

## Remarks from Linda Matason - May 7, 2008

I am here because I believe strongly that we need to protect our precious democracy. Ensuring that every vote is counted is not a partisan issue -- it is an issue which is extremely important to every American.

The following are two incidents which were relayed directly to me by two women I work with after they voted on April 22, 2008, on electronic voting machines.

These are two separate incidents which happened in two different precincts.

The first woman made her selections and when she hit review - the form came up with a check in every box for every candidate. She called someone over and they told her to do it again and the same thing happened - a check for every candidate in every box - the person then told her to try again except this time she told her to just cast her vote and not to hit the review button. She did so. She agreed that she has no idea if her vote was counted.

The second woman walked up to her voting machine and the cast vote light was blinking - the poll worker cast the vote and then logged her onto the machine.

As over half of the states in the United States have already decided -  
we need a paper audit trail.