COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Election Observer Panel Plan

County Contact and System Information

Registrar of Voters: Mary A. Roper (760) 878-0224
Vendor & Voting Systems: Sequoia Insight Optical Scan & Edge II

Purpose

The Election Observer Panel is invited to observe all procedures of the election process, including Logic and Accuracy testing, vote by mail ballot processing, election clerk training, Election day activities, Election night counting, and canvassing procedures.

Invitation

Between E-60 and E-30, letters of invitation will be sent to the following:

- County Grand Jury
- Representatives from County Central Committees
- All Media
- League of Women Voters
- Any interested member of the public

Duties, General Rules of Conduct

Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings as the polls, including the opening and closing procedures
- Obtain information from the precinct Index that is posted near the entrance
- Make note and watch all procedures
- View all 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 staff or voters at the polls
- Ask questions of staff at the central counting site.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election process

- Ensuring they do not interfere with the elections process

Observers may not:

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables
- Converse 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
- Talk to 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
- Touch election personnel
- Assist in operations at any polling place.

Polling Places Within Inyo County
Statewide Special Election May 19, 2009

Bishop

Location: City Hall, Line Street, Bishop
Precincts: C-109 & C-128

Big Pine

Location: Big Pine Town Hall, Dewey Street, Big Pine
Precincts: C-132

All ballots within Inyo County are tallied at the central counting place located in the Election Department, Inyo County Court House, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence. The designated vote by mail ballots and permanent vote by mail voter ballots will be tallied beginning the morning of May 15, 2009 and will continue until finished. All other precinct ballots will be tallied beginning at 8:00 P.M. May 19, 2009 and will continue until finished.

The Election Department is open from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00pm Monday through Friday (excluding County Holidays). Our telephone number is 760-878-0224.

INYO COUNTY ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL SUGGESTED CHECKLIST
Statewide Special Election – May 19, 2009

OBSERVATION	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
Are the Electronic Voting Machines set up correctly?				
Are the voting booths set up correctly?				
Are voting information signs posted ?				
Is the Write-in list visible on official table?				
If multiple precincts, are tables labeled correctly and is someone directing voters to the correct precinct table?				

How would you rank this polling place?

____**Excellent** – spacious, bathrooms available, accessible, phone outlet, electrical outlet, adequate heating/cooling, ideal polling place

____**Good** – voting booths fit, bathrooms available, needs modification to be accessible, adequate heating/cooling, phone outlet, adequate number of electrical outlets

____**Poor** – space for voting booths is inadequate, no bathrooms available, inaccessible or needs modification; no or poor heating/cooling, no phone jack, inadequate number of electrical outlets.

Comment:_____

How would you rank the precinct board in this precinct?

____**Excellent** – all or most of workers are experienced and knowledgeable; voting equipment and table is set up to promote organized flow of voters; official table is well organized; workers polite to voters; workers are following election procedures.

____**Good** – Same as above, except that workers are not as experienced or knowledgeable about election procedures and may need coaching on election procedures.

____**Poor** – Inspector/s are rude to voters; workers are not following or unable to follow election procedures; official table disorganized; election equipment not set up to promote efficient flow of voters.

Comment:_____

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Election Observer Panel
May 19, 2009
Statewide Special Election

Comments/Suggestions/Observations: