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I was a watcher in the Pueblo County Election Headquarters for the November 2012 election. Watchers are not judges, but they serve no helpful purpose of reporting to the Judges if they are not actually allowed to observe at the technology level of the modern election. Allowing a warm body to sit on a stool in the corner across the room does not make an honest election.

1. Watchers are kept too far away to actually observe anything significant in the modern electronic election process.
 - a. Mail in ballot signatures are checked by computer—I was told to sit on a stool against the wall at the opposite end of the room. No other watcher was allowed in the large room. Unless I was Superman I was totally unable to observe anything except that there were people at the opposite end of the room working computers.
 - b. Spoiled ballot corrections is very close work. Again, as the only watcher allowed in the room I was not allowed to actually observe anything.

How could I report any significant concerns if I was not allowed to observe the actual electronic election process?
 - c. The Clerk demanded that I “watch” the computer count machine from outside the room standing in the hallway with no view of the process.
 - d. Inadequate number of watchers allowed by Clerk – one watcher was allowed for 4 areas on multiple floors ---(balloting in the hallway outside Clerk office, intake Clerk counter room, large back room where ballots opened and spoiled ballots corrected, and downstairs room where computer ran counting ballots).
How can one person allowed watch multiple rooms and floors?
2. Selection of watchers and judges is manipulated.
 - a. The intake meetings are cancelled and rescheduled without adequate notice so that the public cannot really be considered to serve.
 - b. At least in Pueblo County, I personally talked with “Judges” who have served for many years by private selection by the Clerk. They laughed that they “took turns” registering as the “Republican in the room...”
 - c. I believe repeat “contract labor” employees are brought in as judges. I personally spoke with workers in the Election Center.
 - d. Opposing party watchers are readily expelled without cause.

There must be adequate notice of judge/watcher intake meetings and a fair process of actual selection such that the independent public can be involved.

3. Inadequate security for ballot boxes.

- a. Ballot boxes are transported from polling, or mail in ballots retrieved from the post office, or boxes transported between Clerk's offices locations, without notice or bipartisan observers in the vehicle.
- b. Ballots are moved by elevator between computer count room and main room on a different floor without any observers allowed.
- c. Election Headquarters are opened without adequate notice, or with no notice, to watchers and judges.
- d. Sometimes election processing centers are operational after hours without notice and with not watchers allowed in the premises.
(Evidence of this is available if you request it.)
- e. Watchers are not allowed to observe the video security required for after hour ballot boxes.
- f. Trash is removed from Election Headquarters without inspection by watchers.

4. SOS has not required techno savvy watchers

The modern election process requires ability to understand the technology. If judges and watchers are not allowed in truth to observe at the technological level the election process is blind.

5. Clerks refuse poll data to the opposing party.

If the Clerk's party knows that a same party registered voter has not voted, extra contact and rides are provided.

This and other information is refused to the opposing party.

In addition, an Affidavit from a reliable citizen is available to you; this Affidavit reveals the observation of mail in ballot harvesting.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. 719-542-5545. 

Respectfully,
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