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To: Students living in Grinnell

If you plan to vote in person in Grinnell tomorrow, remember that you will need to show identification and validate your residency in Grinnell at a particular address. There are a few different ways to do this, and this URL takes you to detailed and authoritative documentation of the procedures: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterIDfaq.html> For your convenience, I've tried to extract and pull together what you may find to be useful information. Barb Trish

### **Proving both identity and residency with an Iowa Driver's License**

If you happen to have an Iowa Driver's License that lists the address at which you're registered to vote, that's all you'll need, since it will prove both your identity and your residence.

### **Proving identity through alternative means**

If you don't have an Iowa Driver's License as characterized above, then it makes sense to think about separate ways to prove identity and residence.

- 1) The following, according Iowa Secretary of State and confirmed by the County Auditor, are ways to prove identity – the important factor being a picture ID. Note that your PCard will not suffice to prove identity, since it does not include an expiration date.
  - o Iowa Voter Identification Card
  - o Iowa Driver's License
  - o Iowa Non-Operator ID
  - o \*Out-of-state driver's license or non-operator ID
  - o \*ID card issued by employer
  - o U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID
  - o U.S. Passport
  - o \* ~~Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college~~ *To repeat: PCard will not work*
  - o Tribal ID Card/Document

Note: Above list combines IDs from the Secretary of State's list of identification suitable for Election Day Voting and those suitable for Election Day Registration (marked with an asterisk), since the website notes that voters may prove identity using "Election Day Registration Document." Furthermore, voters can prove identity with documents that have expired in this calendar year: "In accordance with the Secretary of State's Emergency Directive, acceptable forms of identification that have an expiration date of January 1, 2020 or later shall be considered current and valid for elections occurring in calendar year 2020."

- 2) If you do not have a photo ID as described above, then a registered voter from your precinct can "attest" to your identity. The person attesting to a voter's identity needs to be a registered voter in the same precinct and must have proper ID with them – that is, the same ID that the attester would use for voting. A person can attest two times.

The Auditor advises if you intend to have someone attest to your identity, allow for extra time at the polls and be patient. **If you encounter any problems while voting, or you need help finding an attester, contact Professor David Harrison at 641-821-9612.**

### **Establishing residence through alternative means**

If your ID does not list your current address, you can use any of the following to establish your residence:

- Residential lease
- Utility bill, including a cell phone bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document
- Property tax statement

Note that proof of residence must include the voter's name and current address and be current within 45 days. This proof of residence may be in an electronic format – such as a document on a cell phone – or on paper.

### **If necessary, cast a “provisional ballot,” though follow up on it to make sure your vote eventually counts**

“Provisional ballots provide a way for voters to cast their ballots on Election Day if there is a question about their eligibility to vote. Voters will be offered a provisional ballot if the voter had been sent an absentee ballot, if the voter does not provide ID when required, or if the voter is challenged by another registered voter. Provisional ballots are sealed in a secure envelope after the voter has marked the ballot. The ballot envelope is reviewed later by the absentee board. Provisional voters receive a notice on Election Day with information about the reason for the challenge and whether they need to provide additional documentation regarding their eligibility.”

***One more time: If you encounter any problems while voting, or you need help finding an attester, contact Professor David Harrison at 641-821-9612.***