VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

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On Election Day Vote Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The following rules/regulations are presented to assist you in running a trouble-free campaign and avoiding any problems.

WORKING AT THE VOTE CENTER INFORMATION:

In addition to the general recruitment of Election Officers from among the county's registered voters, the Registrar of Voters uses three other specialized recruitment programs to identify Election Officers. They are the Student Pollworker program, and the County Pollworker program.

California Elections Code does not allow any candidate for elective office to use their residence or business as a Vote Center. (E.C. § 12287)

California Elections Code authorizes County Central Committees to nominate individuals to work on precinct boards. The nominee must be a registered voter, a member of the party making the nomination, and a resident of the precinct to which the nomination applies. These nominations must be made at least 90 days before the election for which the nomination is made. (E.C. § 12306)

WHY VOTE CENTERS CHANGE:

There are many reasons for choosing or changing a particular Vote Center. Any or all of the following reasons may apply:

- ☆ Facilities become overcrowded or permission is no longer granted for a facility to be used as a Vote Center.
- ☆ As precincts grow, boundaries have to be revised. This could result in your having to be assigned to a different Vote Center.
- ☆ Previous Vote Centers were not accessible to the disabled and the elderly as dictated by law.
- ☆ The different grouping of districts in an election could make it necessary to change your Vote Center from election to election.
- ☆ Inadequate lighting, parking or other similar concerns may require a new location to be selected.
- ☆ Construction/remodeling may render a Vote Center unavailable for an election.
- ☆ Facility must be secure for storing voting equipment.

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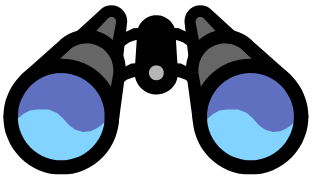
CAMPAIGNING / ELECTIONEERING: 	No person shall do any of the following within 100 feet of a Vote Center. (100 feet begins at the doorway of the room in which voters are voting). ☆ Circulate any petitions. ☆ Solicit a vote; wear campaign insignia or clothing with campaign slogans or political advertisements. ☆ Post any signs relating to candidates and/or measures. ☆ Perform any type of electioneering activities. Election Officers are instructed to check for electioneering throughout the day. If an election officer advises you that you are too close or are in any way electioneering, please comply with the request to correct the problem. If the election officer is unable to resolve the problem, the Registrar of Voters will send a troubleshooter to the Vote Center and/or summon law enforcement for assistance. It should be noted that exit polling may be conducted 25 feet from the Vote Center entrance.
OBSERVING: 	You are certainly welcome to observe activity at any Vote Center on election day – from the time the Vote Centers open until they are closed and the election officers depart to return the ballots and supplies to the collection center. However, in order not to disrupt the voting process, it is suggested that you and your campaign workers review the following material that is given in training to our election officers. It explains some of the do's and don'ts of observation. Anyone may be a poll watcher, but most often poll watchers are people who are working with one of the political parties or for a campaign. A poll watcher is someone who is observing the procedures at the Vote Centers and/or monitoring who has, or who has not voted. To accomplish this, poll watchers may continually check the posted copy of the Street Index. **When not in use**, poll watchers are permitted to view the Roster of Voters, and all supplemental lists in the possession of the precinct board. Although the law allows poll watching, there are rules and guidelines that must be followed.