

CFFE Registrar Survey Form - 8/3/21

County/City Loudoun

Observers Lipika, Amy, Loretta

Date of interview 08/23/21 Registrar Judy Brown

*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: 08/03/21 (call + email) 2nd call 08/17/21  
 b) Time and date of response: Spoke same day  
 c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes      No X  
 d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: Not applicable

*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.*

What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

1. The pandemic (masks will be mandated inside for the workers and voters). Judy is not aware of any mask mandate outside  
 Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

2. NO

Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?

3. Yes Absolutely  
 No       
 Don't know       
 No answer/refused

If no, what is missing?

4. N/A

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?

5. Two Democrats and a Republican ✓ County has 3, State-level has 5  
 Two Democrats and an Independent       
 Three Democrats       
 Other:

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)

6. Yes For 2021 election 800 election officers required  
 No      Currently 793 (R) and 1268 (D)  
 Don't know       
 No answer/refused

Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?

7. Year round Monthly meetings on 1st Thursday of the month.  
 Mostly near elections      Next meeting Sept 9th (accommodate board member)  
 Don't know       
 No answer/refused

*Thank you. Now a few questions on the voter roll.*

When was the last time the voter file in your county was scrubbed or cleaned? (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: annually. However Dec 2020 State reviews NCOA  
 No. of days since last audit: in Dec 2020 and purged July 06/26. 2021 review  
 done 07/02/21

- a. Does the Health Department/coroner/or Bureau of Vital Statistics send a list of deceased people to your office every month so they can be removed from the voter roll?

9. Yes  
 No

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If no, how often do they send a list? \_\_\_\_\_

10. When was the last time the Clerk of Courts submitted a list of individuals who declined to serve on jury not required in VA but  
duty on the basis of being a non-citizen? 2017 did one review for last 7 yrs (20150 purged). PTO

11. When was the last time you had access to the National Change of Address List or any other change of  
address list? (record date and other list(s), if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_

July 2nd, 2021

a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

12. No \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?

How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address?

13. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP) — (Judge was uncomfortable)

No Report can be generated because no data

During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?

14. Do not because per State Code burden of proof is on the individual.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections.

There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?

15. Unisyn only

Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?

16. in-house maintenance. Logic & accuracy conducted by election officers (equal representation)

Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

17. No \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

18. No Never Unisyn is never connected (non-verbal  
gesture nervous, blinking continuously)

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?

Before hand (very hesitant)

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.

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?

19. weakened integrity. \_\_\_\_\_

strengthened integrity \_\_\_\_\_

made no change X

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

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?

20. Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for? Grant (265,355,362) from Center for Tech & Civic Life used for early voting supplies, sample ballots, voter education, early voting equipment, staffing.

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



21. the state of emergency. How are you training your staff to ensure that there is a signature match for the upcoming elections? *Staff is aware, emergency is over (that was temporary)*

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? *see additional VA Ballot Drop Retrieval document. 1 person has key and another the bag in separate vehicle.*

Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?

23. Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *Not applicable because all drop boxes were at libraries monitored by staff.*

Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?

Person (title) responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *Not applicable.*

*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.*

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?

25. Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *Already have a robust page program of over 130 people.*

Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?

26. Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *case by case has to be authorized by electoral board.*

Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?

27. Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *case by case (would not commit to a definitive answer).*

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?

28. Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *Jody said "No." but Ricky said "yeah they will pop in and out both parties know about this!"*

a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers? *follow up question which party popped in? - don't know [Ricky]*

29. Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐ *(go to b.)*

b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ No answer/refused ☐

*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).*

Post survey question - Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)

30. 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.

# 10. Judy asked for a <sup>2021</sup> review & Electoral Board approved in April  
then closes to the time the Board declined 2 to 1.