



## CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR COUNTY OF MONO

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October 2, 2008

To: Foreman, Mono County Grand Jury  
County Central Committees  
Local Candidates  
Advocacy Groups

From: Lynda Roberts, Mono County Registrar of Voters

Re: Election Observer Panel

The Department of Elections will convene an Election Observer Panel which will be invited to observe activities associated with the General Consolidated Election, to be held on November 4, 2008. Representatives of political party county central committees, advocacy groups, candidates, and a member(s) of the County Grand Jury are invited to be a part of this panel. Members of the Panel may visit one or more polling places on Election Day and/or may visit the ballot counting center in Bridgeport to observe the tabulation of ballots on election night. Members of the Panel will be provided with the information they need to participate in these activities and are requested to read the General Rules of Observers that is enclosed herein.

If your organization would like to be represented on the Election Observer Panel, please notify Lynda Roberts, Mono County Clerk, by mail (P.O. Box 237, Bridgeport, CA 93517) by phone (760- 932-5538) or by email ([lroberts@mono.ca.gov](mailto:lroberts@mono.ca.gov)). Please respond by October 24, 2008 with the name of your representative.

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

Sincerely,  
LYNDA ROBERTS  
Mono County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

By \_\_\_\_\_ Elections Deputy  
Renn Nolan

cc: Chris Lizza, Forman, Mono County Grand Jury, P.O. Box 95, Lee Vining, CA 93541  
Republican Central Committee Member Eastman, P.O. Box 1305, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546  
Democratic Central Committee Member Wuamett, 5160 Westridge Rd., Bishop, CA 93514  
Candidates, Supervisor District Three (Bauer and Burdette) June Lake, Ca 93529  
Mammoth Unified School District Candidates (Farrell, Trujillo and Vasquez)

## **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 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 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 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.



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October 24, 2008

To: Precinct Inspectors  
From: Lynda Roberts, Mono County Registrar of Voters.  
Re: Election Observer Panel

This letter will introduce \_\_\_\_\_ whom I have appointed to the Election Observer Panel for the General Consolidated Election. Members of this Panel have been 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 the polling places but may ask you to explain certain operations and procedures. Please extend every courtesy to this panel member.

If you have concerns or questions regarding this process, please call me at (760) 932-5538.

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

Sincerely,  
LYNDA ROBERTS  
Mono County Registrar of Voters

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Elections Deputy  
Renn Nolan



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**ELECTION OBSERVER PLAN**  
**for**  
**GENERAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTION 2008**

COUNTY: Mono  
CONTACT: Renn Nolan, deputy  
PHONE: (760) 932-5534  
VENDOR/VOTING SYSTEM: Sequoia Optech Insight and Sequoia Edge  
—DATE: October 1, 2008

**Purpose of Plan:**

1. Provide members of the public with opportunity to observe and make suggestions on ways to improve the Election Process.
2. Ensure the integrity of the election process
3. Help build voter confidence in the election process, including voting at polls, absentee voting and ballot counting.

**Invite:**

Prepare a letter of invitation to members of the following groups/organizations inviting them to be a part of the Election Observer Panel.

1. Grand Jury
2. Political Party Central Committees
3. Advocacy Groups
4. Candidates
5. Other groups or individuals who express an interest in observing Election Day activities.

**Meet with prospective panel members to:**

1. Provide panel members an opportunity to ask questions
2. Go over General Rules for Observers with panel members
3. Provide information to allow panel members to participate (ie: letter of introduction to inspectors of various polling places; explanation of how the counting system works, including a demonstration of the system to the panel. Provide a list of all polling places in Mono County and the location of the central counting site location and hours of operation.

**Instruction to Inspectors and appointment letters for Panel Members:**

1. After groups have designated a panel member(s), prepare letters of introduction for the panelist to use when visiting polling places on Election Day.
2. Advise all Inspectors of possible visits by panel members and provide them with a copy of the General Rules for Observers.
3. Instruct Inspectors on ways that he/she can assist the panelist in observing activities related to the election process.

**Mechanism for Feedback:**

1. Provide panelist with an opportunity to provide our office with feedback (questionnaire) on their Election Day experience and any suggestions/changes they would recommend.
2. Provide an opportunity for panelist to indicate he/she would like to meet with you or your representative to discuss the election process.



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ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

- \_\_\_\_\_ I went to a polling place  
\_\_\_\_\_ I went to counting center \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I went to both the polling place and the counting center.

What if anything did you learn from being a participant on this panel?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you feel confident in our administration at the Counting Center and/or would you change anything? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you think the polling place(s) you visited had adequate instructions for understanding how to obtain your ballot, vote your ballot, and submit your ballot for processing? Please explain.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you feel confident that your right to vote was being encouraged and protected at the polling place? Please explain.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you understand the counting process and did you feel that the ballots were being counted with integrity in a timely manner? Please explain.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Was there anything that bothered you about this process either at the polls or at the counting center? Please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**