

WATCHER CERTIFICATE

(Election Law, Section 8-500)

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 _____ County or the City of New York.

Signature

Title

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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, at the same time.
- 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.

(Sample prepared by the State Board of Elections)

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