

Works Cited

NJ Polling and Ballot Reform Workshop Materials

*Ballot, Power, and Democracy in New Jersey:
A Community Workshop on NJ Polling and Civic Participation*

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