The ExpressVote Voter Assistance Terminal Operating Instructions

The ExpressVote voter assistance terminal is an accessible device that displays the ballot on a screen and uses a touch screen or keypad to record voter choices. Keypad buttons are identified with Braille labels. The device is equipped with an audio ballot for those that may have difficulty seeing the screen. The device can also be used with a sip and puff device or paddle buttons for those voters that may have difficulty entering their ballot selections.

Here is a link to a recording of “How to vote with the ExpressVote”.MP3-Audio.

Below is a picture of the ExpressVote voter assistance terminal with tethered Braille keypad and headphones.
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Voting choices and instructions are displayed in large, solid text on a lighter contrast background on the touch screen monitor, as well as read by the audio system. Voters enter their choices by tapping buttons on the screen, tapping keys on the audio-tactile keypad, or using an assistive technology (AT) device. ExpressVote marks the card with the voter’s contest choices.

The ExpressVote uses a finger- or stylus-operated touch screen that is sensitive to pressure. A voter taps the buttons and icons to navigate through the ballot screens and make selections.

Touch screen navigation buttons include PREVIOUS to return to the previous screen, ZOOM to increase and decrease the size of the text, EXIT opens the EXIT screen, CONTRAST lightens or darkens the screen contrast, and the NEXT button enters your selection and opens the next ballot screen.

Detailed picture of the Braille Keypad

Below is a detailed picture of the keypad and the selection buttons. The buttons are different shapes and labeled with Braille.

The keypad and audio ballot on the ExpressVote unit provide voting capabilities for voters who are blind or visually impaired. Voters who are blind can use headphones and tactile keypad keys to follow the audio ballot instructions for navigating through the ballot screens to make selections.

Each tactile keypad key has a Braille legend next to it. These keys allow the voter to adjust the audio volume and tempo, navigate the ballot, and make selections.

Near the center at the top of the keypad the UP ARROW moves the cursor up the screen menu. On the right side the FORWARD ARROW advances to the next screen. At the bottom of the keypad the DOWN ARROW moves the cursor down the screen menu. On the left side the BACK ARROW moves the cursor to the previous screen. In the center of the keypad the SQUARE SELECT button selects the voter’s contest choices.

There are four buttons running down the right side of the keypad. The top button, the SCREEN DIAMOND button, darkens the screen for privacy. The 2nd button, the REPEAT ROUND button, repeats the last spoken phrase of the audio. The 3rd button, the TEMPO OVAL, adjusts the audio speed. The bottom button, VOLUME RECTANGLE, adjusts the audio level.
There are two other buttons on the keypad. The HOME button, shaped like the roof of a house, on the bottom left of the keypad, opens a screen with voting instructions. The six sided PAUSE BUTTON stops the audio message momentarily. Press to pause and press again to resume the audio.