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AIRS VIDEO ON NEW VOTING PROCESS FOR NOVEMBER 2 ELECTION

In order to inform citizens about the new voting system of marking a paper ballot and scanning it into the new ImageCast tabulating machine now in use in Suffolk County for the November 2 election, the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons has created a video that is being aired on both East Hampton Town's LTV and Southampton Town's SEA-TV public access channels.

Created at the LTV studio in Wainscott, the 15-minute program includes a demo tape from the Suffolk County Board of Elections and a segment by the League's Voter Services chair Anne Marshall, explaining the voting process in more detail and also displaying the new, less intrusive New York State absentee ballot application.

The viewing schedule is available on the LTV Channel 20 and 22 website at www.ltveh.org and at the SEA-TV Channel 22 website at www.town.southampton.ny.us.

The League of Women Voters has also been speaking about the new voting process at meetings of the Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), senior citizen groups, and organizations such as the Rotary Club.

New York State is the last in the nation to comply with HAVA (the Help America Vote Act of 2002) and switch to a voting system that allows for a paper trail. The new process was first used in New York State for the September 14 primary election. The ImageCast machine being used in Suffolk County is the same one selected by 57 of the 62 counties in New York State, according to the Suffolk County Board of Elections. Nassau County and New York City chose a somewhat different scanning/tabulating machine.

Further information is available from League president Carol Mellor at 631-537-6998.

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