

## Watch the Vote 2008

Thank you for signing up with Voter Action. We appreciate your interest in our work and we thank you for volunteering your time. It is our hope that, through our combined efforts, we will create a more open and transparent public election process controlled by the voters.

Our Watch the Vote Program, supporting and enhancing public oversight and engagement in our electoral process, is a great opportunity for you to be involved in your community. A major component of the Watch the Vote process lies in our **Election Verifiers**. Election Verifiers are on-the-ground team members who work with Voter Action and our State and County Leaders to **identify and verify emerging problems**, as well as **address and report on resolutions**.

By connecting with voters on Election Day and surveying polling locations, our Election Verifiers provide critical snapshots into the efficacy of our elections system and act as **a bridge between real time activity and real time support systems**. The information gained from the field is critical to our ability to respond to and solve emergent and long term problem; material that is gathered strengthens ongoing pro-democracy advocacy, investigation and statistical analysis, and contributes to a large data footprint necessary for meaningful action toward problems that emerge before, on, and post Election Day.

## We are seeking Election Verifiers who:

- 1. Have a strong desire to see the voting process function for ALL voters;
- 2. Understand the value of public engagement throughout the election cycle;
- 3. Commit to stay in high level of communication with Voter Action and your State Leader prior to, on, and following November 4<sup>th</sup>;
- 4. Are comfortable with and willing to communicate with all manner of people (election judges, the voting public, other partners);
- 5. Represent themselves in a professional, nonpartisan and reasonable manner;
- 6. Carry out monitoring strategies (monitoring strategies will be administered by your State Leader and may include: election monitoring by roving within and surveying a target precinct, recording and/or reporting problems encountered in the field, responding to and verifying problems assigned to you by your State Leader etc):
- 7. Disseminate information, provided by and under the guidance of your State Leader;
- 8. Have reliable access to mobile phone communication throughout the day;
- 9. Have reliable transportation and/or broad distribution of polling site coverage within a given county jurisdiction;
- 10. Participate in pre and post election conferences calls (approx. 2), including a pre-election training and orientation session. Dates TBD.

## Voter Action will provide Election Verifiers:

- 1. A private, toll free hotline to access legal advice and assistance when problems arise on or before Election Day or during the audit process.
- 2. Resources to assist you in the field, available on the web and in hardcopy and including what to watch out for on Election Day, other tip sheets and intake forms.
- 3. A State or County Leader to assist you in the field.

We appreciate any efforts you make to help increase the public understanding of the state of our elections—the integrity of our vote depends on it. Your help will be crucial for this election.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT IN NM.

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