

LA ELECTION PROTECTION TASK FORCE – 2008 ELECTION POLL MONITOR- POLLWORKER TROUBLE REPORTS

This report includes the election day reports of the private citizens of Los Angeles who organized to monitor the county elections at the precinct level on 11/07/06.

In this group, there were 20 men and women that made up 3 separate camera crews that roamed Los Angeles, responding to reports of problems at the polls, phoned in by poll monitors to the Video the Vote hot line.

Those election day incident sheets make up the first section of this report. In many cases, there is also video or sound footage of the voters at the precinct, discussing the particular problem.

There were 51 poll workers, trained by the LA County, who had received additional online training from the Pollworkers for Democracy, who submitted detailed reports of their election day experience.

Those 51 reports make up the second section of this report.

The third section is a print out of the over 200 EIRS reports called in to the hotline on election day.

Our analysis indicates that there were few incidents of outright election fraud. However, the fact that 41% of the incidents are attributed to complaints about poll worker competence, indicates that much more thorough training at the county is essential.

This lack of proper poll worker training been made crystal clear by the indication of a 32% failure rate in the new PBR machines.

We urge the county to take immediate action, to rectify this problem. In the future, we intend to do all we can to supply the county with eager citizens, ready to work the polls, and to monitor the election day experience.