

Testimony for the Elections Committee

In the general 2020 election, I voted early at the Mamaroneck Town Hall.

I was asked for my name and address and then I was asked to sign on a digital screen – similarly to how one may sign for the credit card transactions.

It has been a while since I voted last and I incorrectly assumed that, at some point, I would be asked for an identification. Not realizing that the signature was the way to confirm my identity, I simply scribbled something on the pad. That something had no resemblance with my real signature. I did not do this on purpose, but simply because I mistakenly thought it was pro-forma and not the way to confirm my identity.

After I signed, the person at the desk, glanced at my signature and waved me on to vote. I was given my printed ballot.

Based on this experience, I believe that, if I wanted to, I could have voted for anyone, provided I knew their name and address.

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