



Application for Election Observer Panel

Name:		Badge Number:
Email:		
Contact number:	Occupation/Interest:	
Your organization (if applicable): _____		
Have you observed Department of Elections activities in the past?		
Are there any specific election activities that you are interested in observing?		
Do you have any questions prior to beginning observation that we may research or respond to?		

Please read and initial our acknowledgments on the back of this application.



Observer Dos and Don'ts

Please initial to acknowledge the following:

While serving as an Observer, please DO:

- Check in with Department staff at City Hall, Room 48 and the warehouse at Pier 31, and poll workers at polling places
- Wear your official observer badge
- Remain within designated areas
- Maintain an arm's length distance from staff, voters, and other observers
- Respect the right of voters to cast a secret ballot
- Address questions and suggestions to process supervisors when observing at the Department's office or warehouse
- Feel free to take notes while observing elections processes
- Minimize conversation and avoid making loud or disruptive noises
- Visit our live streaming page at sfelections.org/observe to observe remotely

While serving as an Observer, please DO NOT:

- Impede or disrupt the work of Department staff or poll workers
- Enter restricted areas unless accompanied by a Department supervisor
- Damage equipment seals or break caution tape
- Touch voting equipment, ballots, or ballot boxes
- Approach staff with persistent questioning or unreasonable demands
- Use Department equipment, including phones, computers, copiers or tables
- Eat or drink near Department equipment, especially ballot processing and ballot tabulation equipment
- Use recording equipment, including cell phones, without permission
- Engage in electioneering within 100 feet of any polling place, including the City Hall Voting Center and San Francisco State University (SFSU) Voting Center
- Wear the uniform of a police officer or security personnel
- Directly challenge a voter (all challenges must be presented to the Director)

Rights and Responsibilities for Observers are pursuant to California Secretary of State County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #18116 dated May 11, 2018.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____