# Washoe County - Registrar of Voters Poll Worker Newsletter – Volume 9



### Poll Worker recruitment is underway.....

Recently the Registrar of Voters Office sent out post cards targeting areas in Washoe County where a need for poll workers had been determined. Our office has received a great response from this direct mailer and is currently interviewing potential new poll workers for the General Election.

The first week of September is when you should be checking your mail box for a letter from the Registrar of Voters Office with information regarding online training and the date and time of onsite training. Placement information will be provided at the end of October through our Poll Worker Portal.

**Great news!** Election Day Poll Workers can now receive a bonus **IF** they participate in assisting with Pre-Election Day setup. You can receive an additional \$25 if you are a Manager or Assistant Manager or an additional \$20 if you are an Intake or Roster Specialist.

### Friendly reminders.....in case you forgot

Election Day Poll Workers do have the option of working a split shift on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It's up to you to recruit the person who will share the other half of the day with you. If you have any questions about splitting a shift with another poll worker contact Brian 328-3676 or Linda 328-3687.

Also, if you need assistance with setting up your polling place or packing it up at the end of the night please let us know in advance. We have people we can send out to your location to assist you.



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#### **New Position - Greeter**

For the 2016 General Election a new position has been added called a "Greeter". This position is only for the 2016 General Election. With the anticipation of a high voter turnout rate, it was decided to place a Greeter at most, if not all, polling locations. This individual will assist with crowd control, answer questions of voters, and step in for the Intake and Roster Specialist when they are taking lunch or a break. We hope this additional person will alleviate some of the pressure poll workers endure throughout the day.

#### **Review of Surveys from Primary Election**

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to the Primary Election Poll Worker Survey. As always, I received great suggestions from poll worker volunteers on how we can improve the process. Here are some topics that came up.

Can you print the Roster differently to better accommodate the poll worker and the voter?

This is definitely an area we would like to make some improvements upon and we are always looking into whether or not it is feasible; however, the software vendor we use does not make it easy to modify the reports that are generated. The use of E-Poll Books would be another solution, but a costly one.

We need more signage!

With limited space at our warehouse, and a certain dollar amount allocated to signage, it is necessary to review placement benefits for each individual polling location. At some locations it seems as though we can never place enough signage for the voter to find his or her polling location, but this is something our office reviews every election.

Why don't you provide a suggestion on how to layout the polling place?

A basic layout is provided in the Polling Place Operations Manual. In the past we provided a very detailed one specific to each polling location. This was time consuming to maintain and most poll workers decided to set up the location differently from what was provided.



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Shape tomorrow by voting today

Be aware, Do your Share, Vote!

#### Be respectful

Personal conversations are going to happen amongst poll workers while volunteering on Election Day. Please keep in mind the content of your conversation and who may be overhearing it. Not everyone shares the same viewpoints or sense of humor you may have. And as always, no one is to discuss politics inside a polling place.

Also, while working or volunteering for the Registrar of Voters Office, conducting personal business is not appropriate, and you may be asked to step down from your position.

## What would you like to see in our next newsletter?

If you have any suggestions or ideas of what should be covered in our next newsletter submit them to Heather Carmen at <a href="https://heather.com/heather-background-color: red;">heather Carmen@washoecounty.us</a> or call (775) 328-3672. You may just see your name spotlighted in our next newsletter.



## Who would you like to see spotlighted in the next newsletter?

Is there a particular poll worker you feel should receive recognition?

Send your nomination by email with a little information about that person and you just might see him or her in the next newsletter!

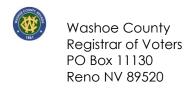
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Do you know someone who is interested in working the polls? Submit his/her contact information and a recruiter will be in contact with him/her.

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