



KINGS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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NOVEMBER 2, 2010 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL PLAN

ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL

I. County and System Information

1. Name of County: County of Kings
2. Name of Contact: Ed Rose, Elections Manager
3. Contacts Phone: 559-582-3211 X4401
4. Vendor and Voting Systems Used by County: Sequoia Pacific Voting Systems, Primarily Optech Paper Ballot and AVC Edge II for the Disabled
5. Date: September 17, 2010 for November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Elections Panel is to:

1. Provide an avenue for public observation of and input into the election process.
2. Assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process.
3. Encourage participation and build voter confidence in the election process.

III. INVITE:

Between E-60 and E-30, prepare letters of invitation (see sample attached) to the following:

1. Grand Jury
2. Central Committee Members
3. Advocacy Groups
4. League of Women Voters
5. Media

Any other groups or individual expressing an interest in observing election day activities will be included in the observer panel.

IV. Appointment Letters (for introduction to precinct workers)

After groups have provided the names of interested panelists, we will prepare letters of introduction (see sample attached) for the panelist to use when visiting polling places on election day. Materials to be prepared for each panelist will include a listing of all polling places within the County of Kings, a schedule of poll workers classes as well as the central counting site location and hours of operation (see attached).

V. Mechanism for Feedback:

We may provide observers with questionnaires to be completed and returned to us.

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 all procedures.
- View all activities at the central counting site on election day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View absentee and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of staff or voters at the polls.
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each poll site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge if required.
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election processes.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the elections process.

Observers may not:

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election.
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables.
- Converse with voter (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 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.
- Touch election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- Assist in operations at any polling place.



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SAMPLE LETTER OF INVITATION

Date: (E-60 to E-30)

DearXXXX:

The Kings County Elections Department will Convene an Election Observer Panel to observe activities associated with the XXXX Election, which will be held on XXX date. Representatives of the central committees , Grand Jury, advocacy groups, the League of Women Voters, and media representatives, will be invited to participate.

Typically, members of the Panel visit one or more polling places on Election Day and then visit the central counting site to observe the tabulation of ballots on election night. Panel members are also invited to observe the processing of absentee and provisional ballot by staff of the Kings County Elections Department. Panel members will be provided with the information they need to participate in these activities.

If your organization would like to be represented on the Election Observer Panel, please notify XXX by mail, by phone at xxx-xxx or by email at xxx. Please respond by XXX date, with the name of your representative. XXX will be available to meet with Panel members to explain their role in greater detail and to provide them with the information the will need to participate.

Thank you for you interest.

Very truly yours,

Edward E. Rose
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SAMPLE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Date: (No later than E-5)

TO: Precinct Inspectors

FROM: Edward E. Rose
Elections Manager

SUBJECT: ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL

This letter introduces XXX, whom I have appointed to the Election Observer Panel for the XXX Election. Members of the Election Observer Panel, may not interfere with the operation of polling places. XXX and other members of the Election Observer Panel may ask you to explain certain operations and procedures. Please extend every courtesy to XXX.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at xxx-xxxx.

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

November 2, 2010 General Election Polling Sites				
101	Lemoore Presbyterian Church	260 'B' Street		Lemoore
102	Lemoore Masonic Temple	674 W Bush Street		Lemoore
103	Grace Baptist Church	946 Daphne Lane		Lemoore
104	Lemoore Senior Center	789 S Lemoore Avenue		Lemoore
105	Stratford Fire Station	20200 Main Street		Stratford
106	Central Union School District	15783 18th Avenue		Lemoore
201	Corcoran City Council Chambers	1015 Chittenden Avenue		Corcoran
202	First United Methodist Church	Whitley & Letts Avenue		Corcoran
203	Kate Boswell Senior Center	800 Dairy Avenue		Corcoran
204	Avenal Recreation Center	717E Monterey Street		Avenal
301	The Remington	2727 N 11th Avenue		Hanford
302	St. James Lutheran Church	1780 Emma Lee Lane		Hanford
303	Monroe School	300 Monroe Drive		Hanford
304	Latter Day Saints	2400 N 11th Avenue		Hanford
305	Pioneer School	8810 14th Avenue		Hanford
306	Island Fire Station	7735 21st Avenue		Lemoore
307	Lemoore Trinity Association	470 Champion Street		Lemoore
308	Meadow Lane School	325 E Meadow Lane		Lemoore
309	Lemoore Union Elementary District	1200 W Cinnamon Dr		Lemoore
310	Latter Day Saints	2400 N 11th Avenue		Hanford
401	New Ag Bldg Multi-Prupose Room	680 N Campus Drive		Hanford
402	Martin Luther King Elem	820 Hume Ave		Hanford
403	Latin American Assembly of God	700 S Harris St		Hanford
404	Armona Fire Station	11235 14th Avenue		Armona
405	Armona Community Center	11115 'C' Street		Armona
406	Joseph Simas School	1875 N Fitzgerald Lane		Hanford
407	Tara Estates	1255 W Grangeville Blvd		Hanford
501	Episcopal Church of the Savior	519 N Douty Street		Hanford
502	First Presbyterian Church	340 N Irwin Street		Hanford
503	Hamilton School	1269 Leland Way		Hanford
504	Fraternal Hall	1015 N 10th Avenue		Hanford
505	Glad Tidings Assembly of God	750 E Grangeville Blvd		Hanford
506	Kings County Fire Station #4	7622 Houston Avenue		Hanford
507	Home Garden Comm. Srvc. District	11677 2nd Place		Hanford
508	Sierra Vista Mobile Estates	852 E Grangeville Blvd		Hanford

