

# ELECTION OBSERVERS

## Presidential General Election, November 4, 2008

County: Santa Barbara County  
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Voting System: Premier AccuVote Optical Scan System

### Purpose:

Provide an avenue for public observation, encourage participation and build voter confidence in the elections process.

### Observing the Elections Process:

A designated elections representative will escort observers through the election processing and vote results accumulation areas describing procedures and answering questions.

### General Rules for Observers:

Prior to the election the panel members will receive a copy of the guidelines for election observers. The person(s) who view this process must agree to follow the rules outlined below:

### Observers are responsible for:

1. Checking in with the elections official and signing the observer log.
2. Wearing an identification badge.
3. Maintaining a professional manner while observing the elections process.
4. Ensuring that they do not interfere with the elections process.

### Observers may:

1. Be permitted access to only designated observation areas sufficiently close to enable them to observe procedures.
2. View the activities at the vote results accumulation center and election processing areas.
3. Make notes and watch procedures and activities.
4. Ask questions of the designated elections representative. All questions concerning a procedure should be directed to the elections representative escorting the Observer Panel members.

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### Observers may not:

1. Assist in operations, touch or handle any ballots or other election-related materials.
2. Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election.
3. Touch any voting materials or equipment.
4. Display any election related materials such as campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
5. Talk to election employees while they are processing ballots, supplies or voting equipment.
6. Eat or drink in the processing sites.

In the event of violation of these rules, the elections representative will ask the observer to leave vote results accumulation center and election processing areas.