Glenn County Election Observer Panel Plan

County and System Information

County:	Glenn
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Voting System:	AVC Edge II / Optech Optical Scan
Date:	November 4, 2008

Background

The purpose of this plan is to provide an avenue for public observation of the election process, obtain input into the election process, assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process and encourage participation and build voter confidence in the election process.

The following groups will be sent letters, approximately 30 days prior to the Election, inviting them to participate:

- Glenn County Republican Central Committee
- Glenn County Democratic Central Committee

Other groups or individuals expressing an interest in observing Election Day activities may also be included in the observer panel.

Groups may also contact the Election Department to request an opportunity to ask questions about the process.

Appointment of Observer Panel

After all names of interested parties have been submitted to the Elections Department, Assistant Clerk-Recorder, appointments to the Observer Panel will be made. Each individual appointed to the Observer Panel will be provided with the following:

- Introduction Letter – for panelist to use when visiting polling places on Election Day
- Listing of all Polling Places
- Central Count Information – to include site location and information regarding scheduled activities and hours of operation.

Rules of Conduct for Election 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 questions 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 processes.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with election processes.

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 fee 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 an 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.

Observer Panel Feedback

Participants on the Observer Panel are encouraged to submit feedback regarding their experience. This feedback can be submitted in writing, by email or in person.

- Written Feedback can be submitted directly to the elections office via mail.
- In Person Feedback should be scheduled by contacting the Assistant-Clerk Recorder at 934-6414.