



2020 Election Day Operations

Absentee Ballots (beginning September 29)

Our first opportunity to observe is absentee ballot review meetings held by the County Board of Elections. These start Tuesday, September 29th, and at a minimum occur every Tuesday leading up to the election. Because of the enormity of absentee ballot requests, many County Boards have added additional meetings and times. *Please check with your local County Board of Elections to confirm when these meetings are.* Given the importance of mail-in ballots this year, these meetings are of the utmost importance this year and a lot of people are interested in how this process will occur on the ground.

Machine Testing

There will be logic and accuracy testing of the voting machinery as well as mock elections. Essentially, the County Board of Elections will be testing the equipment to make sure that everything is operating properly. Please check with your local County Board of Elections to see when they are performing this testing process.

Early Voting (October 15-31, 8 am to 7:30 pm with varying times on the weekends)

- The Chair of each County GOP is to submit their list of observers for early voting one-stop sites to their County Board of Elections before 10 am on October 9th.
- You are allowed to have two observers at each one-stop site at one time (not counting at-large observers) who serve a minimum of a 4-hour shift.
- In addition to these site-specific observers, each County GOP Chair may designate 10 at-large observers that can go in and out of any one-stop location within the county at any time. If possible, we recommend you designate some attorneys from your EDO team as a part of your 10 at-large observers so they have the ability to follow up on issues that may arise.
- The observers you designate must be registered voters of the county.
- Knowing that resources are limited, please prioritize coverage to your traditionally troubled one-stop sites (or areas where you've had trouble precincts).
- When it comes to assigning poll workers, several people have had success with signupgenius.com.

Day of Voting (November 3, 6:30 am to 7:30 pm)

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- When it comes to assigning poll workers, several people have had success with signupgenius.com.
- Please make sure these observers arrive before and after the polls close to make sure all procedures are properly followed. Especially after the polls close because the initial tallies are done at this time in the precinct.

County Board of Elections (November 3)

There are three reasons why we want to keep an eye on our County Board of Elections during election day. First, absentee ballots will begin to be tabulated before the polls close. While results will not be published until after the polls close, the tabulation needs to be observed. Secondly, people may file complaints or other documents with the County Board and we need to know as soon as possible to make sure our Republican interests are properly represented. Finally, when precincts start bringing their results and equipment back the County Board of Elections or their warehouse, we need to make sure that all materials are being properly handled and accounted for.

Sample Audit Count (November 4)

At this meeting of the County Board of Elections, there is a hand-to-eye recount of a sample of precincts and races to confirm that those recounts match what the machine tabulated. This is another quality control check to make sure that the process is accurate. Please check with your County Board of Elections to see what time these meetings are being held.

Canvass meeting (November 13 at 11 am)

This is where the numbers become official as well as when hearings may be had on protests or other complaints that were raised during the election process.

We know this is a lot of manpower and we want to work with you to get as much of this covered as possible. In order to do this, there are a few things we need to know:

1. When are your absentee ballot review meetings and who is covering those.
 2. Your precincts of greatest concern,
 3. Your lists of poll observers as well as contact information and where they are being assigned.
- This allows us to know who to reach out to when an incident arises. And to make sure they are invited to training opportunities.

We will also be sharing information with you. For the last couple of months, we have had people signing up through the Trump campaign and the NCGOP website.

Once you have your list compiled, the next thing to do is to get these people trained. The easiest way to do this is to click on the link for this [training](#).

Remember: if you see something, say something by calling the NC Republican Election Hotline at (984) 246-2166