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## **Boardworker Guest Speaker Sensitivity Training Program**

Maricopa County Elections Department strives to ensure that all voters encounter a courteous staff of Boardworkers able to provide assistance as needed. For some of our voting population that means language assistance, while others may need aid in marking the ballot or signing the Signature Roster. We feel strongly that everyone should be empowered in exercising their rights as citizens and not intimidated by the process. We have implemented a Guest Speaker program to begin each of our Boardworker Training Classes in which members of the community with assistive needs address the class and cover some basic talking points to raise the audience's awareness on how to best serve the voter.

We would like you to relay your personal experiences at the polls and offer our boardworkers any words of advice that you feel would better enable them to serve Maricopa County's electorate. If you could give a brief presentation of 10-15 minutes at the beginning of the class I am confident that your story will help them to help voters in the future.

Suggested talking points are provided and you are compensated with a \$50.00 stipend per class to cover time and travel expenses.

To get dates, times, and locations of classes still available please email Tammy Patrick at:

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