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September 18, 2012

Mr. William O'Brien
Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 Tenth Street, 6th Floor
Modesto CA 95354

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

We are in the final stages of preparation to conduct the Presidential General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

You are invited to personally participate in the Election Observer Panel to observe activities associated with the election or designate a member of your organization to serve on the panel. Panel members are invited to observe all aspects of the election.

If your organization would like to be represented on the Election Observer Panel, please contact the Elections Division at (209) 525-5201 with the name of your representative to obtain an identification name badge prior to the Election.

In addition, enclosed please find information regarding times, dates, and places for ballot processing and election activities. This will enable the Panel Member at his/her convenience to randomly observe the process.

Because of lack of space and the need for security, we will strictly adhere to the enclosed Ballot Processing Procedures. Please have your Panel Member carefully review the procedures before Election Day.

Sincerely,

Lee Lundrigan
County Clerk-Recorder &
Registrar of Voters

Enclosures

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Dear Election Observer,

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The following is a schedule of activities for the Tues, Nov 6, 2012, Presidential General Election.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 until completed

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Logic and Accuracy Testing Elections Warehouse #909 at Oakdale Rd, Modesto
Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012 through MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Process vote by mail ballots Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

11 a.m. 1% Manual Tally Selection of Precincts Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

7 a.m.	Polls open	Various locations, Countywide
8 a.m.– 5 p.m.	Process vote by mail ballots	Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto
7:00 p.m.	Observer Tour of Election Office	Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto
8 p.m.	Polls close	Various locations, Countywide
8:15 p.m.	Vote by mail ballot result available	Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto
8 p.m.	PCMCIA cards / ballots received	Elections Warehouse #909 at Oakdale Rd, Modesto
8:00 p.m. until precinct count is complete	Process PCMCIA cards / ballots	Elections Office 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto

NOTE: Results of the first ballots counted will be released starting at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Election Day at the Election Office and on our web site www.stanvote.com Continuous updates will be released throughout the evening until the election night count is completed.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012

9 a.m. *Canvass of Vote* commences. Elections Office, 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto
The canvass will continue daily, except Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays until complete.

The foregoing schedule of activities is provided for your convenience. You may randomly observe any, or all, of the process. We will follow the schedule as closely as possible. Should you have any questions please call me (209) 525-5211 or the Elections Office at (209) 525-5200.

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Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder & Registrar of Voters

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2012 OBSERVER PANEL PROCEDURES AND RULES

Purpose of Panel:

The purpose of an official panel to provide an avenue for public observation and input into the election process; assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process; and encourage participation and build voter confidence in the election process. Panel members observe the processes, handling and counting of election ballots to assure the public that all Stanislaus County elections are an open process, and follow election laws of the State of California.

Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including the opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- Make notes and watch election procedures.
- View election-related activities at the central counting site on Election Day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View vote-by-mail and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of poll workers at the polls as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of any part of the voting process.
- Ask questions of Registrar of Voters at the central counting site as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of the election procedures.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge.
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election process.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the election process.

Observers may not:

- Interfere, in the judgment of the elections official, with the conduct of the election.
- Physically handle any voting materials or equipment.
- Sit at the official worktables or view confidential voter information on any work terminal.
- Communicate with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios inside the polling place and/or within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

- Talk to or attempt to stop the central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- Make physical contact with election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- Assist in operations at any polling place or the central counting site.

For Your Information:

The Official Observer Panel is convened specifically to observe the ballot counting process which takes place regarding vote-by-mail ballots and election night and add-on count after Election Day. In addition to Election Night processes, complete counting also involves processes such as:

- Logic and accuracy testing of voting equipment
- Signature verification of vote-by-mail ballots
- Opening and preparation for counting mail ballots
- Election night and add-on processing of ballots
- Computer counting
- Provisional ballots
- 1% manual recount of the election
- Reconciliation of Rosters
- Official Canvass of results and certification of election

All the processes listed above are open to public view. You are welcome to observe any of these procedures. After certification of the election, panel members are encouraged to submit written comments to the Registrar of Voters, or Assistant Registrar of Voters.