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By email to: All Kansas county election officers

Re: ACLU Kansas Election Protection Program



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Dear County Election Officer,

I am writing to inform you that the ACLU of Kansas, with support from the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, will once again be providing assistance to voters through a nonpartisan election protection program during the upcoming 2026 General Election. Building off the success of our program for the August 2026 Primary Election, we will be assigning volunteers to voting locations in several counties to conduct nonpartisan election protection activities and direct voters experiencing issues at the polls to call our non-partisan 866-OUR-VOTE hotline.

We are writing in advance of the General Election with two goals. First, we hope to advise you about the details of our program so that you can prepare and train your poll workers about our presence and role at the polls. Second, we invite you to be in touch with us in advance of the election to ask questions, raise concerns, and address any issues before our program rolls out on Election Day.

As a reminder, our Election Protection volunteers will be identifiable by wearing a name tag, shirt, button, and/or by using a sign advertising the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline. These volunteers are there to offer non-partisan information about voting and direct voters to the hotline. They are not there to interfere with elections, or to demand information from voters. To that end, our volunteers are trained (1) to remain outside the active voting area and (2) that if a voter declines their assistance, such declination ends the conversation. Please be advised that an Attorney General opinion has interpreted the state electioneering law to allow non-partisan Election Protection volunteers to be within 250 feet of the entrance to polling locations as our volunteers are not engaged in electioneering as defined by the statute.

Volunteers will be assigned to voting locations toward the end of October. If a volunteer has been assigned to a voting location in your county, we will follow up by the end of October with an additional letter to advise you of those anticipated locations. Please note, our volunteers may move about during the day depending on voter volume at specific locations. Please inform election workers in your county about our program, how to recognize our volunteers, and that our volunteers are allowed to be within 250 feet of



the entrance to the polling location but that they will not be inside the areas where the voting is taking place.

Finally, during past elections, having a direct line of communication to the county election officer's office has helped us resolve voting problems and avoid unnecessary escalation of issues called into our hotline. If the designated contact for your office has changed since the August Primary, please let me know. Please also let us know if your polling locations for Election Day have changed from the polling locations for election day during the August Primary.

It is our hope that our program can supplement the resources already provided by poll workers and your office, and that our offices can work collaboratively in the run up to the election and on Election Day to ensure all qualified individuals are able to cast their ballots. We appreciate your time and all of the great work you do your work to administer fair elections in your county. Please do not hesitate to contact me at loreilly@aclukansas.org or 913-490-4107, should you have any questions.

We are looking forward to working with you this election season.

Kind regards,
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