

14:05:33 From Darryl Perry : where are everyone's pets? My cats are in the next room. My wife is sleeping next to me

14:11:15 From Ruth : How could anyone sleep through this?!

14:12:07 From Darryl Perry : she stayed up late, and I'm wearing headphones

14:22:37 From Judy Strakalaitis : Not possible at registratio

14:27:24 From HTP : why can't those individuals use face shields

14:27:44 From Olivia Zink : What about people passing their photo id to the ballot clerk? Is that something you think think is safe, or recommending people hold their own id.

14:28:00 From Katy Cutshall : Will supplies still be in short supply by Sept/Nov? I think poll workers need medical grade PPE.

14:28:12 From Judy Strakalaitis : Interaction at registration is sustained for 5-10 minutes with exchange of documents between 3-4 people for each person. I will be exposed to close contact with 3000+ people on election day and 20,000 in the polling place.

14:29:03 From Judy Strakalaitis : Voters have to present ID. The ballot clerk does not need to touch it. Ar registration, documents are exchanged.

14:29:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : Katy/

14:33:03 From bonniewinonamackinnon : DR Sherman: The virus is in the breath and hangs in the air in minuscule particles, so covering the voting booth shelf is not going to affect the air and that his the main mode of transmission. Its in the air!

14:33:07 From V Turner : We could ask voters to bring their own pens / pencils. At least some of them will. Might avoid some costs...

14:33:08 From Christine Seibert : Many times they need to physically have you hand them the ID due to if they can see best up close. I guess with the barrier that can be better. But at the 6 feet I definitely see that being an issue

14:33:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : Will the committee provide Tricia with information on how elections are conducted to come up with an accurate assessment. The needs of moderators standing near the ballot box but little direct contact needs are very different from supervisors who are 2 feet apart from each applicant for 5-10 mins.

14:33:51 From Judy Strakalaitis : I agee Christine.

14:34:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : If supplies are available.

14:35:23 From johntuthill : Vote by mail please. Too much uncertainty about the course of the coronavirus pandemic to permit planning for in-person voting. Time better spent at this point planning for the mechanics for mail-in-ballots for all voters. Impossible to assess risk at this point. Precautionary principle should drive this discussion.

14:35:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : LHS testified pencils cause jamming and damage. In my huge town pencil dust would be a huge problem because of the volume.

14:37:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Many registered voters will vote by absentee ballot. However, 25% of the people who will vote at my polling place in November will be same-day registrations. Absentee registration is available but the public and most election officials are unaware it exists. It is not mentioned on SOS website.

14:40:48 From John Lisle, Moderator, Nashua Ward 8 : There is no legal way you can require voters to wear masks or gloves

14:42:10 From Christine Seibert : I think if they are warned ahead of time

that if they vote in person they need to wear masks. They can vote without a mask by absentee

14:42:25 From V Turner : I hope we will adress the possibility of testing poll workers and volunteers both before and after the elections - so 4 times per person.

14:42:59 From Steven Goldstein : Do the approved cleaning solutions contain harsh chemicals like bleach? That would adversely affect anyone like me with asthtma.

14:43:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is worse with registration, Gene. Forms and documents and cards passed back and forth between 3-4 people for 5-10 mins.

14:43:30 From Christine Seibert : I agree Judy

14:44:40 From Betty & John : voters will self select whether they feel they need gloves and masks. They already do in public now.. The CDC as noted, stated in March or April that hard surfaces are not good carriers. If poll workers would like M95 masks, they should have them. But if other workers are happy with homemade masks, they should be permitted.

14:44:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absentee ballots do not address problems of people needing to register. This is where amelioration efforts will be most difficult. Why have supervisors of the checklist not been included in the process?

14:45:11 From Olivia Zink : What about processing ballots from nursing homes which have outbreaks?

14:45:13 From Christine Seibert : My concern also is the lines that are longer than others. Our A-F or whatever tend to back up way more for instance while other alphabet grouped names have no line.

14:46:10 From Christine Seibert : Yes Olivia, the nursing homes with the outbreaks are an issue. I almost wonder if the national guard can help with that in some way

14:46:13 From V Turner : C & B are big letters. Maybe you could divide them up

14:46:15 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Supervisors are in the polling place the entire day

14:46:18 From V Turner : Also M

14:46:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : Supervisors experience informs my reaction to last week's E0. It expands risks to registered voters and new categories of pollworkers without providing a cure for most people it intends to provide with relief.

14:46:33 From Vicky Nawoichyk : WE need N95 & we will be more exposed to voters for longer time than any other worker in the poll

14:46:39 From Judy Strakalaitis : 16-20 hours

14:47:45 From Vicky Nawoichyk : What about Children in the Polling places???

14:47:48 From Betty & John : When concerned that absentee ballots or even applications for registration might be contaminated, Lysol type sprays can be tested on the forms with writing on them in various pens.

14:47:52 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Many will bring kids

14:48:48 From Christine Seibert : If they came in without pants, shoes or a shirt on can they still vote?

14:48:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Supervisors always divide the checklist as evenly as possible before we transfer it to the town clerk , who brings it to

the polls. We divide it based on how many ballot clerks that the town clerk has recruited and trained for the polling place.

14:48:55 From V Turner : Please ask about pre and post-testing of poll workers

14:49:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Confrontational voters are a huge concern.

14:50:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : I can't get enough tables for registration now with less than a foot between workers.

14:51:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : There is no way the town and schools can supply enough to follow recommended distancing. We already use 3 polling places. Adding more is not an option. Few places meet ADA and other requirements.

14:51:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : It only takes one infected person.

14:52:14 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Yes I agree Kathy!!!!

14:52:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : Tested with immediate results.

14:52:34 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Before & After!!!!

14:52:54 From Vicky Nawoichyk : But we at least start at we are all SAFE

14:53:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : White House has quickresult tests.

14:53:36 From Louise Spencer : Consideration should be given for added security in the case of confrontational voters with training in deescalation.

14:54:05 From Darryl Perry : there are tests that show results with the lines, like a pregnancy test; however those tests are not getting FDA approval <https://fdagoaway.com/>

14:54:16 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We need to make the capacity

14:56:21 From Christine Seibert : What about those who have caretakers bring them and/or their children to the polls

14:56:31 From Christine Seibert : Thanks Vicky

14:57:53 From V Turner : Hopefully we will know a lot more about testing and antibody / immunity by September

14:58:14 From Christine Seibert : The anti-body tests are run by at least 17 different companies, many of which are not FDA approved yet still being offered. Only one or two of them actually are approved and are more accurate as of now, but the virus can still mutate.

14:59:35 From Vicky Nawoichyk : CDC changes based on PPE & other availability

15:00:06 From Louise Spencer : Usually it's encouraged to bring children to the polls so that they can learn about the process and of course, some parents need to bring them because of childcare issues...perhaps some education about the risks and the availability of absentee balloting could be helpful.

15:02:22 From Judy Strakalaitis : Supervisors must meet with the public on June 2. There is no way for people to register to vote now. Every day absentee registration is not addressed increases the risk to us and the public. My town hall is closed to the public, even though the tax collectors, assessors, and town clerk windows. If it is not safe for town employees to interact with the public, why are supervisors being required too.?

15:02:58 From V Turner : Judy, how many people do you normally get at your June session?

15:03:04 From Christine Seibert : Good idea Louise, Im thinking we should include this in the PSA Campaign we were discussing, along with warnings about mask wearing at the polls

15:03:36 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Many who bring children allow them to un

freely so this is also an issue

15:05:03 From Christine Seibert : Yup. And they touch everything and stick their fingers in their mouths, etc.

15:07:59 From Louise Spencer : Children definitely present a real challenge in this situation...I think you're right Christine about trying to address it through PSA. Also, clear signage at the polls that children must be kept in tow.

15:08:31 From Darryl Perry : This document is not on the SOS website

15:08:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : We must post notice of our session by May 27. So there won't be decisions made on absentee registration made til sometime next week? May 27 is Tuesday.

15:09:27 From Judy Strakalaitis : Darryl, which document?

15:09:50 From Darryl Perry : the Decision Matrix

15:10:47 From V Turner : Yes I am wondering if we have access to the decision matrix?

15:10:52 From Ellis Robinson : A term that is most commonly used is "Vote from Home" which definitely applies here!

15:11:10 From Louise Spencer : It is extremely unfortunate that the EO has not been released in time to give this Committee as much time as possible to include its provisions in the planning process.

15:11:42 From Louise Spencer : Release the HAVA funds!!

15:11:50 From Melanie Levesque : Chairman Cook can the public have access to the matrix?

15:11:52 From AJC : Can the committee post the matrix they're working from?

15:12:33 From Rosemary Danelski, AV NH : Seconded- can we please see a copy of the document you're working from so we can follow along?

15:13:09 From V Turner : Yes please. We would like to join the matrix

15:16:59 From Louise Spencer : Is the matrix available?

15:18:11 From V Turner : or if you are going to clean up your mailing list before you do it

15:18:50 From Judy Strakalaitis : Critical thing is registration at the polls. Public and election officials are familiar with the process. It will be a matter of scaling up to meet the demand. It will be critical to reduce the need to register at the polls and to meet the unique challenges at registration at the polls.

15:19:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : familiar with the process of absentee ballots.

15:20:18 From Olivia Zink : 1,017,773 names of the checklist (<http://sos.nh.gov/20PPresults.aspx>)

Mail absentee ballot request from - first class 55 cents - \$559,775.15

15:20:52 From Olivia Zink : 755,850 - cast votes in 2016

<http://sos.nh.gov/2016BallotsGen.aspx?id=8589963683>

75,305 voted Absentee in 2016

If 50% vote 377,925 vote absentee and my clerk says it will cost 70 cents to call them ballots that is \$264,548 in postage to mail ballots out.

The 52,713 in postage can't be included. So \$211,834

15:22:35 From Katy Cutshall : The absentee ballot applications could be

mailed out should be doable at a bulk rate.

15:22:56 From V Turner : How much would it cost to Robocall the whole state?

15:23:34 From Judy Strakalaitis : The SOS put out a survey about staffing needs and processing times? I am an election official. I have not received any information soliciting that information. Supervisors of the checklist recruit and train our election day assistants independently, per statute. Again, we have no input and our needs will be the greatest. Many people will vote absentee because it is familiar and easily available. Not so, for registration. I am beyond frustrating to hear supervisors are the election officials in charge of the intensive operations . But it seems we are excluded once again.

15:24:24 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Yes agreed Barbara

15:24:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : Even after yesterday

15:24:45 From Tony T : For the number of registered voters in the state as of 4/1/20, the \$3.2million amounts to only \$3.20 per voter.

15:24:55 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Many ppl will not feel comfortable without it given the penalty statement on the document

15:25:00 From Judy Strakalaitis : yesterday's hearing,

15:25:37 From Judy Strakalaitis : People are still only discussing voting.

15:26:22 From Louise Spencer : Rep. Griffin's points underscore why it is so discouraging that the EO has not yet been released. Deadlines are fast approaching and time is of the essence.

15:26:30 From Judy Strakalaitis : Barbara is correct. But election officials primarily responsible are overlooked.

15:26:36 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Have you thought about Hazard Pay for those working the polls?

15:27:06 From Judy Strakalaitis : We need to post public notice by May 27. Next week!

15:27:19 From Vicky Nawoichyk : what we are paid for our services as SOC is extremely low depending on the town

15:27:33 From V Turner : A lot of the impact of increasingly complicated systems has been absorbed by the towns for years now.

15:27:49 From Vicky Nawoichyk : That is correct Judy! I missed my local Newspaper cut off to post this in time! I AM BEYOND FRUSTRATED

15:27:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Postage is expensive but it is less costly than staffing. And way less costly than staffing with adequate PPE.

15:27:59 From Christine Seibert : My neighbor just stopped by (Her and her husband are both conservative), I gave her a synopsis of these discussions, she first of all after a lifetime in NH will vote absentee for the first time. She was also horrified at the thought that they may not be strictly requiring everyone at the polls to wear masks.

15:28:46 From V Turner : Using USPS NCOA data could help reduce postage costs

15:29:27 From V Turner : (NCOA = National Change of Address)

15:30:11 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Hear hear, Judy. I am a moderator in a town where the moderator hires and schedules staff, EXCEPT for supervisors staff needs. My supervisors hire and schedule their assistants, as they should. I also was not contacted as to how many staff we will need. I think they often forget that city clerks play a larger role in elections than do town clerks. I am in NO

WAY minimizing what the town clerks do! I am in awe of them. But their hugest job will be before Election Day when they have to deal with all those absentee requests. My point is they do not hire the polling staff and the people who do were not contacted. Nevertheless, until I know how much sanitizing help we will need to conduct what ever procedures are recommended to see everyone safe.

15:30:33 From Louise Spencer : Can absentee ballots be repurposed for same day?

15:31:50 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Judy I never got the notification either of the Staffing needs. This is insane we have not been asked, consulted etc.

15:31:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yesterday felt like all our input has been for naught. Supervisors have sole authority for registration and database maintenance. Town clerks have a ministerial role only. I really hoped our responses made that clear yesterday. But they just mentioned that SOS has solicited input on numbers and needs from towns. I am so frustrated that supervisors are excluded again. We have sole responsibility for our function and our staffing. Our nees are most intense.

15:32:04 From Christine Seibert : That is a good point, one year they left my bubbles off the ballots and my friend discovered this when he voted absentee. Because my bubble was missing he refused to fill it out so they let him do an overseas ballot instead.

15:32:17 From Christine Seibert : They had the bubbles on that one

15:35:05 From Melanie Levesque : How will we register voters if we cant get to the clerks office. Registration is going to be a bottleneck. Luke Cuomo gave an excellent presentation. Electionet has a module for Voter registration. Why don't we look at that.

15:36:55 From V Turner : The technology that Luke Cuomo used to create a fillable absentee ballot application could easily be used for a fillable absentee registration form.

15:37:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : It sure seems like the election officials participating are mostly supervisors. We are just chasing our tails. The committee has been receptive and tries to make the process open. But the basic understanding of what election officials roles are and how operations are conducted that they have been given misstates the role of supervisors. I was an affront to have supervisors in college towns not invited but clerks were. Clerks cannot speak for us. And yet here we are again with our expertise and needs completely overlooked.

15:37:07 From Louise Spencer : Thank you Senator Levesque. Voter registration in general needs to be addressed with a great sense of urgency.

15:37:53 From V Turner : This is much simpler technology than deploying full Online Voter Registration, and thus could probably be deployed in the time frame that we have IF we have the will to do it.

15:38:18 From Christine Seibert : Agreed Melanie

15:38:57 From Judy Strakalaitis : Senator Levesque, I certainly hope your committee while address registration because it seems this process will not provide us with mitigation but bandaids.

15:38:58 From Public Listener : If you add COVID to absentee ballot request as the reason, then tyou have to add COVID to the affidavit envelope

15:39:05 From Betty & John : At least we don't have to mail applications for registration and absentee ballots. Those either are, or can be, online. The people responsible for sending out the actual ballots may NEED separate

request forms for an additional ballot or a fool-proof method of putting that voter on the list to be mailed that second ballot.

15:40:19 From V Turner : Candidate filing is the next major deadline

15:40:44 From Christine Seibert : Getting the info to the clerks, they are ultimately waiting on an answer from the SOS.

15:40:49 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absentee registrations are not online. Clerks cannot send out the forms they have now. Absentee registration is not mentioned as a possibility on the SOS site, this far into the process.

15:41:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : June 2 is not just change of party, though.

15:41:41 From Christine Seibert : When does absentee ballot registration end?

15:41:55 From V Turner : Need to frontload the information campaign so that we can frontload voter registration so that it isn't all last minute.

15:42:04 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absentee registration is available by law now but in practice is not.

15:42:30 From Christine Seibert : say someone is not voting in the primary but the general isn't there a different cutoff time for both? what if someone wants to do only one?

15:42:44 From Christine Seibert : election that is

15:42:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : People can register via absentee registration even when the checklist is closed. So up until close of business the day before the election.

15:43:06 From Louise Spencer : Agree Judy Strakalaitis. It is essential that the legislature take up the necessary short term statutory fixes needed as soon as possible. I appreciate that Senator Levesque has been attending all of these sessions and is aware of the problems and challenges that need legislative attention.

15:43:49 From Judy Strakalaitis : Me too.

15:44:26 From Louise Spencer : How can we print anything until we know what the EO says and what the legislature weighs in?

15:45:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Before can obtain absentee ballots or registration if they meet the exemptions to doing so in person any time except election day.

15:45:15 From V Turner : We can use CARES funding to update the mailing list to save postage costs too.

15:45:27 From Christine Seibert : Yes, thanks for clearing that up for me and a huge shoutout to Melanie

15:46:53 From Christine Seibert : I believe folks have already done so, the NHDP already posted the absentee application on their site, apparently I was told before that even if the form gets changed they will count both.

15:46:55 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Please be mindful that the mail is taking much longer than it was prior to COVID19 so we need to be mindful of time to send out ballots & time that it take to return to us. Many mail their ballots rather close to the election & they do not reach us in time to be counted. So please be mindful on timing

15:46:57 From Louise Spencer : Do the ballot changes require the EO or the statutory changes?

15:47:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : Sorry for type. Anyone can register via absentee or vote absentee up until close of business the day before the election.

Anyone who meets the exemptions to register or vote in person can do so anytime

15:47:04 From Melanie Levesque : Mr Chair will the Supervisors of the check list meet more frequently than June 2nd and August 28th. How will a voter know that they are on the checklist or even meet the deadline for returning ballots. We would need the SOC to meet more often. This would mean more hours for the Supervisor of the checklist and increased cost. If a SOC is meeting a voter at their home or another site site to complete an affidavit the SOC should be compensated.

15:47:19 From Ellis Robinson : Some states' courts have seen the price of a stamp to return a ballot as a poll tax.

15:48:04 From Judy Strakalaitis : Issue with the return of abs ballots before primary is the day before is a holiday.

15:48:30 From Christine Seibert : Yes its the day after labor day

15:48:44 From Christine Seibert : and the mail doesn't run that entire weekend

15:48:56 From Christine Seibert : i don't believe

15:50:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : That makes for a huge delivery on primary day.

15:50:39 From Jean Lightfoot : And,, the holiday often screws up the mail delivery for the whole of the following week.

15:52:53 From V Turner : CARES funding guidance does mention postage costs

15:53:15 From Ellis Robinson : No one is charged for postage-paid envelopes if they are not returned \*\*\*\*\*

15:53:15 From Katy Cutshall : I'd recommend the committee research the postage cost for voting and lawsuits. Not paying postage could possibly open the state up to lawsuits (as has been seen in other states). Lawsuits will add to costs for the state.

15:53:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : It will be seen as a poll tax.

15:53:38 From Melanie Levesque : Please clearly indicate how much postage will cost.

15:54:28 From Ellis Robinson : The Post Office has specialist that will help design the package to be the most affordable.

15:54:54 From Christine Seibert : People often forget to do the back of the worksheet

15:55:23 From Louise Spencer : This is extremely disturbing!! Lack of postage is a barrier for so many people...not everyone has stamps, people won't necessarily be able to get to the post office...This is completely voter unfriendly barrier and potentially a poll tax.

15:55:29 From Christine Seibert : Ive done it myself at the polling location and they had to remind me. Why not just two sheets

15:56:22 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Eliis, the post office is strapped on staffing & are dealing with holiday level deliveries! I do not think they will have time to help

15:56:28 From Judy Strakalaitis : Agree Louise.

15:56:50 From Louise Spencer : The primary focus of this committee should be ensuring that every eligible voter can vote in the time of COVID - this decision flies in the face of that.

15:56:58 From Christine Seibert : where is Janice Kelbe

15:57:22 From Christine Seibert : I think they need to contact her.

15:57:45 From Christine Seibert : Test Pen vs. Pencil as well

15:57:48 From Ellis Robinson : Vicky and all: The people who help set up optimal mail pieces are in another office..

15:58:06 From Judy Strakalaitis : The goal of CARES money is to make it possible to vote safely.. We want to ensure as many people as possible vote by absentee ballot to minimize community spread and individual risk.

15:58:26 From Louise Spencer : The whole point of spending the money is to assure that our elections work. This is an unprecedented time and money needs to be spent. If the \$3.2 Million is not enough to do it right, please find the money!

15:58:26 From Ellis Robinson : Vicky, cont: Any envelope manufacturer can make envelopes in any size that will fit.

15:58:26 From Christine Seibert : Ill send her info to the chairman

15:59:38 From Louise Spencer : Also, I hope that the Secretary of State's office will hold off on printing anything until the final report comes out. The public needs to be noticed of the decisions being here.

16:00:45 From V Turner : Large envelope can be up to 1/4 inch thick before it becomes a more expensive category.

16:00:51 From Judy Strakalaitis : Pencil dust is my concern. At our special town election in 2015, the practically undetectable inferior quality of the paper the ballots were printed caused major problems with machines jamming. In places with low volume, it won't be a problem. For us, it will.

16:01:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : It was the dust from the paper.

16:07:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : There are inner and outer envelopes for abs ballots? Does the committee realize that in considering costs.

16:08:04 From Judy Strakalaitis : Need to calculate costs of inner envelope that contains ballot too

16:08:25 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you Katherine Hanna

16:08:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : It does not exist.

16:09:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : Supervisors have been saying that since Day 1. Thank you Kate

16:09:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : No. Clerks cannot send them out now.

16:10:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : YOU ARE RIGHT, KATHERINE HANNA.

16:10:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : No one can register now even though absentee registration should be available under the law.

16:11:01 From V Turner : Thank you Katherine Hanna. This process is BROKEN

16:11:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Even people who call clerks cannot send them now.

16:12:08 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. That is the only way it can be done now. It is accidental.

16:12:22 From Public Listener : Right now the only reason to ask for an absentee registration is the voter is absent or disabled.

16:12:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : But Covid is a disability so anyone can register absentee\

16:12:56 From Public Listener : There is an affidavit for only these 2 types of absentee registrations

16:13:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : But there is no way to request a packet be sent. And clerks cannot send out the existing forms and instructions bc it is coupled to sending abs ballot.s

16:14:39 From Judy Strakalaitis : Maybe if supervisors were included or at least our testimony was given weight, it wouldn't be a surprise now.

16:15:25 From Judy Strakalaitis : There is not. There is no application akin to abs ballot request. The form itself and the instructions couple it with ballots.

16:16:30 From Judy Strakalaitis : The guidance on June 2 does not address abs registration. That means people can only register by showing up in person with supervisors on June 2. We are expected to assume risks that town employees are not being subjected to.

16:17:22 From Judy Strakalaitis : Every day of delay increases the risk put on supervisors and applicants.

16:17:43 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Agreed Judy!

16:17:54 From Ellis Robinson : Can we also please ask town clerks to include a link on their website to allow new registrants to download form, complete it, and send it back in time to also get an absentee ballot.

16:18:40 From Judy Strakalaitis : They cannot post the form and instructions because it requires sending an abs ballot at the same time, Ellis. Even though it should be available under the law.

16:19:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : They cannot now. It is not a misnomer. Read the form and the instructions.

16:19:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Clerks are NOT sending them out in general.

16:20:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : That are in the offices and are telling voters that they don't know, that they are waiting for instructions from the state.

16:20:18 From Public Listener : The state needs to change the instructions that are in the help menu. It is tied to an absentee ballot. It states to return the registration forms outside the absentee ballot envelope.

16:20:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Exactly, Public Listener.

16:21:29 From Ellis Robinson : Can they send an absentee ballot to someone who is not yet registered? I assumed the wannabe voter would have to submit her/his registration before an absentee ballot was sent.

16:22:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is great that one clerk in one town is willing to do it. Every town I have checked with is not. I work in the district with the largest checklist in the state. It is not happening. My town clerk is very active in the town clerk assoc. Most towns are not.

16:22:05 From Public Listener : The instructions are also too wordy and complicated. KISS!

16:23:00 From Judy Strakalaitis : I have instructed the town clerk and staff that no one should be told 'come back later.'" in writing. And yet they are not doing it.

16:23:17 From Vicky Nawoichyk : An issue we as SOC's have been stating in EVERY MEETING

16:23:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Senator Sherman.

16:23:38 From Public Listener : Thumbs Up!

16:24:24 From Vicky Nawoichyk : WE have lost 3 weeks given that this was brought up

16:24:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : So why has not one supervisor been asked for input. Our chat comments have had no effect. You need expertise. Supervisors have sole responsibility for registration. \

16:24:53 From V Turner : The regular voter registration form already has an affidavit on where the voter attests to ID, age, citizenship, and domicile. The pains and penalties of perjury are very clearly spelled out. Why not just mail one

form to the voter? Everything else is redundant and off-putting.

16:25:00 From Judy Strakalaitis : Hooray! 3 weeks in. Thank you for the committee members who are insisting on answers now.

16:25:11 From Louise Spencer : Everyone on the Committee would be well advised to read Judge Anderson's decision in SB3 to see the sorts of things that present barriers and undue burdens on the fundamental right to vote.

16:25:24 From V Turner : The law is very unclear about the absentee registration process.

16:25:35 From V Turner : Good point, Louise.

16:25:50 From Vicky Nawoichyk : And the AB Application requires copies of the ID< Domicile, Citizenship etc. So this is an issue for those who cannot provide that

16:26:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is not CLERKS. They have a ministerial function. They merely send out abs registrations and forward the returned applications to supervisors.

16:26:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : WRONG. Town halls are CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC>

16:27:01 From V Turner : If people can't register, they will come to the polls. This has everything to do with covid -19 if we are serious about keeping people from in-person voting.

16:27:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : Clerks office are not open to the public bc of covid-19.

16:27:18 From Public Listener : Clerks are not open due to COVID!

16:27:34 From Judy Strakalaitis : Stunning. It is fundamental to dealing with Covid-19.

16:27:46 From Melanie Levesque : If we cant get to the town and city clerk how do we register. When are the clerks working we are still on a stay at home order. We don't want people to go to the polls due to covid. How do we process same day registration??

16:27:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : I am shocked.

16:27:54 From Melanie Levesque : Putting a lot of people at risk

16:28:20 From Vicky Nawoichyk : I am completely disheartened

16:28:51 From Louise Spencer : Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with your assessment that all of these issues are COVID related.

16:29:04 From V Turner : When I call the Town Hall, it rings 4 times and cuts me off. The website does not have home phone numbers or email addresses of town officials on it. How exactly is a new resident able to ask for a registration if the Town offices are unreachable?

16:29:18 From Betty & John : Please include Supervisors of the Checklist to review all proposed forms as well as Town Clerks. They have to use them and will see something that everyone else won't.

ALSO register voters at the grocery stores for the people who can go.

16:29:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : People register same day bc they cannot do it in the regular clerk hours. This year they will have less opportunity. They have not been able to register for past 2 months. Every day limits their rights to sign nomination papers, sign charter challenges, run for office. It must be available anytime someone meets the disability exemption

16:29:37 From Christine Seibert : Yeah the manchester one is closed. you can email, so I'm not dissing the clerks, but everything at our town hall is closed

and unless something in the past week has changed appointments are not available either

16:30:03 From Christine Seibert : Im going to have to get a new roof without filing for the required permit

16:30:37 From Judy Strakalaitis : Staff offices are closed. Yet supervisors and individuals have to meet in person.

16:30:43 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Chairman Cook: Yes right on ! ... clerks office are closed, town halls are closed. Supervisors want to the closed. No one wants to be exposed. Safety of election officers and polling staff and assistants to clerks and supervisors needs to be paramount!

16:30:55 From Public Listener : Just registered my car and dog in Manchester, very easy process even if closed!

16:31:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : Correct Kate. But it is supervisors who have discussed it, not moderators.

16:31:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : AG said covid is a disability. It isn't an opinion.

16:31:37 From Vicky Nawoichyk : CAN the committee please have the SOC's weigh in on this?

16:32:15 From V Turner : SoCs would like to se Eugene Van Loan's memo please.

16:32:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : How about circulating to supervisors. It is our bailiwick. We have been trying so hard to get the committees attention.

16:32:32 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Please also note that the SOC runs to May31st we we dtil do not know if it will be lifted in time for our REQUIRED session on June 2nd

16:32:37 From Judy Strakalaitis : The abs reg forms are only on electionet.

16:32:56 From Vicky Nawoichyk : I mean SOE runs to MAY31st

16:32:57 From Louise Spencer : I would hope the committee would release a report in whole before any action steps are taken, such as printing envelopes, ballots, etc.

16:33:28 From Public Listener : EPM page 205 tied to absentee ballot

16:33:53 From V Turner : There are some forms in the Election Procedure Manual 2018-2019 pages 208 and 209. They refer to specific reasons for requesting absentee registration and require a witness. Very complicated.

16:34:11 From Public Listener : Check out page 205 this is the HUGE issue

16:34:23 From Vicky Nawoichyk : and requires proof of ID, AGE, Domicile & Citizenship

16:34:33 From Betty & John : What is the web page for this committee?

16:34:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : I cant believe this is where we are 3 weeks in. It is stunning. Given that E043 increases risks at the polls and doesn't provide relief for most people unable to change parties by the deadline, I am so pessimistic right now.

16:34:57 From Judy Strakalaitis : Glad Public Listener is paying attention.

16:35:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : TY\

16:35:10 From V Turner : Regular voter reg form asks for ID age citizenship domicile

16:35:21 From Ruth : Maybe the UN could appoint inspectors to monitor our elections. These procedures are truly horrible.

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From Vicky Nawoichyk : as does the Ab