

**PRECINCT WORKER'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
POSTED 5/27/08**

- 1. If a voter marks the NO on the "I am a citizen of the United States" question on the Provisional Ballot Envelope, do we allow him/her to vote provisionally?**
 - a. Yes
- 2. When are the provisional ballots counted?**
 - a. After the rosters are checked and all Vote-by-Mail ballots have been verified, we then begin the process of verifying provisional ballots. After they have been verified, if eligible, they will begin being counted. Usually, within the second week after the election.
- 3. If you surrender your Vote-by-Mail ballot, will you be removed from the Permanent Vote-by-Mail list?**
 - a. No, a surrendered ballot will only give you the opportunity to vote a precinct ballot. You will not be removed from the Vote-by-Mail list.
- 4. A neighbor is not listed as someone who can return a Vote-by-Mail ballot, can they return a ballot?**
 - a. Neighbors cannot return ballots. Only those people who are listed as designee on the Vote-by-Mail ballot envelope can return a ballot for someone. See page 70 in Elections Procedure Manual for what to do if the ballot is returned by a neighbor.
- 5. Why do we tally Vote-by-Mail envelopes?**
 - a. The Provisional Specialist must complete the Provisional Ballot Statement on the last page of the Provisional Roster at closing, which includes the totals of both Provisional ballots and Vote-by-Mail ballots. The Blue Bag cannot be opened once it is assembled and sealed prior to opening of polls, which is why we tally as we receive the ballots.
- 6. Is this only a Non-Partisan election?**
 - a. No, this is a Direct Primary Election that includes both Partisan and Non-Partisan races. On the ballot we have Partisan races for US Representative (22nd & 23rd District), State Senate (15th District), State Assembly (33rd District), and Democratic (2nd & 5th District) and Republican Central Committee (2nd District). Non-Partisan races on the ballot include 2 State Propositions, 1st, 3rd, and 5th District County Supervisors, City of Morro Bay Councilmember, Mayor of Morro Bay, and a Pismo Beach Tax Initiative. Non-Partisan races will be included on the Partisan ballots.
- 7. If we know a person is not registered, can we challenge that voter?**
 - a. No, we no longer challenge voters. All voters have the opportunity to vote on Election Day. They get to vote a Provisional ballot if they are unable to vote regularly. The County Clerk-Recorder's Office will determine their eligibility after the Election.
- 8. Can we increase or bold the font on the Sample Ballot so the voter will see the precinct clearer?**
 - a. At this time, the vendor that prints the sample ballots is unable to change the font or bold sections because they're mass printed.
- 9. What does CON mean?**

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- a. CON means Consolidated Precinct. Instead of having 600 smaller precincts in the county we consolidate those into 137 larger precincts. CON=Precinct.

10. Will we be able to see on the Roster if a signature stamp has been registered with your office?

- a. No, there is no notation on the Roster to tell you if the voter will be using a signature stamp or if it has been registered with our office.

11. If there are 3 elections this year, why do we have to keep taking these classes?

- a. Things change from election to election. Classes are our way of updating you on changes in the law as well as going over any issues that may have been discovered in the previous Election. Although, attending class is not mandatory, we strongly recommend it to keep you informed on every upcoming Election. Besides, we like seeing your lovely faces!

12. Why are break times at odd hours?

- a. Dinner and break times are determined by your Inspector. They are experienced at knowing when the busier times for voting are expected. Your breaks will not be during these times.

13. In class you said, two people need to be with the AccuVote at all times, what does that mean?

- a. Two people need to be in the vicinity of the AccuVote and the open ballots at all times. This does not mean both need to be directly next to it. That duty can be shared by more than one precinct in the polling place. When returning the AccuVote and ballots to the Collection center, this means that the two people must be traveling in the same vehicle together, not in separate vehicles following each other.

14. Why are there two outside indexes?

- a. Many voters encounter the outside indexes first, they use the unmarked outside index to find out which precinct they're in. While the marked index is used by pollwatchers to see who has voted from hour to hour.

15. Why do we have to use colors instead of stating the party affiliation?

- a. To better serve our voters, saying the color of their ballot will allow them to feel comfortable while voting because their party affiliation will be kept private.

16. How many Sample Ballots will be included in our Precinct Tub?

- a. One ballot per party (Democratic, Republican, Non-Partisan)

17. I am not working the opening shift; do I have to sign the AccuVote opening tape?

- a. Only those present at opening must sign the AccuVote opening tape. If you arrive for a later shift you only have to sign in on the Roster. Also, remember to sign the payroll sheet before you leave.

18. What's the difference between the AccuVote and the AutoMARK machines?

- a. Voters put their ballots in the AccuVote machine to be counted on their way out of the polling place and get their "I Voted" sticker. It ACCURately counts the VOTES. The AutoMARK is for voters who need assistance in marking their ballot. It does not count or keep track of what the voter has

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marked; it simply fills in the bubbles on the ballot. It AUTOMATICALLY MARKS the ballot.

19. How long does the closing tape that hangs outside the polling place door Election night have to stay up?

- a. The closing tape is to be posted after closing. That is all you are responsible for. Removal can be done anytime after Election Night.

20. If someone is circulating a petition outside of the polling place, how far away do they need to be?

- a. Petitions fall under the rules of electioneering and must therefore be 100 feet away from the outermost door.