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ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL

General Information

Solano County Registrar of Voters
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Certified Voting System (Same as June, 2008)

- Election Systems and Software (ES&S)
 - AutoMARK A200 with 1.0 firmware
 - Unity Version 2.4.3
 - M100 Precinct Scanner Version 5.0.0.0
 - M650 Central Scanner Version 1.2.0.0

We do not conduct early voting other than vote by mail.

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OBSERVER PANEL GUIDELINES

For all elections held in the Solano County, we will follow the guidelines below. This is to enable an Election Observer Panel to see all procedures of the Vote Tabulation process while ensuring the Elections staff will be able to maintain election integrity and the timely processing of ballots and election materials.

1. Prior to any election held within the County of Solano, the Registrar of Voters Department will send a written invitation to the County Central Committee of each qualified political party and to the news media, inviting them to appoint representatives to an Election Observer Panel for that election. The person(s) appointed by the political parties and the news media shall not be candidates in that election. Names of appointees shall be furnished to the Registrar of Voters Department no later than 15 days prior to the election.
2. The Registrar of Voters Department staff will conduct a briefing for the observer panel, describing the Vote Tabulating process and the procedures that will be used in receiving and tallying the ballots.
3. The Registrar of Voters Department staff will admit the observer panel to the supply intake areas on election night to observe the operations of the personnel and return of ballots, memory cards, and other election-critical materials. All observers will need to wear an ID Badge.
4. Any voter or member of the public not part of a Central Committee or the media who arrives without preclearance on election night may be invited to participate in the Observer Panel if space permits.
5. **NO** panel member shall be permitted to touch the vote tabulating equipment, voted ballots, or any other precinct supplies. **NO** one shall interfere with the Vote Tabulating process.
6. In the event of violation of any of these restrictions, any offending observer will be directed to leave the Vote Tabulating area, and the observations of such panel member shall be limited to the area for public viewing.