Elections video draft script

We’re the Hennepin County Elections team.

Our mission is to ensure equitable access to voting

while administering accurate, impartial, and secure elections.

That means we work behind the scenes all year

so voters like you only need to worry about who you’re voting for –

and not if your ballot will be counted.

It all starts months in advance of the election. We process voter registration information and work closely with the Minnesota Secretary of State’s office and local clerks to plan for the election cycle and incorporate any new laws, procedures, or technology introduced that year.

We process candidate and campaign finance filings, and design ballots. Our team also does outreach to ensure that everyone who’s eligible and wants to vote is able to.

As Election Day approaches, we work with cities to train their clerks so that no matter what precinct you vote in, the rules are applied accurately and consistently.

And we check – and recheck – our voting equipment to make sure it works as it should.

While election season ends on Election Day for most people,

we’re only halfway done.

That night –

and for several days after –

we’re busy certifying election results..

We double check vote totals, review election day materials

and audit our equipment to be sure it’s working properly.

We enter data for every voter who voted and every voter who registered to vote on Election Day.

And we spend months working with local partners after each election to prepare for the next election season.

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