

# Washoe County - Registrar of Voters Poll Worker Newsletter – Volume 10



## Washoe County has the BEST Poll Workers!

By now, at least I hope, everyone has recovered from the General Election. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the time and effort each of you put into making sure we had a successful election.

And in case you didn't hear, our office received many glowing reviews and accolades about how great our poll workers were and several observers stated you were the best they had ever seen!

Give yourselves a pat on the back for doing such a great job!

## What's happening at the Legislative Session?

It's Legislative Session time and there are a few bills our office is monitoring. The following is a brief description of the ones that may affect poll workers.

Currently there are three bills aimed to expand voter registration through early voting and then again on Election Day (**AB104**, **SB94** & **AB257**)

Two ID bills are also being proposed. **AB164** would require ID to vote in person and **SB100** would allow the voter to opt in to showing ID at the polls.

**SB211** would provide the political parties the option for the elections department to run a Presidential Preference Primary.

**SB144** would allow for vote centers on Election Day.

**BDR769** would make an appropriation for the replacement of voting machines.

For more information visit: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>



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## What is the Registrar of Voter's Office doing now?



Once the election was officially certified by the Board of County Commissioners, it was time for the office staff to process all the post-election paperwork. Over 10,000 voter update and new registration forms came in from early voting and Election Day polling places. After that task was completed we then moved on to other projects such as duplicate analysis of our voting rolls. Making sure the voting rolls are accurate and updated is an ongoing process. Some staff members are more involved with the legislative process than others. They attend committee meetings in Carson City and submit fiscal impacts on bills when asked.

There is one ongoing project, however, I am most excited about, and that is the procurement of all new voting equipment. Our office, along with other county election officials, has started to meet and discuss moving forward with all new voting equipment. A specific timeframe as to when this will launch has not been set as of yet, but I am very excited to hear it is a topic of discussion.

### Review of Surveys from the General Election

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to the General Election Poll Worker Survey. Here are just a few topics that came up.

#### ***Why isn't Election Day operated the same as Early Voting?***

Current Election laws do not allow for the State of Nevada to operate Election Day in the same manner as Early Voting. It may change, however, if SB144 passes.

#### ***Are the Observers paid or unpaid? What purpose do they have?***

Observers are volunteers who watch (observe) poll workers and voters for any possible violation of election law. Their purpose is to ensure that voting processes run smoothly and according to law. They can be individuals from a particular campaign, non-profit organization, or lawyers and they report back to our office their findings, good or bad. I would call it a check and balance to make sure our poll worker volunteers are not denying anyone that is eligible to vote the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Again, thank you for all the feedback. Our office does discuss your suggestions during our post-election meeting.



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*Be aware, Do your  
Share, Vote!*

## Gone, but not forgotten

Since 2010 I have been responsible for poll worker recruitment and over the years I have felt that my volunteers are like an extended family to me, so when I hear someone has passed away it really saddens me.

I wanted to take a moment to mention a few extraordinary, dedicated volunteers that have left us too soon. The staff and I extend our condolences to the families.

Kevin Featherstone  
Peter Gopal  
Richard Hawkins

## 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 [hcarmen@washoecounty.us](mailto:hcarmen@washoecounty.us) or call (775) 328-3672. You may just see your name spotlighted in our next newsletter.

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Heather at (775) 328-3672



## 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!

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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