

Multnomah County Elections Enhanced Observer Agreement for Political Parties

Multnomah County Elections (MCE) strives to make all processes as transparent and observable as possible for all elections that it conducts while maintaining the security of ballots and integrity of the election. The enhanced observation program's goal is to provide improved access to election processes that by their nature are difficult to observe up close by large groups of people. The challenge is to provide this enhanced observation while still preserving the security of the ballots and integrity of the election.

MCE has invited each officially established political party to participate in this program. The parties were asked to provide the names of observers that will fulfill this role. All enhanced observers will be required to participate in a training session with MCE staff to establish ground rules and expectations for enhanced observation. One observer at a time from each party that participates in the training will be allowed to observe processes in areas that are normally off limits to most observers as long as the identified observers have signed both the regular Observer Agreement and the Enhanced Observer Agreement. If any enhanced observer for a party violates any of the rules contained in either document, that party will not be able to participate in enhanced observation for the remainder of the current election cycle.

The areas that will be available for enhanced observation are:

Blue Room – One enhanced observer will be allowed into the blue room

Basement (Opening Boards) – Enhanced observer will be allowed to walk around the opening boards to view ballot extraction and the ballot preparation at the opening boards.

Red Room – Observers will be allowed to be present in the Red Room during the public tests and review all test results.

Observers will not be able to talk directly to the staff involved in handling ballots in any of these areas. Observers should direct questions or comments to the observer monitor in a way that does not disrupt the process or distract the elections workers from their tasks. Should an observer become disruptive to the process, the Director of Elections will make a decision as to whether to exclude the party from enhanced observation.

By signing this I agree to abide by all rules and policies contained herein. I understand that failure to do so could end my Party's enhanced observation.

Printed Name

Party

Signature

Date