

WATCHER CERTIFICATE  
FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY

Section 8-500, Election Law

I/We, the undersigned, being \_\_\_\_\_  
(chair/candidates)

of the \_\_\_\_\_ party, do hereby appoint  
(political party/independent body)

\_\_\_\_\_ county of \_\_\_\_\_  
(watcher's name)

to be a watcher for the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
(date of election)

\_\_\_\_\_ election district, in the \_\_\_\_\_ ward (if applicable) of the town, city,  
or village of \_\_\_\_\_, or the \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly District  
in Nassau County or the City of New York.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

GUIDELINES

- \* Watchers shall be appointed by the chair of any party committee or independent body whose candidates names appear on the ballot or any two or more candidates in a primary election.
- \* Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in which he/she is to serve.
- \* Watcher certificates must be delivered to an inspector at the election district.
- \* Not more than three watchers for any party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be appointed to serve at the same election district.
- \* Watchers may be present at the polling place at least fifteen minutes before the unlocking and examinations of any voting machine or ballot box at the opening of the polls, until after the signing of the inspectors' returns and proclamation of the result.
- \* Not more than one watcher appointed by each party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be within the guard rail at any one time.