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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Polling Place On-site Accessibility Compliance Reviews

This is a second friendly reminder that the Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is continuing the Polling Place On-site Accessibility Compliance Review initiative for the Summer Recall and Special Elections.

G.A.B. staff will be visiting select municipalities for the purpose of conducting new surveys to determine that polling places comply with accessibility standards spelled-out in § 5.25(4)(a):

Each polling place shall be accessible to all individuals with disabilities. The board shall ensure that the voting system used at each polling place will permit all individuals with disabilities to vote without the need for assistance and with the same degree of privacy that is accorded to nondisabled electors voting at the same polling place. This paragraph does not apply to any individual who is disqualified from voting under [s. 6.03 \(1\) \(a\)](#).

In order to cover as many polling places as possible during the 2011 Recall and Special Elections, the Government Accountability Board is supplementing our staff by hiring a team of trained temporary workers to assist with the On-site Accessibility Compliance Reviews.

Thank you for partnering with G.A.B. to ensure that voters with disabilities have the opportunity to vote privately and independently.

Should you have questions about accessibility compliance in-and-outside of the polling place environment, please contact Jo Futrell, G.A.B.'s Elections Accessibility Specialist at **608-261-2009**, or at Jo.Futrell@wi.gov. Thank you!

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