



IMPERIAL COUNTY

Dolores Provencio - Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

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Election Observer Panel Plan – May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election

I County and System Information

1. Imperial County
2. Dolores Provencio, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters
3. 760-482-4226
4. Sequoia Voting Systems – AVC Edge Model II v.5.0.24 and Optech 400-C/WinETP v.1.12.4
5. March 31, 2009

II Purpose

The purpose of the 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 insure 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.
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III Invite

Invitations to:

1. Diane Caldwell, El Centro City Clerk
2. Alicia Armenta, MANA member, Retired School Administrator
3. Rosalia Ulloa, Community Representative
4. Eric Reyes, Executive Director, Institute for Socio-Economic Justice

Any group or individual expressing an interest in observing Election Day activities may also be included in the observer panel.

IV Appointment Letters

Appointment letters for the individual or groups who will be visiting poll sites on Election Day as well as a list of poll sites and the address of the Central Count location and hours of operation.



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General Rules for Observers

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 question of supervisors at the central counting site as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of the election procedures.

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 election process.

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 worktables or view confidential voter information on any work terminal.
- Communicate with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance of 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.
- 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.



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Date

Name

Address

City, CA Zip Code

Dear _____,

The Imperial County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters would like to invite you/the _____ to serve on the Election Observer Panel for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.

Typically, members of the Panel visit one or more polling places on Election Day then visit the ballot counting center to observe the tabulation of ballots on election night. Panel members are also invited to observe the processing of vote by mail ballots at the Elections Department.

If you or your organization would like to be represented on the Election Observer Panel, please notify Dolores Provencio by mail at 940 Main Street Rm 202, El Centro, CA 92243, by phone at 760-482-4226 or by email at doloresprovencio@co.imperial.ca.us.

Thank you for your interest in participating in our electoral system.

Sincerely,

Dolores Provencio,
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DATE: May 7, 2009
TO: Imperial County Pollworkers
FROM: Dolores Provencio
Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters
SUBJECT: ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL

This letter introduces Ms. Diane Caldwell, whom I have appointed to the Election Observer Panel for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election. Members of the Election Observer Panel are invited to observe activities related to the administration of an election, including visiting polling places.

No person including a member of the Election Observer Panel may interfere with the operation of polling places. Ms. Caldwell, and other members of the Election Observer Panel may ask you to explain certain operations and procedures. Please extend every courtesy to Ms. Caldwell.

If you have any questions, please call the elections office at 760-482-4228.

Thank you for your cooperation and your services to our county's voters.



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This letter introduces Ms. Alicia Armenta, whom I have appointed to the Election Observer Panel for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election. Members of the Election Observer Panel are invited to observe activities related to the administration of an election, including visiting polling places.

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