

## **RULES FOR OBSERVERS' CONDUCT**

1. Each observer should identify himself/herself to the election officials, sign the observer log, and indicate which candidate he or she represents. An observer should notify election officials if he or she is scheduled to be replaced later in the day by another observer.
2. While present in the ballot processing or tally area, each observer should wear a badge provided by election officials clearly marked "Observer" if requested to do so.
3. Observers must not campaign while engaged as observers. They may not wear buttons or other campaign apparel, distribute campaign material, or engage in conversation about candidates or the election campaign.
4. Observers should remain in the area(s) approved by election officials, where they are able to see ballot processing, voter eligibility check, and tally.
5. Observers may not roam around the ballot processing area or disrupt the process in any way. Observers must not enter areas restricted to election workers, if any. Observers should direct any questions or report any problems directly to election officials as soon as possible so that any necessary corrective action can be taken.
6. Observers may challenge the eligibility of any voter by clearly specifying the basis for the objection to election officials. (For example, "I challenge the eligibility of Voter X because he is a new employee who has not yet paid dues.")
7. During the tally of ballots, observers may challenge the manner or accuracy of the way votes are read from marked ballots and recorded on tally sheets and should state any objection to election officials as clearly and as soon as possible so that any necessary corrective action can be taken.
8. Observers may not touch or handle ballots at any time or interfere with the tally process.
9. Each observer representing a slate is deemed to be an observer for every member of that slate.
10. Observers may remain with the ballots from the time that voting commences until the ballots are counted, including overnight, if necessary.
11. Observers must not address any challenges to any opposition candidate or observer or employ any self-help remedies. All challenges, observations, or questions should be directed to the election officials.