

August 17, 2022

By email: All County Election Officials

Re: Follow up on Election Protection program



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Dear County Election Official and Election Office Staff:

Although we know that many of you remain busy with certification and recount work, we wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation of your efforts to ensure a smooth, safe, and fair August 2, 2022 election, and to follow up on the results of our Election Protection program that day.

Our nonpartisan Election Protection program, run by the ACLU of Kansas, Loud Light, Stinson LLP, and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, engaged more than 100 volunteers on the ground across 22 counties. The 866-OUR-VOTE hotline, staffed by volunteer attorneys with Stinson LLP and the ACLU of Kansas, handled over 200 calls from voters throughout the state, and assisted voters with everything from providing the voter's correct polling location to alerting election officials of the need for curbside voting. The ACLU of Kansas Legal Department also worked closely with many county election officials and election staff to collaboratively resolve issues, including instances of electioneering, long lines, broken election equipment, provisional ballot issues, and more. We are grateful for the partnership that we had with you, the Secretary of State's Office, and the voters in Kansas to ensure that everyone who was qualified to vote could cast their ballot in an election that saw record turnout and voter engagement.

As we look ahead to the November General Election, we invite you to share feedback with us about the Election Protection program and how we can continue to work collaboratively with you and your office. Please let us know if you would like to set up a zoom meeting to discuss. We already have meetings set with numerous county election officials, and are looking forward to those conversations.

We will reach out again in early October to inform you about our plans for the Election Protection program in November. Based on feedback we received on Election Day and in the weeks since, we will commit to providing you in advance with a copy of the polling locations at which we expect to have volunteer poll observers, so that you may notify your staff in advance of their presence and the rules surrounding their engagement with voters. We will also provide you with a copy of the identification name badge and sign our volunteers will have on them when they show up for their poll

observer shift. If you are able to communicate to your poll workers the details of our program in advance of the November election, we would appreciate it.

Thank you again for your work in this state on behalf of all voters. We appreciate it and look forward to working with you again in November.

Kind regards,



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