

## Ballot Questions for November 6

The five questions to be decided by voters on November 6 will appear on the ballot in this order:

1. Do you want to allow a Maine tribe to run a **harness racing** track with slot machines and high-stakes beano games in Washington County ?
2. Do you favor a **bond issue** to stimulate economic development and job creation that would provide \$5,000,000 in loans and grant funds and would provide \$50,000,000 in research, development and commercialization funds for **targeted technology sectors**, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least \$50,000,000 in other funds?
3. Do you favor a \$43,500,000 **bond issue** for interior and exterior building renovations, improvements and additions at all campuses of the **Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System**; to replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund for **school repairs and renovations**; and to support capital improvements for cultural and educational assets such as **museums, historical facilities and libraries**?
4. Do you favor a \$35,500,000 **bond issue** to invest in **land conservation, water access, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing, farmland and working waterfront** and to invest in state parks, historic sites and riverfront, community and farm infrastructure to be matched by at least \$21,875,000 in private and public contributions?
5. Do you favor **extending term limits** for Legislators from 4 to 6 terms?

See: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/news/2007/BallotQuestions.html>

## LWV-Downeast Launches Election Observer Project

LWV-Downeast is working on a pilot program to develop a team of Election Observers to work with Town Clerks to build public confidence in the conduct of elections. The project has chosen Ellsworth as the pilot site for a limited roll-out of the program in this November's election. The four quite distinct wards in Ellsworth will provide enough information to make the project data results relevant to a variety of communities.

Ann Luther and Marti Harmon met with Maine's Deputy Secretary of State Julie Flynn in September to review the volunteer packet and discuss observer training. The discussion covered recent legislation concerning absentee ballots, petition gatherers, as well as details about AVS (Accessible Voting Solution) ballots. Marti and Ann also met with Heidi Grindle, City Clerk of Ellsworth, to enlist her support and review some of the specifics of the four wards in Ellsworth.

Anyone interested in participating in this important new project should plan to attend a training session on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, time to be decided. We will need at least eight, preferably 16, people to make the project work in either two or three shifts: Opening of the polls, 7AM to 11AM; day shift, 11AM to 5PM; late day and closing of the polls, 5PM to approximately 10PM. (If the day has to be broken into two shifts: 7AM to 2PM; and 2PM to approximately 10PM.) You are invited to come to the training session and bring a friend who might like to share this experience.

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- Marti Harmon, Ellsworth