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## **Lyons to Preview New Election Equipment Thursday**

**Kent County Voters to Use New Dominion Voting System in November 2017 Election**

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI** - Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Kent County Clerk/Register of Deeds, will provide a primer on the new voting machines that will be used by municipalities within Kent County starting with the November 2017 election. The County recently took delivery of the *Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.* election equipment.

**Lyons will provide a video/photo opportunity for media to see the equipment up close on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers, located in the County Administration Building, 300 Monroe NW, Suite 310 in Grand Rapids. This is an excellent opportunity to get b-roll and photos before the November election.**

"I believe Kent County's new election system is high quality equipment that offers the assurance of security and a positive experience for the voter," Lyons said. "At a time when there are so many questions about the security of the voting process, this Dominion system offers reliability and customer service. Its partnership with ElectionSource, an election services provider located right here in Kent County, also has a proven track record for first class service."

The new system will include Dominion's *ImageCast Precinct*, the most widely deployed optical scan tabulator in the world, and the *ImageCast X Ballot Marking Device*, a universal voting device that offers a range of accessibility options so all voters can vote privately and independently.

Lyons said many factors were carefully weighed when evaluating the County's options, including input from local municipal clerks. Considerations included features, functionality, and durability of the machines voters will be using at the polls, election programming software capabilities, training for election administrators and precinct workers, election night reporting and real-time results for the public, high-speed absentee ballot-counting capabilities for local jurisdictions, and overall cost.

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