

General Election 2022 Observer Information



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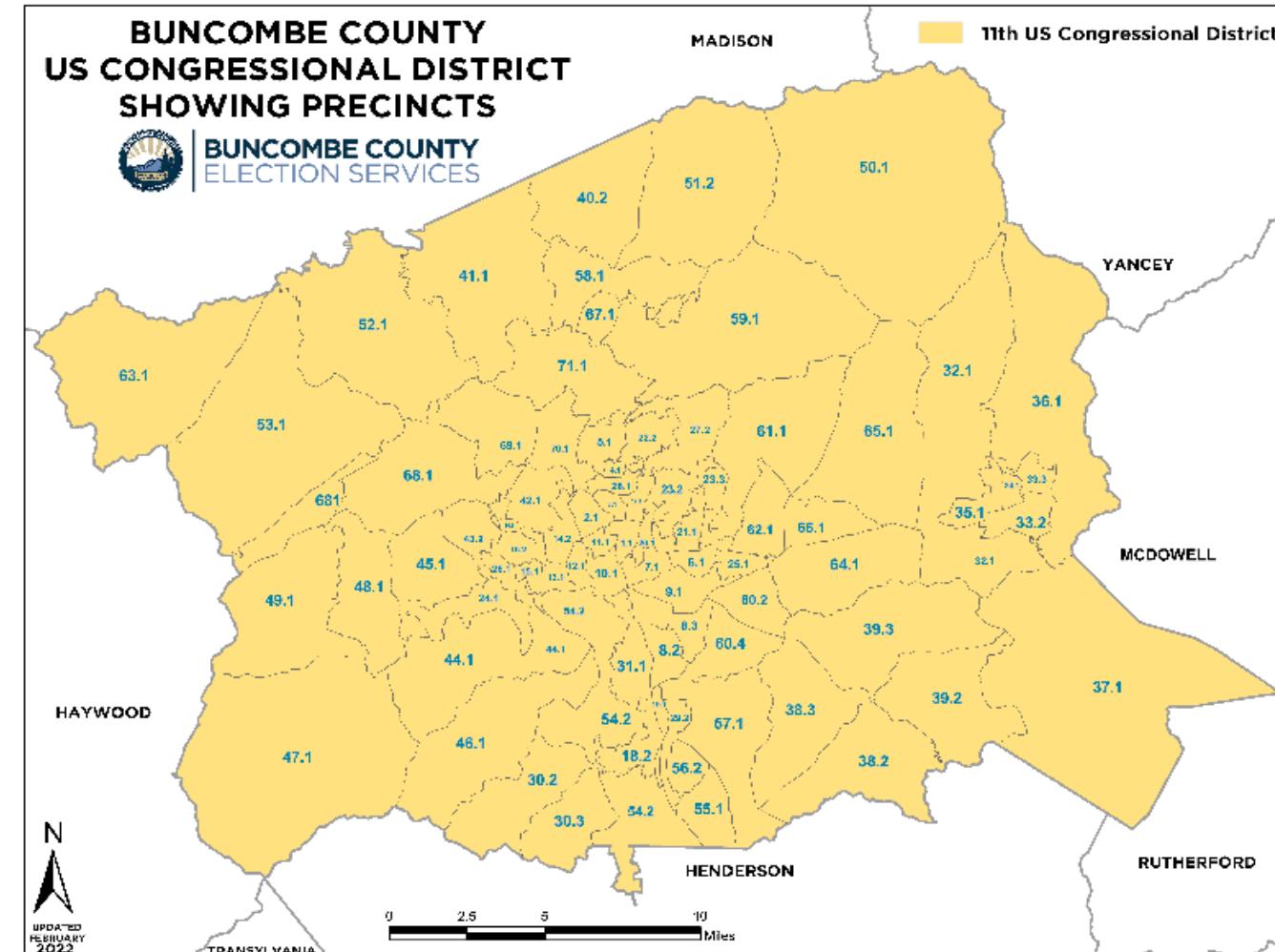


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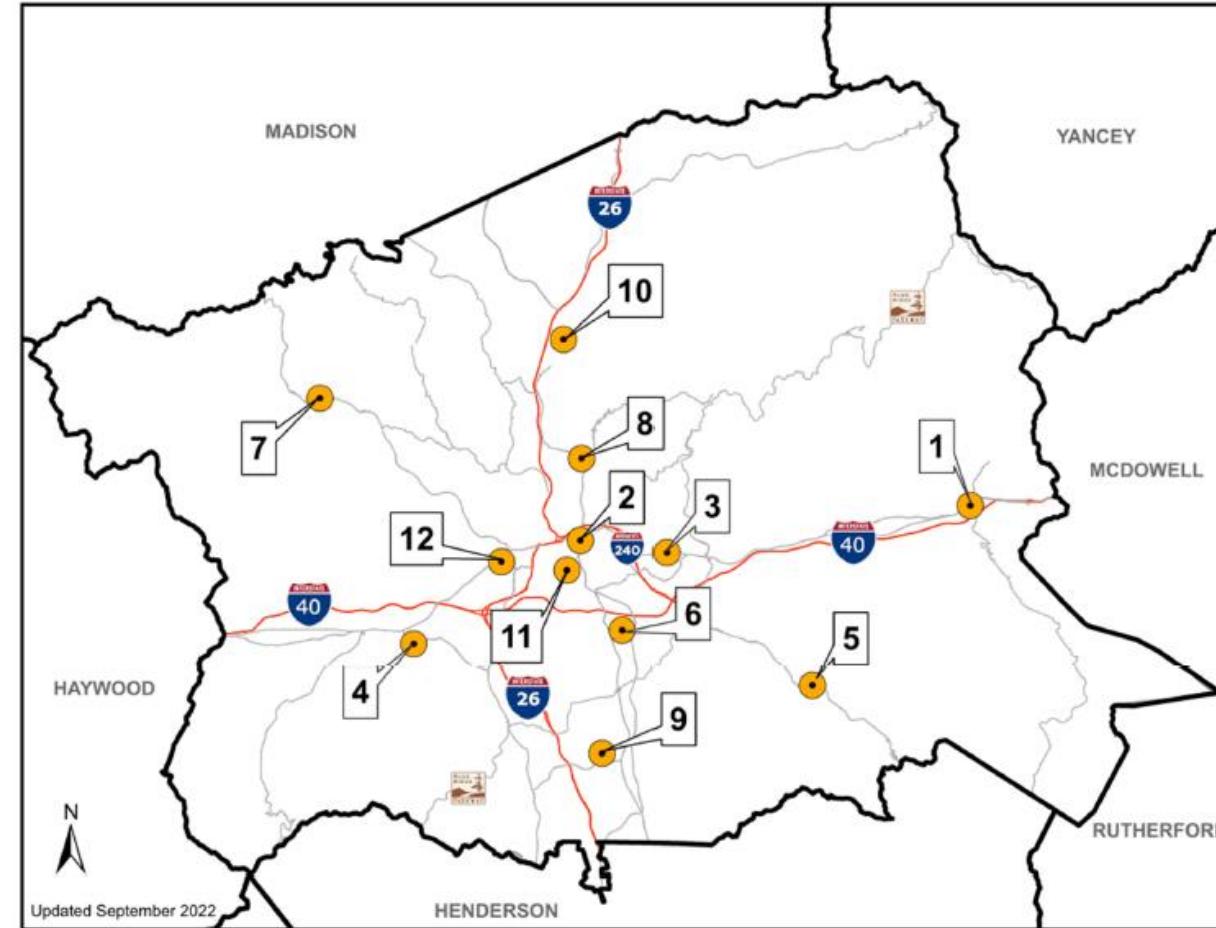
Election Day Precincts

There are 80 voting locations on Election Day in Buncombe County



Early Voting Sites

For this election,
there are 12
Early Voting sites
distributed
throughout the
county



Buffer Zones

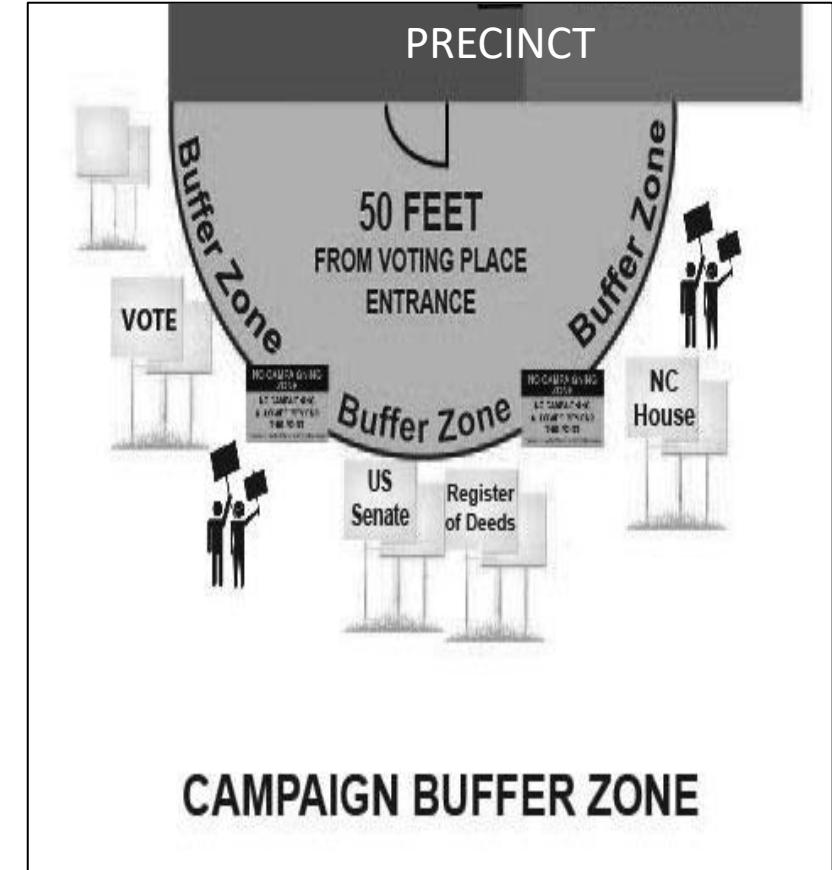
There is a 50-foot-radius buffer zone marked around the precinct entrance.

Outside the zone no one can:

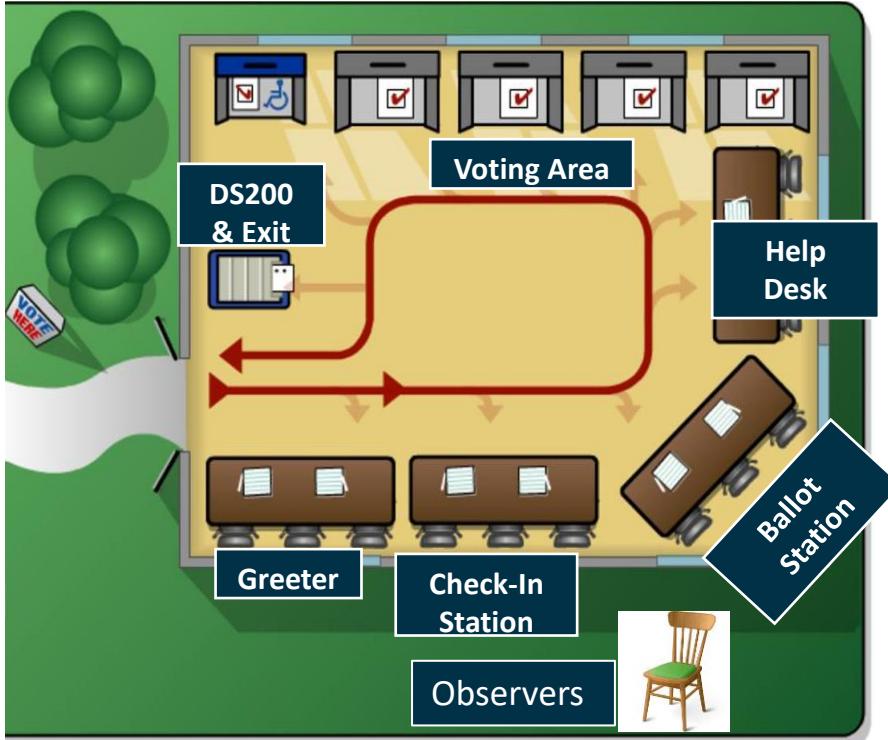
- Interfere with access to the right to vote
- Block traffic or parking

Inside the zone no one can:

- Distribute campaign materials
- Enter unless a poll worker, observer or voter



Process: What to Expect at the Polls



- ✓ Arrive at your appointed precinct at the appointed time
- ✓ Check in with the Chief Judge or Captain, showing ID if requested
- ✓ Use assigned seats near (not behind) the check-in desk or help desk



What to Expect: The Check-in Process

- Workers will ask voter to state their name, address, and, for primary elections only, their party affiliation
- No ID required
- Worker repeats back information and prints an Authorization To Vote “ATV” form

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE		ATV #
VR PARTY	DEM	PRIMARY PARTY
FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.		
A Voter's Certification of Voting Qualifications		
If ID required, check the type of current ID shown:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo ID <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Check <input type="checkbox"/> Paycheck <input type="checkbox"/> Other Government Doc	NOBLE, JERRY WAYNE AGE 79 1/24 000000265472
Registration Date: 06/25/2004		
84 W WALNUT ST # 405 ASHEVILLE, NC 28801		
ELECTION: 10/10/2017 PCT.: 01.1 VTD.: 01.1		
N001		
I, <u>JERRY WAYNE NOBLE</u> , certify that: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a registered voter in this county and I shall have resided at the address noted above for 30 days immediately prior to this election. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a United States Citizen. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election. <input type="checkbox"/> For partisan primary elections ONLY: I am registered _____ and I will receive a _____ ballot. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I understand that it is a felony to vote more than one time in an election. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole.		
X		
SIGNATURE OF VOTER _____ INITIALS _____		

VOTER
SIGNS HERE

WORKER
INITIALS HERE



What To Expect: The Voting Process



- Voter takes ATV to Ballot Table
- Exchanges the ATV for a ballot
- Voter goes to a booth, fills out the ballot, and puts it into the DS200 Tabulator



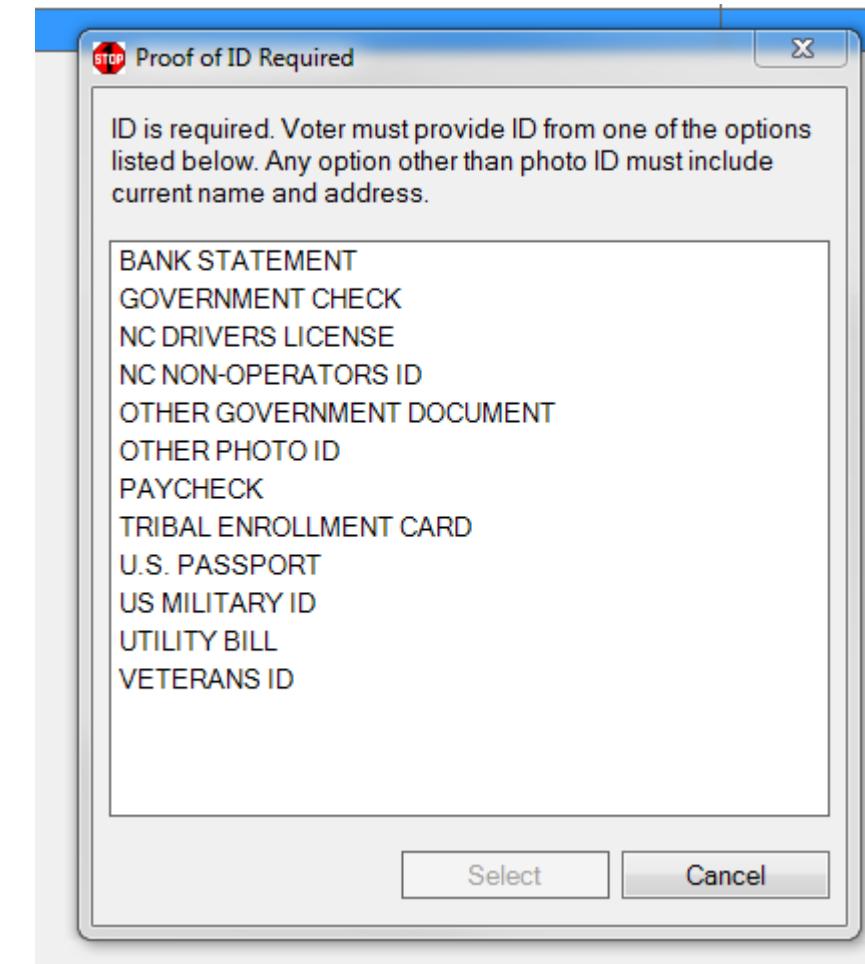
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Possible Variations in the Process...

ID Required for Certain First Time Voters

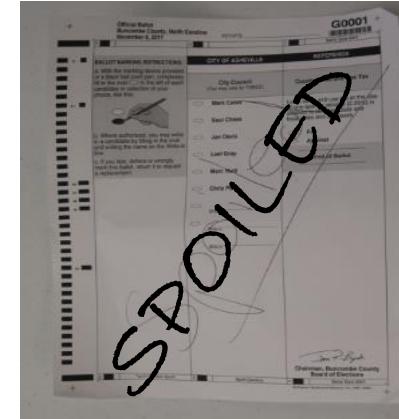
Under NC law, no ID is required to vote unless this is a first-time voter who didn't provide the last 4 digits of their social security number or driver's license number to enable us to verify their identity when registering



You May See: Spoiling Ballots

- Voter makes a mistake on their ballot
- Worker records this on Spoiled Ballot Log
- Writes “SPOILED” on the ballot
- Worker issues a new ballot
- Voter can spoil up to 3 ballots

SPOILED BALLOT LOG									
ELECTION		March 3, 2020		PRECINCT 2.1					
<p>When a voter is presented with the official ballot, the voter shall be deemed to have begun the act of voting and shall not leave the voting enclosure until he has finalized the act of voting. On receiving his ballot, the voter shall immediately proceed to one of the voting booths unless he is entitled to assistance, and without any undue delay, proceed to mark his ballot. The voter shall return any <u>unvoted</u> ballot to an election official. If a voter spoils or damages a ballot, he may obtain another upon returning the spoiled or damaged ballot to an election official. A voter may not be given a replacement ballot until he has returned the spoiled or damaged ballot. A voter is not permitted to receive more than three (3) replacement ballots. An election official must deposit each spoiled or damaged ballot in this container.</p>									
Voter	VRN	Style C0001	Style D0004	Style G0011	Style L0013	Style R0016	Style N0019	Style Total	



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You May See: ExpressVotes

The ExpressVote machine is a ballot marking device.

- Enables voters with a disability to vote privately and independently
- A voter uses a touchscreen and can adjust text size, contrast, audio and language any time during the ballot marking session
- Uses a special Blank Ballot Card – given at the Ballot Table
- ExpressVote machine will print the voter's choices and is inserted in DS200 Tabulator



You May See: Voters Needing Assistance

- Any Voter can be assisted by near relatives
- Disabled Voters can be assisted by ANYONE except their employer or union rep
- A Poll Worker (but not an Observer) can give assistance to a disabled voter but the voter must choose the worker



Voters Needing Assistance

People assisting voters CANNOT:

- Try to influence the voter
- Make a memo of what happened in the booth
- Reveal the voter's votes



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You May See: Provisional Voting

A voter may be referred to the Help Desk to vote provisionally.

Reasons:

- No record of registration
- Incorrect precinct
- Incorrect party (Primary only)
- Unrecognized address (geocode)
- Previously removed
- Voter already voted
- Voted during extended hours
- A voter who casts a provisional vote can check whether their vote was counted on or after Canvass Day



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Provisional Voting

- The voter completes a Provisional Application and marks their ballot; the ballot is placed in a sealed envelope, marked with a “P”. Provisional ballots do not go into the tabulating machine.
- A bi-partisan team at Election Services reviews provisional votes and recommends whether the vote should count or not to the Board of Elections
- The bi-partisan Board determines whether the vote will count or not
- If counted, the vote is included in official results on Canvass Day, November 18

<county name> COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
[MAILING ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE ZIP]
Phone: [Phone Number] • Fax: [Fax Number] • [Email Address]

Provisional Voter Instructions
(How to Check the Status of Your Provisional Vote)

You were required to vote a provisional ballot today because of the following reason:
Election Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Your provisional ballot application will be thoroughly researched to determine whether you were eligible to vote the ballot. The County Board of Elections will meet formally to make a decision on whether to count your provisional ballot. If the Board finds that you were eligible to vote the ballot, your ballot will be counted before this election is made final.

By law, individuals who vote a provisional ballot have the right to learn if their ballot was counted. If it was not counted, the County Board of Elections will tell you the reason why it was not counted.

You may check the status of your provisional application and ballot no earlier than ten (10) days after election day using one of the following methods:

ONLINE www.ncsbe.gov Select "Check Your Provisional Vote" Remember to Wait 10 Days	CALL <COUNTY NAME> COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS <county phone number> (During normal business hours) Remember to Wait 10 Days	CALL STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 1-866-522-4723 (During normal business hours) Remember to Wait 10 Days
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You will be asked for the following:
• County
• Election
• Birth Date
• Personal Identification Number (PIN)
▼ YOUR PIN ▼
[Redacted Box]
Protect your PIN!
Your PIN is the key to your provisional information. If you lose your PIN, you must visit the County Board of Elections *in person* to determine if your ballot was counted.

If you were required to vote a provisional ballot because you did not present acceptable identification, you **MUST** provide the county board of elections with acceptable identification no later than 5:00 p.m. on [day before county canvass date]. You may mail, fax, email or bring the ID in person. It would be helpful if you include this document. The county board contact information is:
[county name]> COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
[PHYSICAL ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE ZIP]
Phone: [county phone]
Fax: [county fax]
Email: [county_email]

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You May See: Curbside Voting

- Voters can vote curbside due to age, physical or mental disability, or increased risk for COVID
- Poll worker will take all materials to voter's vehicle
- The poll worker will insert the ballot into the DS200 while announcing "Curbside Ballot!"



You May See: DS200 Pop-ups

- Overvotes
- New! blank ballots
- Unreadable marks

The voter has two choices: Accept the ballot as-is, and their vote in the over-voted race will not count, OR spoil the ballot and get a new one. Unreadable can only spoil.

The voter will touch the screen to make the selection.



Other Things You May See...

- Poll workers regularly checking the voting booths for campaign materials left behind by voters. Workers will remove those materials.
- A ballot left behind in a booth. Two judges, one from each party, insert it into the DS200 and announce, “Abandoned Ballot.”
- A bipartisan team of poll workers resolving any technical issues with the DS200 machine.
- Poll workers advising voters they can't take the ballot out of the precinct.
- Poll workers reminding voters that no photos of ballots can be taken by anyone.



You May See: Runners

At certain times, Runners may briefly visit the polling site.

- Runners are appointed in advance by political parties to collect lists of people who have voted.
- Runners may view the voter lists from the Chief Judge at 10:00, 2:00, and 4:00.
- Runners are not allowed to remain in the polling location. They will leave immediately after compiling lists of voters.



You May See: Media

At certain times, Media may briefly visit the polling site.

- Media must identify themselves to the CJ
- With permission from CJ media can take panoramic photos or video but cannot be such that identify voters or show ballots
- Polls or interviews must be conducted outside the 50ft buffer zone



You May See: Election Officials

At certain times, Election Officials may visit the polling site.

- Must identify themselves to the CJ
- Help with technical needs of the site at the request of the CJ
- Check-up on reports from people like you!



The Polls Close at 7:30 p.m.

- Anyone in line at 7:30 p.m. can vote
- When the last ballot has been cast, judges close the DS200 and print the results tape
- One poll worker is assigned to deliver the preliminary data to the Board of Elections
- Observers may observe the closing process but not interfere with the workers. Observers may not handle or count ballots.
- Observers may view the results tape that is posted on the door to the precinct



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When Voting is Over: Final Checks

Judges perform an audit:

- Ensure the number of ballots brought into the precinct at the start of the day is equal to the number of ballots accounted for at the end of the day. Ballots may have been voted, spoiled, provisional, challenge, or unused.
- Check that the Public Count on DS200 equals the number of ATVs



Differences between Election Day and Early Voting

Early Voting	Election Day
Voters can vote at any site in county	Voters must vote at their home precinct
Polls open Oct. 20 to Nov. 5; hours vary	Only Nov. 8 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Voters can drop off absentee ballot	Cannot accept absentee ballot
Voter can register to vote and vote “One Stop”	Cannot register to vote unless voting provisionally
No results posted at the end of each day; tabulator cumulates votes over entire period	Polls are closed at 7:30 p.m. Results tape print out





Time for Questions!



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