

Today, I am encouraging all of the voters in Milwaukee County to join me in bringing a form of photo identification to the polls on Tuesday for the election. While the state law does not currently require a state issued photo ID card to vote, I recommend that those who have it, bring it to the polls to ease the process in this election.

On the eve of the November 2, 2004 election, we learned that some 15,000 to 20,000 registration forms had not yet been processed in the City of Milwaukee. Similar problems were reported in other parts of the State of Wisconsin. Many of these problems involved pre-registration drives and the fact that municipal clerk and election commission staff were overwhelmed by the number of registration cards coming into their offices.

In some cases, voters who thought that they had registered in advance through these drives did not find their names on the list when they arrived at their polling location. Bringing some form of photo identification to the polls will help minimize the confusion.

I am going to bring my state issued drivers license with my photo on it to my polling place on Tuesday and I encourage voters all across Milwaukee County to bring a similar form of ID to the polls too.