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Dear Sirs:

We are sending this letter to detail incidents that occurred during the course of the day on June 30, at the Precinct 159 polling place located at NW Expressway & Council Road, where we were assigned to work. We were both trained and certified on June 19th, in person, at the Oklahoma County Election Board. Holmes also completed Inspector training that day.

It is our observation that Precinct 159 appeared over-assigned with five workers present. The inspector therefore considered us alternates. Throughout the day, we witnessed and/or experienced the following violations:


- A voter presented a picture of her license on a cell phone and it was accepted as a form of ID because the inspector and judge refused to go through the provisional ballot request process;
- The judge verbally expressed to voters and workers that provisional ballots are not counted, that the Election Board "just tells us that as a legal protocol," and that it would take an hour and half to complete the provisional ballot process;
- The inspector and judge had inappropriate political conversations at the polls near the voter registry;
- The inspector and judge denied a voter the right to complete a provisional ballot;
- The inspector utilized a phone other than the phone provided by the Election Board as the official time count for closing the polls until corrected by Ms. Holmes;
- The judge and inspector began taking down election signage 40 minutes before the polls closed, and attempted to force us to take down outside election signs two hours before the polls were to close;
- Protocols governing issues with the voting machine were not followed. For about 10-15 minutes, the machine displayed a paper jam error and would not allow other ballots to be cast. Instead of collecting the ballots and placing them in the emergency bin so that voters would not have to wait to have their ballots cast, they tinkered with the device to figure out the problem; and we were not asked to sign any of the boxes that contained the raw ballots nor were we asked to sign anything on the ballot machine receipts.

These behaviors represent serious violations of the laws governing a person's right to vote.

As a possible solution to avoid similar occurrences in the future, we are asking the Oklahoma State Election Board to consider annual continuing education training for all poll workers to ensure that every worker possesses accurate information on properly conducting elections. We were told numerous times by the judge and inspector at our location that "they had been doing this for 20 years." Each time we reminded them of the protocols taught in training, the inspector and judge became frustrated and dismissed what was said because of their prior experience.

We also respectfully request to meet with you regarding steps to register a complaint against the behaviors witnessed that day and would appreciate feedback on your reaction to what happened and how we can prevent this in the future.

Thanking you in advance for your help.



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