

Washoe County - Registrar of Voters Poll Worker Newsletter – Volume 3

Recruitment is Underway for the
2014 General Election!!!



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Split Shift for Election Day...should this option be available to poll workers?

It seems like every election I get the suggestion that we should offer split shifts for poll workers. It is a really long day for some and we may be able to generate more interest in being a poll worker by providing that option.

Split shifts are complex and sometimes difficult to administer, which was the case during the 2008 General Presidential Election. Split shifts have been seen as too risky as it could compromise the integrity of the election process because the chain of custody will be interrupted. Another pitfall to split shifts is the poll worker for the later shift may not show up to replace those who are scheduled to leave.

This does not mean our office has completely ruled out adopting a policy that would enable poll workers who would like to help, but cannot commit to a 15 hour day the ability to volunteer.

Let's give the split shift one more chance. If it works well for the November 4th General Election, we will consider adopting it as policy.

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Here are the guidelines we envision:

- If a poll worker opts to work a split shift he/she is responsible for recruiting the other poll worker and providing us with that person's contact information so he/she can be placed for training.
- The stipend will be split between the two poll workers (\$55 each)
- Managers and Assistant Managers will **NOT** be eligible for a split shift for the sake of accountability and chain of custody.
- 5:45 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the first shift; then the second shift will be from 1:30 p.m. until 9:30 or when the polling place Manager is ready to leave the polling place.



Do I have to attend poll worker training, again.....

Jon and I are currently going through all the post election evaluations that have been submitted from your fellow poll workers. There are a lot of favorable reviews!

Approximately September 1st is when an email or letter will be sent with information regarding the specifics about poll worker training and whether or not you will be required to attend additional training.

Most poll workers will simply need to review a portion (and I stress only a portion) of the on-line training along with reviewing documentation of procedural issues we encountered during the Primary Election.

When will I receive my confirmation letter that I have been assigned a polling place?

On October 13th I will be emailing or sending a letter to all poll workers confirming their assigned polling places for Election Day. The confirmation letter will include the following information:

- Assigned Polling Place
- Assigned Position
- Your mailing address
- Your telephone numbers
- Your email address

Every effort is made to place you in a polling location close to your home and with a team that you have worked with in the past. Sometimes there is a need to fill vacant spots at other polling locations. Please try to remain flexible.

Please contact us as soon as possible if we have any of your information incorrect or if you need to be placed at different polling location.



Polling Place assignment letters will be emailed or mailed October 13.

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Did you know.

The three largest cities in Nevada are Las Vegas, Reno and Henderson. Did you know Nevada has more hotel rooms per capita than any other U.S. State? The national average is 1 room per 67 state residents; Nevada's ratio is 1 room per 14 state residents!

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 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

Dates for 2014 General Election

October 18th, 2014 – October 31st, 2014
General Election Early Voting
November 4th, 2014
General Election

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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Telephone

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