



FAQs for Ballot Processing Observation

Where do I go to do this observation?

Generally, ballots are processed at the Registrar of Voters office in your county.

How much time do I have to give?

Whether you can give only a couple of hours on a single day, or all day every day for the full 60 days, we need you. You volunteer when you can for as long as you can. It's up to you.

What if my eyesight isn't as good as it used to be?

It helps to have good eyesight. But a good part of the power of observing is the effect you have just by being there. Workers don't know how well you see, but they do know they are being watched. They'll be more alert and fastidious because you are there.

How long do I have to stand?

Most of this observation will require you to stand. If you cannot do so for a reasonable period of time, this may not be the place for you to contribute.

Will it be safe?

If you have felt safe going to the grocery store, the bank, the post office and other public places with PPE protocols in effect, you will be safe doing this observation. The same safety protocols will be in effect.

Will I have to wear a mask?

Most, if not all, counting centers will no doubt require masks. Regardless of your personal beliefs about the mask mandate, any establishment, even a governmental one, has the right to determine its own regulations. We are there to observe, not draw a personal or political line in the sand. If you cannot or will not don a mask, this type of observation is not for you.

If you have additional questions that will help you decide whether to join this effort, you may send them to ruthweiss@eip-ca.com.