



Resolution in Support of Early Voting

WHEREAS, voter turnout in both primaries and general elections keeps dropping with the November 2010 election recording the lowest voter turnout in New York State in 40 years, and

WHEREAS, optional voting by mail has greatly increased turnout in other states, and

WHEREAS, New York State has onerous requirements for voting by mail, requiring proof of absence or serious illness, and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of other states have an early voting policy allowing pre-election day drop-off and mailing of ballots, and

WHEREAS, accusations of voter fraud are highly exaggerated while declining voter participation is very real.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chelsea Reform Democratic Club urges New York State to adopt early voting.

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