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I oppose this proposition because the current voting system provides flexibility that working parents like myself rely on. As an educator with a demanding schedule and important family responsibilities—including caring for my child—getting to an in-person polling place on Election Day can be extremely difficult. Long lines and limited hours create unnecessary barriers. The current system, which includes mail-in voting, allows me to fully participate in our democracy without having to choose between voting and fulfilling my responsibilities at home or work.

If the goal is to encourage in-person voting, then Election Day should be made a national paid holiday so all citizens have the time and ability to vote. Additionally, mail-in voting is essential for seniors and individuals with disabilities who may not be able to vote in person. We should be removing obstacles to participation, not creating more.