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Statement on Closure of NIU Holmes Student Center Voting Location

DeKalb, IL: *The DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder announced that the Northern Illinois University Holmes Student Center would not serve as an Election Day registration or polling place as it has in the past. In response to this announcement, the College Democrats of Illinois and the Northern Illinois University College Democrats released the following statement:*

“The College Democrats of Illinois and the Northern Illinois University College Democrats are deeply troubled by the last-minute closure of the Holmes Student Center as an Election Day registration and polling place. We condemn this egregious action taken by the County Clerk & Recorder as what it is: a flagrant attempt to suppress the vote of NIU students.”

“With less than two weeks to the election, the closure of this site as an Election Day registration and polling location will limit students’ options on where to cast their ballot and, according to Northern Public Radio, ‘contradicts long-standing guidance on how to register.’”¹

“We strongly urge students to look past the blatant attempt by the DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder to suppress their voices. Your vote matters and it is absolutely critical that you make your voice heard in spite of these attempts to stifle it.”

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¹ <https://www.northernpublicradio.org/post/niu-student-center-will-not-be-registration-location-election-day>