

Election Observer Training

Clallam County Elections will be hosting their annual political party observer training on **July 8, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.** in the Elections Center, basement of the Courthouse, Port Angeles.

In support of open, transparent and accessible elections, each year the Clallam County Auditor's Office offers observer training for the major political parties and the public. No person shall serve as a political party observer unless he or she has received this training, which is offered once during each election cycle.

Election observer training provides an overview of the elections process, ballot processing, including the inspection process and the ballot counting equipment and an introduction to the basic rules of conduct expected of all observers.

Every election, the political parties assign certified citizens to witness various elections processes. From witnessing signature verification to inspection boards, the certified observer serves as a witness to ensure that voted ballots are counted as the voter intended, that no properly voted ballot is removed from the election process without authorization of the County Canvassing Board, and no other ballot is added to, or substituted for the legitimately voted ballots, except to duplicate damaged ballots. All political party observers shall also serve to witness the action of the other observers.

While it is the duty of the political parties to appoint their observers, we also invite the general public to attend even though they might not be assigned as an official observer.

In order to gauge interest and accommodate participants, please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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