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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #23091

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Robbie Anderson  
Election Counsel

RE: Regulations: Election Observations Rights and Responsibilities

The Secretary of State has submitted proposed regulations to the Office of Administrative Law which provide for election observations rights and responsibilities. The regulations provide requirements for observers and elections officials to follow.

### **Written Comment Period: September 29, 2023 – November 13, 2023**

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments pertaining to the text of the proposed regulations. The Secretary of State will accept written comments on the proposed regulations from September 29, 2023, to November 13, 2023. The Secretary of State will consider only comments received at the Secretary of State's office by that date. No hearing date has been scheduled; however, any interested person, or their authorized representative, can submit a written request for a public hearing no later than 5:00 p.m., on October 29, 2023.

Following the close of the written comment period, the Secretary of State, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals provided by the public or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be made available by our office for 15 days prior to its adoption and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Copies of the notice of proposed regulations, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons and can be accessed through the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/proposed-regulations/>.

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