

What to watch for as an Early Voting Site Observer

Early Voting Center Set-Up and Normal Operations:

- Early Vote Center not opening on time (Typically 8:00 am). Note exact opening time.
- Confirm that Early Voting Center equipment and printers are functioning.
- Confirm that seals have been placed on Ballot Boxes, and recorded in the seal logs.
- Confirm that required signs are posted outside.
- Confirm that a sample ballot is posted in view of Voters.
- Persons entering the Early Voting Center who are disruptive or display violent behavior.
- Voters who have difficulty with check-in or are unable to vote (note reasons if evident).
- Voters delivering / dropping-off multiple early ballots.
- Election Workers who appear confused or seem to be misleading voters about process.
- Ballot Boxes that are set aside or in some way handled differently.
- Voter Intimidation or other unlawful conduct at the polls.
- Election workers who misdirect you regarding who you can speak to and/or the location where you can observe.
- The types of assistance needed by or are provided to voters.
- Listen to and comply with all instructions given by the Site Supervisor.

Early Voting Center Closeout & Ballot Transport:

- Early Vote Center not closing on time (Typically 5:00 pm). Document exact closing time.
- Election Workers who aren't following the close-out processes properly.
- Observe ballot counting (e.g., normal, drop-off, spoiled, conditional, provisional, etc.).
- Confirm that Normal, Provisional, Conditional Provisional, Spoiled, and Early Ballots are placed into the proper envelopes/bags and sealed, and record quantity of each ballot type.
- Confirm that seals have been placed on any Ballot Boxes, and recorded in the seal log, prior to ballot box transportation. Note the ballot box seal numbers if possible.
- Confirm that chain of custody documentation is properly filled out, a copy is left with the site supervisor, prior to the ballot boxes, envelopes/bags leaving the early voting site.
- Confirm that two elections workers, who must be members of different political parties; will be transporting the ballots to the ballot receiving site. Record their names if possible, and the time they leave the early voting site.

Help ensure that future elections are conducted in a fair and free manner by reporting on any incidents observed. Here is how that works:

