



Registrar of Voters

Poll Worker Newsletter – Volume 16



2019 Legislative Changes that will affect elections

The 2019 Legislative Session is now over and several elections bills have passed. AB 345 had a significant amount of changes and the following is a brief highlight of them:

- Same day registration through Early Voting and on Election Day
- Allows for more than one student trainee serving as a poll worker
- Requires a full provisional ballot
- Revises the deadline when someone can request an absentee ballot from 7 days to 14 days prior to the election
- Provides for permanent absentee ballot requests for all

Poll Worker Administrative Committee being formed

Interested in helping review, edit and revise existing Early Voting and Election Day processes, procedures and paperwork?

We are always looking to improve the process, and with changes in the election law, we would like to form an administrative committee of experienced poll workers willing to volunteer their time, energy, and creativity to this endeavor.

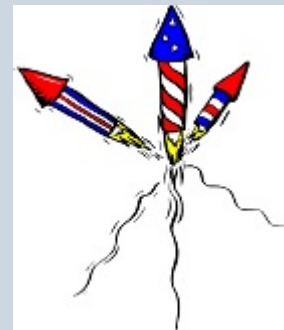
The Poll Worker Administrative Committee will meet once a month to brainstorm and discuss how to improve the process during Early Voting and Election Day. Each meeting will be held at the Registrar of Voter's Office and will last no longer than 3 hours.

If you are interested please contact Jon at jobrown@washoecounty.us or call him at 775-328-3695



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*Happy 4th of
July*

Early Voting & Election Day Poll Workers now employees

The 2020 Election Cycle recruitment of all poll workers, regardless of whether they are working an Early Voting location or an Election Day location, will be considered temporary seasonal employees of Washoe County.

With this change some additional paperwork will be required. For example, a W-4 will be required, in order to work for us. We are currently working on a brief training tutorial so poll workers that earn a higher amount during the election cycle understand their tax withholding options, OBRA, etc. This typically does not affect the one day Election poll worker.

Over the next few issues of the newsletter we will be explaining more about specific areas so you are comfortable with the process.



Smocks, Aprons or Vests

Increasing voter turnout has resulted in more voters and longer lines at most polling locations. As a result, it has become more difficult for voters to easily identify poll workers when they need assistance.

As a possible solution, we are looking into potentially purchasing a functional vest, smock or apron for poll workers to wear during Early Voting and on Election Day and we would like your feedback.

Given the choice, which would you prefer? Do you have a specific style or brand you have used before that you would recommend? Please contact us and let us know. Photos and website addresses are welcome.

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Adopt a Polling Place

Our “Adopt a Polling Place” program is a fundraising opportunity for non-profit volunteer groups and a great way to recruit poll workers to help with our elections

- Individuals who volunteer or work for a non-profit organization agree to work a polling location in teams of 4 to 8 people
- An “Adopted By” Banner with the group’s name will be provided and organizations can adopt more than one location
- Non-Profit groups can earn between \$370 - \$725 per adopted polling location

If you or someone you know volunteers or works for a non-profit organization, please let them know about our Adopt a Polling Place program and encourage them to contact Jon at jobrown@washocounty.us or 775-328-3695.

What would you like to see in our next newsletter?

If you have any suggestions or ideas for what should be covered in our next newsletter submit, them to Jon Brown at jobrown@washoecounty.us or call (775) 328-3695. You may just see your name spotlighted in our next newsletter.

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Jon at (775) 328-3695

Do you know someone who is interested in working the polls? If you have a friend, family member or co-worker you feel would do well as a poll worker, please take a few minutes to encourage them to visit our website at www.washoecounty.us/voters from our main page they can then click on the “Get Involved” link for more information or they can call Jon directly at (775) 328-3695.





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