



### Script for Canvassers

“Hello! I’m \_\_\_\_\_. I live in [town] and I’m a **volunteer** with *Working Together for New Jersey Election Integrity*. [if the person answering the door looks younger than age 18, ask if the listed voter (or a parent) can come to the door.]

“I’d like to verify certain voter registration information for this household.” (If you use the “Was Your Vote Counted?” brochure, you might first say, “I’d like to give you this information so you can check to see if your vote was counted.” [then offer them the brochure])

*Options:* This is a non-partisan effort that does not favor ANY political party.  
You can visit our website, [WTNJelections.org](http://WTNJelections.org), for more information.

**Note:** Most households will have more voters registered than appear on the verification list you are using. If the respondent asks, “Why aren’t the other family members listed?” Answer by saying, “We’re only here to verify certain records today. The records of other voters are not part of our sampling. There’s no need to be concerned.”

**Ask** if they would verify the voter information. You can ask, “Does the listed voter still live here?” **Then be SILENT and listen carefully to what they say.**

If the voter offers a lot of information, take notes on your Declaration form – for accuracy. Also, if they ask, “We cannot change ANY of your voter information – we can only advise the Board of Elections. They may contact you to verify before they change anything.” Note: if you are walking with someone, THEY can take notes while you talk with the respondent.

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*Recommendations:* Go with a friend if you can. Wear a name tag. Wear “business casual” clothing without slogans or candidate names.

- Listen attentively to the voter. Mark what you hear on the Declaration form. If you’re uncertain, ask for clarification – do not guess.
- If the respondent will tell you their name, write it down. Otherwise, write down how they describe themselves [“his wife”, or “his father”]
- Some residents are shy; some are outspoken. If the resident is concerned about an error, you can ask if they would sign the Declaration form [it adds credibility to the corrections]; otherwise, you sign the Declaration as the witness to what you were told.