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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Election Observer Panel Plan

(Consolidated Primary Election – June 3, 2014)

I. County and System Information

1. Name of County: Riverside County
2. Name of Contact: Rebecca Spencer
3. Contact's Phone: (951) 486-7330
4. Vendor and Voting Systems Used by County: Sequoia Voting Systems 400C central count optical scanners and Edge IIs with Verivote.
5. Date: 05/14/2014

II. Purpose

The purpose of an Election Observer Panel is to:

1. Provide the public with the opportunity to observe and make suggestions on ways to improve the election process.
2. Help ensure the integrity of the election process.
3. Remove some of the mystery associated with the election process in an effort to build voter confidence and encourage more people to take part.

III. Invite

Between E-60 and E-30, prepare letters of invitation to the following:

1. County Grand Jury
2. Political Party Central Committee Members
3. League of Women Voters

At the discretion of the Registrar of Voters, other groups or individuals expressing an interest in observing Election Day activities will be considered for appointment.

IV. Appointment Letters (for introduction to precinct workers)

Election Observer Panelists will be given letters of introduction for presentation to precinct board members at a polling site.

V. General Rules for Observers

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Maintaining a professional demeanor while observing the election process.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the election process.

Observers MAY:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including the opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- Make notes and watch election procedures.
- View election-related activities at the central counting site on Election Day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View vote-by-mail and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of poll workers or voters at the polls as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of any part of the voting process.
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of the election procedures.

Observers MAY NOT:

- Interfere, in the judgment of the elections official, with the conduct of the election.
- Physically handle any voting materials or equipment.
- Sit at the official work tables or view confidential voter information on any work terminal.
- Communicate with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios inside the polling place and/or within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place.
- Talk to or attempt to stop the central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- Make physical contact with election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- Assist in operations at any polling place or the central counting site.

Operations will continue as scheduled whether or not an observer is present. Observers who do not adhere to the general rules provided by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters will be relieved from their duties on the Election Observer Panel.

VI. Mechanism for Feedback

Observers will be given a written overview of processes used in conducting the election and an approximate timeline as well as how to provide input to the ROV on their observations. Written Guidelines for Observer conduct and instructions on how to ask questions or seek clarification will be included.