

County/City Patric Observers Steve & Rose Quinney, Pam Sinek

Date of interview 8-31-2021 Registrar Susan Taylor

Before the Interview - Record the time and date of your call and email, and if the meeting is not set immediately, the time and date of their response

a) Time and date of initial call and email: 10:30AM 8-26-2021
 b) Time and date of response: same
 c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes
 d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: No X

The Interview - Thank the Registrar for agreeing to see you. State that the purpose of the observation program is to provide voters with accurate information about the election process. Emphasize how important you think his/her role is in ensuring that everyone in the county sees the elections here are free, fair and legitimate.

First, we have a few general questions.

1. What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
public safety in court, the election can be thrown to public
 Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

2. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

3. If no, what is missing?
 4. The county election board is supposed to consist of 2 Democrats and a Republican under a Democrat governor, but in some areas, boards have had trouble finding willing Republicans and have appointed an Independent instead, or another Democrat. What is the situation in this county?
 Two Democrats and a Republican
 Two Democrats and an Independent
 Three Democrats
 Other: _____

5. What about precinct staff? Are you able to have equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans? (please check one, then provide any relevant detail on right side of this box)
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
election officials don't indicate party bias and collect info
may be more Republican

<p>18. a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused</p> <p><i>Special code per machine</i></p>	<p>b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated? <i>hard drive which is not available for data input</i></p>
<p>Many changes in election procedures were introduced in response to the COVID pandemic, and some people have argued that these changes weakened the integrity of the election process.</p>	
<p>19. As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Virginia in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity? <input type="checkbox"/> weakened integrity. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> made no change <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused</p> <p><i>do some processes need in ballot are more vulnerable. should be reviewed for greater security</i></p>	<p>a. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Virginia? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused</p>
<p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?</p>	
<p>21. Effective Jul 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1097, eliminated requirements for voters to have a witness signature on absentee ballots for any election during a declared state of emergency. The Governor has now rescinded the state of emergency. How are you training your staff to ensure that there is a signature match for the upcoming elections? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with address - <input type="checkbox"/> in VA don't have capability to match <input type="checkbox"/> for witness signature <input type="checkbox"/> program - <input type="checkbox"/> Chief to make sure program <input type="checkbox"/> There is a lot of concern in Virginia and across the country about the security and integrity of the ballot drop boxes. What are the chain of custody procedures for ballot drop boxes? <input type="checkbox"/> drop in Registrar office and in pollings place on Election Day</p>	
<p>22. Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused</p>	<p>23. <i>NA</i></p>
<p>24. Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review? <input type="checkbox"/> Person (title) responsible: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused</p> <p><i>NA</i></p>	

To strengthen public confidence in the integrity of elections, we hope to expand our observation efforts, and have a few questions about election pages, non-partisan observers, and party observers.

25. Would you provide training and support, or designate us to provide training and support, for an election day page program as described in 24.2-604.3? *Yes*
have been doing it since 2012
Sept 2020

26. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives, as described in 24.2-604.5 A? *Yes*
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations? *Yes*
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
would need guidelines by election

28. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots? *No*
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

29. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers? *No*
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
election day guide
 b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law? *No*
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

30. Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)
 Helpful
 Polite
 Defensive
 Unhelpful
 Antagonistic

To the survey team: Thank you for all you have done and will do to ensure a free and fair election in Virginia. Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.

Thank you. The survey is complete now. We deeply appreciate your time today, and look forward to keeping in touch as we go through the 2021 state elections. (If you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).