

# EVERY VOTER = A POLL WATCHER

## HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE VOTE

Although we are non-partisan, the Democrat Hotline is the only local Hotline to our knowledge.

<b>San Diego Democrats Hotline:</b> -----858-277-3367
<b>San Diego Registrar of Voters:</b> -----858-565-5800
<b>Election Protection:</b> -----1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)
<b>Election Protection Spanish Line:</b> ----- 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (1-888-839-8682)

You do not have to be a part of an organized group to be a poll watcher. Everyone can be the eyes and ears of the community. When you go to your polling place you can observe what is going on to make sure that all is going smoothly. You can visit one poll or several polls, whatever you can do.

When you go to vote on Election Day, please do the following: If you have the time, check other polling places too.

### 1. Print out the Poll Watcher Checklist and take it with you.

<http://www.secureelections.org/checklist.pdf>

### 2. Print out the California Voter Bill of Rights and take it with you to the polls.

[http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter\\_bill\\_of\\_rights.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter_bill_of_rights.pdf)

### 3. Some general rules for poll watching are:

- Be polite and friendly
- Do not wear partisan clothing or items since you might be asked to remove them.
- Do not interfere with the voting process.
- Do not interfere with any problem, report it to a hotline.
- Bring your cell phone and a camera if you have one.

### 4. Some basic problems that have occurred in the past to watch out for are:

- Voter suppression or voter intimidation
- Voters being denied their right to vote
- Campaign materials or “electioneering” within the place or within 100 feet outside.
- Polling place running out of ballots.
- Ballot box not sealed.

### 5. When you report an incident you should try to get all of the information listed in the “Incident Report” box below.

Incident Report
Your Name: _____
Your Phone: _____
Precinct Number: _____
Precinct Address: _____
Voter(s) Affected: _____
Voter Phone: _____
Time of Incident: _____
Incident: _____
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