

My comment:

The Registrar of Voters has stated that nothing needs to be changed in the Ventura County elections process for the 2024 elections.

So why is she making the change stated above that “virtual election observation”, or cameras, “are no longer available”.

The 10 video cameras were put in place as part of the Covid 19 mandates. Those cameras allowed elderly people and others unable to travel to Ventura to observe the Elections Division processes,

Why are we taking out the cameras and leaving in all the VBMs, tabulators, software and printers that were also put in place as part of the mandate?

Please leave the cameras in place with all the other equipment and allow citizens to observe the election process from home.

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County Clerk County Recorder Elections

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 01/12/24: DEM 323,057 REP 144,918 NONPARTISAN 102,308 OTHER 39,727 TOTAL 610,010

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## Election Observation

Elections are a public process and open for observation. Transparency is very important to the Elections Division to ensure voters have confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the election results.

### Election Observer Guidelines

Attached are guidelines that cover the observation of public election processes in the Election Division. These guidelines ensure adherence to the Elections Code and prevent any disruption or break in election security.

The guidelines for public observation covers preparation, voting, ballot processing, ballot tabulation, and canvass. Additional guidelines may be in effect for specific events, such as recounts.

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At the bottom of the Election Observation web page is the following statement:

“Please Note: February 7, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 223-017 to end the Emergency Order for COVID-19 on February 28, 2023.

Accommodations made for the public during the Emergency Order are no longer in place including **virtual election observation**. For more information on observing elections in person, please call (805) 654-2664.”