

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL OBSERVER

Pursuant to ARS §16-590 a political observer and an alternate may be appointed by the County Chairman of each party that has a candidate on the ballot for each vote center/polling place, early voting site and/or central count. Deadline to submit request is thirty (30) days before an election.

ELECTION DATE: _____

TO: Vote Center / Polling Place Official
 Early Voting Site / County Recorder
 Central Count / Election Director

REGARDING: Appointment of political observer

Vote Center/Precinct: _____

Early Voting Site/County Recorder: YES / NO Central Count: YES / NO

Request is hereby made that the following named person be appointed as a political observer in the vote center/precinct, early voting site and/or central count as indicated above.

NAME: _____

STREET/PO BOX: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I, _____, Chairman of the Republican / Democrat Party (circle one) do hereby appoint _____ as a political observer at the location/s specified above.

Observer Signature Party Chairman Signature Date

NOTE: Party chairman must provide completed forms to the Election Department prior to Election Day for approval. Signed forms will be returned to party chairman for distribution to the designated observers. Appointed observers must present the signed appointment form to the person in charge at the vote center/polling place, early voting site and/or central count. Anyone without a letter of appointment from the party chairman and signed by the election department will be turned away and instructed to contact their party chairman.

Chairman email: _____ Phone # _____

APPROVED BY ELECTION DEPARTMENT: _____

**THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE UPON ARRIVAL AT VOTE CENTER/POLLING PLACE,
EARLY VOTING SITE OR CENTRAL COUNT**

(Please see other side for Observer Protocol)

POLITICAL OBSERVER PROTOCOL

Political Observer Protocol A.R.S. §16-590:

Allow for a political observer and an alternate to be appointed by the County Chairman of each party that has a candidate on the ballot for each vote center/polling place, early voting site or central count location in the County.

In an effort to carry out this law the La Paz County Elections Department feels it is important to establish protocol for Voters, Election Board Workers and Observers.

This will ensure that questions or issues on Election Day will be handled as quickly and efficiently as possible with minimal disruption to the voter and Election Board.

PROTOCOL GUIDELINES

Political Appointment:

If you have been appointed as a Political Observer you **MUST** have in your hand the signed appointment form when entering the vote center/polling place, early voting site or central count area. **The election official will issue the observer a badge.** If you do not have the form you will be instructed to contact your party chairman.

VOTE CENTER/POLLING PLACE, EARLY VOTING SITE AND CENTRAL COUNT ETIQUETTE

These locations can get quite busy, therefore we ask that you conduct your observing as quietly as possible.

OBSERVERS MAY NOT:

- enter any voting booth unless there to cast their ballot
- touch any ballot
- approach any voter, either before or after they vote
- disrupt or interfere with the voting or counting process
- engage in any political conversation
- take pictures

Violators will be asked to leave.

Please notify the election official with your concerns or contact the Election Department at 928-669-6149.