

What to watch for as a Voting Center Observer

During Setup & Regular Voting Center Hours:

- Polls not opening on time (6:00 am). Note exact time when Poll opens.
- Confirm that Voting Center equipment and printers are functioning.
- Confirm that required signs are posted outside.
- Confirm that a sample ballot is posted in view of Voters.
- Persons entering the Voting Center who are disruptive or display violent behavior.
- A significant number of voters who have difficulty with check-in or are unable to vote (note reasons if evident.)
- Voters delivering multiple early ballots.
- Poll Workers who appear confused or seem to be misleading voters about process.
- Ballot boxes that are set aside or in some way handled differently.
- Voter Intimidation or other unlawful conduct at the polls.
- Election officials who misdirect you regarding who you can speak to and/or the location where you can observe.
- The types of assistance needed by or are provided to voters.
- Listen to all instructions given by the Inspector.

During Voting Center Closeout & Ballot Transport:

- Polls not closing on time (7:00 pm or when last voter in line has voted.)
Note exact time when poll closes.
- Poll Workers who aren't following the close-out processes properly.
- Observe final tally of what the pollbook and ballot count logs specify, and discrepancies resolved.
- Observe counting of the variety of ballots (e.g., spoiled ballots, provisional, etc.)
- Confirm that Provisional, Conditional Provisional, and Early Ballots are placed into the proper envelopes and sealed, and quantity recorded.
- Confirm that the Inspector double-checks the number of ballots.
- Confirm that seals have been placed on the Metal Ballot Box prior to transportation, and on the Official Envelope.
- Confirm that Marshal and Inspector take the Metal Ballot Box with ballots, envelopes and voting equipment to the Receiving station. Observer may follow in own vehicle to ensure chain of custody is not broken.

Help ensure that future elections are conducted in a fair and free manner by reporting on any incidents observed. Here is how that works:

