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NOTICE

Attendance at the Board's verification canvass shall be limited to the following:

- Board employees
- Representatives of the State Board of Elections, the U.S. Attorney, the Illinois Attorney General and the Cook County State's Attorney
- Pollwatchers authorized pursuant to Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of the Election Code
- Members of the news media with special media credentials

Authorized pollwatchers include representatives of (a) candidates (i.e., persons whose names were eligible to be printed on the ballot in the City of Chicago); (b) established political parties; (c) qualified organizations who registered with the Board at least 40 days before the election (see list attached); and (d) organized groups of proponents or opponents of a ballot proposition.

Pollwatchers must present a completed Consolidated Pollwatcher Credential (Form 242CC). Such credential must be authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the candidate, the chairman of the State or county political party committee or the president of the qualified organization, as the case may be. The Pollwatcher Credential shall be checked for "Official Canvass of Vote Returns."

The verification canvass shall be conducted at fifty (50) stations (one per Ward). Candidates shall be entitled to have two (2) pollwatchers per station; established political parties shall be entitled to have one (1) pollwatcher per station at a primary election, and two (2) pollwatchers per station at a general election; and qualified organizations shall be entitled to have one (1) pollwatcher per station.

Persons authorized to attend the verification canvass may observe the proceedings; they may not touch any election materials. Photographs and filming will be permitted provided that such activity does not interrupt or delay the process. Board employees will conduct their duties without delay; they will not stop or slow down the performance of their duties simply to allow photographs or filming or to answer questions from pollwatchers or observers. Board employees shall refer questions, problems or requests to a Supervisor.

Board employees/supervisors are not giving consent to have their conversations audio recorded.

Requests for copies of any materials shall be made in writing to the Board's Freedom of Information Officer (consult the Board's web site at www.chicagoelections.com).

Any person who is disorderly or who, in the judgment of the Board, unreasonably disrupts the verification canvass may be removed.