

## I DIDN'T/COULDN'T ATTEND AN EIPCa OBSERVER TRAINING HOW CAN I HELP NOW?

Though EIPCa in in the process of training almost 4,000 volunteers to observe the election process, we know there are many people who could not volunteer with EIPCa. The good news is that every citizen in California has the right per California election law to observe every aspect of the election process.

There are things any citizen can do to provide meaningful citizen oversight of election activities without formal observer training.

Issues, aka anomalies, or concerns can be reported to EIPCa using the Citizen Incident Statement you can download from <u>https://www.eip-ca.com/incident.htm</u>.

- Visit a ballot collection center at poll closing time. Stay 2-3 hours. Look for:
  - > organization, coordination, competence of workers
  - > chain of custody paperwork for ballot transfer
  - security of storage area to prevent addition or removal of ballot containers awaiting transport
  - > 2-person chain of custody for all transfers of ballot containers
- Visit a ballot drop box at 8:00 p.m. on Election night
  - an election official should lock the box at 8:00 p.m. exactly to accept no more ballots
  - two officials should empty and transport ballots to processing center, leaving box empty
  - > ballots should be handled with care to avoid damage
- Visit a ballot drop box the morning after Election Day
  - ➢ Is it still locked?
  - > Is there any action surrounding the box?
- Visit a ballot drop box location at any time during the 29 days prior to September 14.
  - ➢ Is it staffed?

- > Is the area safe? Well lighted at night?
- > Is there any indication of how often it is emptied?
- > If you are there when it is emptied, are ballots handled with care?
- Listen to family, friends, neighbors, community
  - are there any discussions regarding irregularities (not receiving a ballot, receiving 2 ballots, receiving a wrong ballot, etc)
    - received duplicate ballots: vote one, shred the other, notify ROV
    - received ballot(s) for deceased, moved or stranger? Photograph front and back of UNOPENED envelope, print and include as attachment to Citizen Incident Statement; return to USPS.
- Prayer support for EIPCa volunteers, for voters and officials, for healing in this state and nation.