



Election Integrity Project California
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THE POWER OF ONE

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It is often asked, “What can I do—I’m only one person?”

We know that history is full of single individuals who changed the course of humanity. But most of us can never aspire to that sort of fame. Does that mean we cannot make a difference, a big one? Certainly not.

Let’s talk for a moment about an unsung **EIPCa** hero. Before the June 5, 2018 primary election, **ONE** person was deeply convinced that she needed to be observing in the polls. However, there was no training available in her county region. Instead of letting that stop her, she called **EIPCa** and found out about training in a neighboring county. She attended that training, and then went out into her own community (Los Angeles) on Election Day.

Had it not been for this **ONE** person, who was trained in what to look for and in what to do when she found it, the disastrous situation of 118,522 voters removed from the check-in lists and being turned away without being allowed to vote may not have been exposed, or at least as soon as it was.

Because this amazing woman understood the **POWER OF ONE**, the County Registrar was forced to issue a media release mid-Election Day to inform voters they could return and claim their right to vote with a provisional ballot.

Because this amazing woman understood the **POWER OF ONE**, the people of Los Angeles County are aware of this grievous circumstance, more alert for further situations in the future, and aware that they need to be proactive and fight for their Civil Right to fair and honest elections.

Because this amazing woman understood the **POWER OF ONE**, there is now a coalition following up on this issue, and two legal foundations examining what the next steps might be.

There are many “**Power of ONE**” stories we could share from the EIP and **EIPCa** archives. The point is, each and every person who shows up to observe makes a difference. We may never know what difference we made, but rest assured that without a person “there”, our elections are less secure, less protected, less honest and less fair. **YOU MATTER.**

During the Election Season, **WHERE** will you exercise your **POWER OF ONE**?

For 29 days before Election Day, early in-person voting is happening, and mail ballots are arriving and being processed. **None of this should happen outside the public eye.** Trained Californians need to **BE THERE** observing, seeing that laws and procedures are respected and followed. Keeping the officials on their toes, and making sure that no part of the electoral process happens unobserved behind closed doors is key to **KEEPING THE REPUBLIC.**

For up to 30 days **after** Election Day, enormous numbers of mail ballots and provisional ballots are being processed. For the same reason, we need to **BE THERE** protecting votes.

And, of course, there's Election Day. **ONE** trained Observer can put so many wrongs to rights, and protect **SO MANY** votes. Will you be one of the powerful **ONES**?

There is great power in each and every **ONE OF YOU**. Imagine the force we can be if we **ALL** get out there **ONE** by **ONE**. If you are not on the volunteer list for your county, please go to our website (www.eip-ca.com) and sign up as a volunteer. Training for ballot processing observation is a 60-minute course online. Contact us through our website and we will give you access. Also let us know that you will observe on Election Day so you will receive notification of the in-person trainings that will take place in October.

Never forget that in a Republic, **all power rests with the people**, and we channel to our elected representatives a portion of that power to do what is more effectively done by government rather than by each individual. Let's make sure those representatives are **fairly chosen** and the true voice of the people is heard. Join us and be the **POWER OF ONE**.

Join us and claim your POWER OF ONE.

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