



# Shasta Election Times

SHASTA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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## ELECTIONEERING

“Electioneering” means the visible display or verbal communication of information to promote a candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of the polling site.

There are many forms of electioneering. These are the most common forms.

- Wearing a garment, sticker, button, etc. in support of candidate or ballot measure
- Distributing, carrying, posting political literature, posters, banners, etc.
- Speaking to anyone on the subject of marking the ballot

### Remind Voters: No Electioneering

You must post a “No Electioneering” sign 100 feet away from the polling site in each direction (left, right, across the street etc.) The Registrar of Voter Emergency Responder (ROVER) will have a twine to measure 100 feet, which is approximately 35 steps.

### What should a poll worker do?

If there are people who are electioneering, please remind them that the California Elections Code Section 18370 states that no one may attempt to influence voters within 100 feet of a polling site entrance. Kindly ask electioneers to relocate outside these boundaries.

Remove any posted campaign signs within 100 feet of the entrance of the polling site. Call the election’s office and write an incident report.

If a voter walks into your polling site wearing a garment, sticker, or button that indicates a candidate or measure, please ask him or her to cover the article. If a person refuses, call your ROVER for directions.

Always remain clam. Try to keep the situation from getting worse when asking those engaged in electioneering to stop the activity.



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As a poll worker you must be impartial and not express any personal opinions about any candidate or measure on the ballot. You must remain neutral, nonpartisan and cannot take sides on any issue or try to persuade anyone to vote a certain way.

## Test Your Knowledge

<p><b>What if...</b></p> <p><b>A person leaves a pencil in the voting booth with a candidate's name on it urging voters to vote for a particular candidate.</b></p>	<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>This constitutes electioneering. You should remove the pencil from the voting booth.</p>
<p><b>What if...</b></p> <p><b>A voter walks into a polling site wearing a shirt with the "Rock the Vote" message on it.</b></p>	<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>Because such a shirt does not advocate voting for or against a particular candidate or measure, it's not considered electioneering and you do not have to take any actions.</p> <p>If the shirt had a statement for or against something or someone on the ballot, it would not be allowed within 100 feet of the site. In that case, you would need to politely ask the voter to cover it up or turn the shirt inside out. <b>Remember</b> to never ask the person to take their shirt off.</p>
<p><b>What if...</b></p> <p><b>There is a sign posted in the window of the building next door to the polling site encouraging the public to vote for Measure Z.</b></p>	<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>This only constitutes electioneering if it is within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling site. You should politely ask those who posted the sign to take it down if it is within 100 feet of the entrance of the site. If you encounter any difficulties in communicating with the owner, please call your ROVER for assistance.</p>



### Staff Spotlight: Kathy Bair

One of the most welcoming people in our office is Kathy, also known as KB. She came on as Extra-Help in 2006 and hired permanently in February of 2007. Her co-workers respect her because of her strong work ethics. She heads the voter registration desk. Filled with pride, KB ensures each voter registration form is entered into our system correctly. She feels honored to be part of the process that allows a voter's voice to be heard.

She has a passion for gardening, reading and playing Scrabble. KB likes to play Scrabble with her husband because she can beat him. Every time! Did you pick up on her sense of humor?

