

**Public Comment
from Juliet Zavon**

**Allegheny County Board of Elections meeting
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I come to you with an observation and a question. I've done election protection and voter protection work for many years. This work has me at polling places all over the county on election day. This past election, as with others over the years, I encountered a polling place whose door was locked when poll workers arrived in the morning. They could not get in to set up the polls. They of course called the Elections Division, but everyone with a problem is calling the Elections Division at 6AM, so they had to leave a message and wait. Locked doors inevitably mean a polling place will open late, sometimes hours late.

The polling place with this problem on November 4 was the 1st United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights (28-05.) The poll workers only got into the building around 7AM when contractors arrived who had the key.

My question is how this problem can be addressed to improve elections overall. Could a telephone number for a building manager be included in the materials the judge of elections picks up? Or are there other ways to give poll workers resources to use when they are in this predicament?