

When Roads Converge

Thomas Paine wrote, "The right of voting for representatives is the <u>primary right by which other rights are protected</u>."

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black wrote when justifying the majority opinion in Wesberry v Sanders, 376 U.S. 1, 17 (1964),

"No right is more precious in a free county than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined."

It is important to understand that "the right to vote" does not simply mean to participate in an election by casting a vote. That phrase also encompasses the right for that vote to be **accurately** counted and have **equal value** to all other lawful votes cast while being **protected from dilution** by the counting of illegitimate ballots.

The U.S. Supreme Court found in Reynolds v Sims, 377 U.A. 533 (1964) that

"...the right of suffrage [to vote] can be denied by a debasement or dilution of the weight of a citizen's vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise [right to vote]."

Suffrage, the right to vote, means not only to cast a vote, but also to have it accurately and equally counted without dilution.

All thinking Americans are aware that the election processes of the various U.S. states are far from perfect, and <u>many are fatally flawed</u>.

Many of those flaws are caused by human ignorance, carelessness or error.

Others are caused by malicious intent.

When it comes to determining the validity of an election, the cause of the flaws does not matter.

The evil intent consists in disobedience to the law. In re Coy, 127 U.S. 731 (1888)

Whether that "disobedience" is intentional or accidental is irrelevant.

Election results produced through any process that bends or breaks the "rules" deny all legal voters their voice.

This situation is unacceptable, and must be remedied.

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In California, Election Integrity Project® California (EIPCa) and our predecessor Election Integrity Project® (EIP) have, for over 14 years, directed our efforts meticulously and unwaveringly toward fulfilling our Mission Statement, which in part reads:

- The electoral process is the cornerstone of self-governance and the preservation of our Constitutional Republic.
- EIPCa's mission is to ensure the integrity of that part of our Republic through which citizens exercise our most fundamental right the right to choose our representatives by fair and honest elections.

EIPCa's motto is "Every Lawfully Cast Vote Accurately Counted".

As even a small amount of research will show:

- <u>Not every vote is lawfully cast</u> in accordance with Constitutional and California election code principles
- Nor can reported election results be accurate (an objective term) when produced by insecure means.

According to the DOJ document <u>Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses</u>, <u>Eighth</u> Edition, <u>December 2017</u>,

"Election fraud usually involves corruption of one of three processes: the obtaining and marking of ballots, the counting and certification of election results, or the registration of voters."

EIPCa tackles all three types of corruption:

- Through the efforts of **EIPCa's trained citizen observers** at the polls, there is at least some oversight of the processes by which voters obtain and mark ballots.
- Through the efforts of **EIPCa's trained citizen observers** at ballot processing centers, there is some <u>oversight of each step by which returned ballot envelopes</u> are accepted, verified, opened and ultimately tabulated.
- Through the efforts of **EIPCa's skilled data analysts**, the corrupted state of California's voter rolls is consistently exposed.

EIPCa's 2017 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), Section 8 Lawsuit against the California Secretary of State and the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters for mismanaged and inaccurate voter rolls resulted in a huge success for EIPCa with the 2019 settlement of our lawsuit.

The number of inactive voters on CA rolls was as high as 5.4 million in mid-2020.

As a result of our suit, that number is now 2.9 million. A new low!

This shows that clear, evidentiary data coupled with robust legal action can make a difference in the integrity of our elections!

But EIPCa will never rest on its laurels.

As CA laws continue to compromise the integrity of the electoral process, Election Integrity Project[®] California continues to work to ensure that every lawfully cast vote is accurately counted.

<u>EIPC's active lawsuit (filed in 202</u>1) challenging California's unconstitutional laws used to manage elections and govern the way ballots are obtained, marked, counted and the results certified is **the first one of its kind to be filed** in the history of the United States.

The judicial system is slow and ponderous, but with your support we continue to make encouraging Progress.

- Initially, the District Court upheld a motion to dismiss our case claiming we didn't have Standing.
- Upon appeal, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled we DO have Standing and remanded us back to the lower court to begin Discovery.
- The District Court then upheld a second challenge to dismiss our case claiming our evidence was "garden variety".
- EIPCa's second appeal is now again before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

 All written briefs have been read; oral arguments were heard; currently deliberating as to whether our 10,000 signed under penalty of perjury affidavits from 43 out of 58 counties is are "garden variety".
- EIPCa has every reason to believe the Ninth Circuit judges will again rule in our favor.

EIPCa's lawsuit addresses the origin of California's loss of integrity in the election process - unconstitutional laws. Our success will positively impact all other states with the same or similar laws.

However, no one effort will not completely fix everything.

Thankfully, there are myriad groups and organizations nationwide also understanding the deplorable condition of the election process in every state and determining to tackle the problem in their own unique ways.

While EIPCa puts most of its efforts toward returning California election law to a constitutional foundation, other organizations are following their own roads aimed directly at resolving the issue of inaccurate voter rolls and the very real concern over potentially compromised electronic election machinery.

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Large or small, each effort is separate, unique and distinct. Each has chosen its own path to reach the same end. And each deserves respect and support.

It will be the combination of each individual effort that will finally repair this Republic and its most fundamental element.

When those roads converge, America will once again truly be a Republic.

Please continue to support EIPCa as the lawsuit progresses.

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