanwood Library	1350 49th Street NE, 20019
Benning (Dorothy Height) Library	3935 Benning Road NE, 20019
Penn Branch Center	3202 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, 20020
Seventh District Police Station	2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

Table 2: Ballot Drop Boxes that were Operationally Inaccessible due to an Obstruction in the Pathway

Vote Center	Address
Frank D. Reeves Center	2000 14th Street NW, 20009
Georgetown Neighborhood Library	3260 R Street NW, 20007
Second District Police Station	3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016
Eastern Market	225 7th Street SE, 20003
Seventh District Police Station	2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020

Table 3: Ballot Drop Boxes that were Inaccessible due to an Abrupt Rise

Vote Center	Address
Second District Police Station	3320 Idaho Avenue NW, 20016
Deanwood Library	1350 49th Street NE, 20019
Seventh District Police Station	2455 Alabama Avenue SE, 20020
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032

Table 4: Ballot Drop Boxes that were Operationally Inaccessible due to a Nonstable Surface

Vote Center	Address
Frank D. Reeves Center	2000 14th Street NW, 20009
Stead Recreation Center	1625 P Street NW, 20036
Palisades Library	4901 V Street NW, 20007
Eastern Market	225 7th Street SE, 20003
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake Street SE, 20032