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From: Bill O’Neill, Registrar of Voters
Subject: Coronavirus Response

Candidates, Campaigns, Parties, and Public:

I would like to share with you the current status of Registrar of Voters’ operations as we balance our duty to complete the canvass of the March 3 Presidential Primary Election with our responsibility to help safeguard the health of our employees and the community.

We continue to work to process ballots and audit the election by the April 1 deadline, examine initiative petitions, and maintain voter registration records. However, our office is closed to the general public until further notice.

The current exception to this public closure is the observation of election-related activities. If you wish to come to our office to observe the canvass, please contact us first at 530-621-7480 to make an appointment. Our goal is to certify by EOD March 20, 2020.

Also, to ensure transparency of our operations while still stemming health risks, we will limit observation at any given time to one representative of a candidate, campaign or political party, pursuant to the authority provided in Elections Code section 15104(b). We will limit the total number of observers to four at one time. To the maximum extent possible, we will request all observers to practice social distancing.

If you are ill, we ask that you please stay at home. If you are exhibiting symptoms you will be asked to leave.

If you have petitions to drop off or have any questions about our new emergency observation procedures, please contact Bill O’Neill in our office at 530-621-7480 to schedule a drop off appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Bill O’Neill
Registrar of Voters
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