Poll Watcher Rules and Regulations

1. All Watchers must be registered voters in Chester County

2. Not more than one Watcher for each Candidate is permitted in the polling place during the hours of the election.

3. Watchers are permitted to enter the polling place after the polls are closed; to observe closing procedures in their entirety.

4. Watchers must remain at least six (6) feet from the election officers’ table and the voting units. This is the “enclosed space”.

5. Watchers are in the polling place to watch, they are NOT to disturb voters or election officers, nor to disrupt the voting process.

6. Watchers may not assist the election officers with any of their duties. They may not approach the table or handle any forms, paperwork, supplies or equipment.

7. Watchers must be ready to show their certificates to an election official. If a Watcher does not have a certificate, he/she may not be inside the polling place. Certificates are issued by Voter Services only.

8. Only when there are no voters present in the polling place, may a Certified Poll Watcher, upon request, inspect the Numbered List of Voters Books. A precinct official must supervise this procedure.

9. Cell phone use is prohibited inside the polling location. Watchers must leave the precinct to use the phone.

10. Watchers may use electronic equipment to manage their lists. Access to a power outlet and / or wifi is not guaranteed nor should be expected. All sound should be muted at all times. Please prepare accordingly.

11. The use of any recording device inside the precinct is strictly prohibited. Violators will be removed immediately and risk legal consequences, which may include criminal sanctions and permanent denial of future poll watcher certificates.

PRIMARY ELECTION WATCHER CERTIFICATES INCLUDE:

- Each Candidate is entitled to have two (2) Watchers for each precinct in which said candidate is running for office.
- Two (2) Poll Watchers per Candidate may be present during opening and closing of polls.

GENERAL ELECTION WATCHER CERTIFICATES INCLUDE:

- Each Political Party is entitled to have three (3) Watchers for each precinct.
- Each Candidate is entitled to have two (2) Watchers for each precinct in which said candidate is running for office.
- Two (2) Poll Watchers per Candidate/Three(3) per Party may be present during opening and closing of polls.

POLL WATCHERS MUST CHECK-IN WITH THE JUDGE OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE A BADGE.