



VOTING with *Ease*

**Increased Accessibility in
the Early Vote Center**

2022 Clearie Submission Statement for Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities

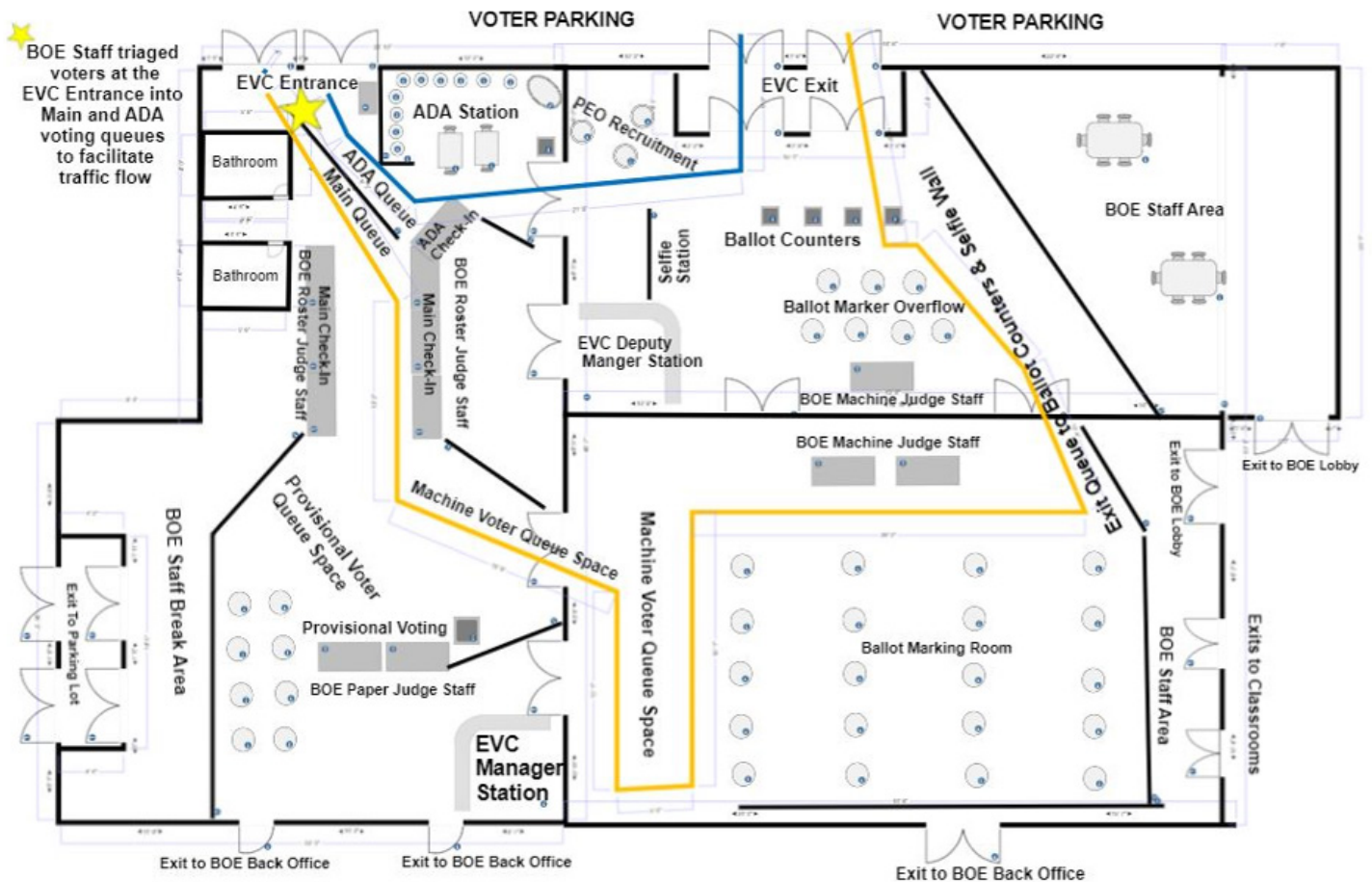
The Franklin County Board of Elections Early Vote Center (EVC) occupies three interconnected rooms with approximately 16,000 sq. ft. of space necessary to accommodate 870,000 registered voters. Given the size and scale of the EVC, staff recognized the need to designate a space to better serve voters with mobility issues. Consequently, a voter ADA Station was created so that voters could bypass the substantially longer route through the EVC and to provide better accessibility. The ADA Station was located immediately inside of the main entrance and equipped with seating so that voters would not have to stand or walk far to use voting equipment. It initially consisted of two check-in stations, three ADA accessible voting kiosks, and it was managed by a team of Board staff to provide additional assistance. Due to popularity, the station was expanded to 12 additional kiosks. Adding this service did not increase election costs. Existing staff, equipment, and materials were reallocated to create the ADA Station as a subset of the larger EVC. Our office received numerous compliments from voters, observers, and activists sharing their appreciation and encouraging us to incorporate this as a permanent part of the EVC.

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Franklin County Board of Elections Early Vote Center floor plan with highlighted routes to show main voter and ADA voter traffic. ADA Voters utilized a shorter, more direct path to check-in, ballot markers and counters, and exit to Precinct Election Official recruitment, selfie wall photo spot, and return to their cars to the parking lot.



- ADA Voter Path
- Main Voter Path

FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
EARLY VOTE CENTER
(Not to Scale)

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All voters first entered the Franklin County Board of Elections Early Vote Center via the main entrance:

Members of the Franklin County Board of Elections staff were posted immediately inside the main entrance to triage voters into ADA and main voter queues to control traffic flow and facilitate ADA station entry for voters who needed that service:



The ADA Station displayed posters and signs that designated this area for ADA voters. Black draping offered added privacy for ADA voters using this station:

