

**Testimonials from Poll Workers and Voters in LA County
about the CA Primary on June 7, 2016**

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Enter the name or address of your polling location, or if applicable, "Vote by Mail"	Please select the most accurate description of yourself on June 7.	Tell us your story (i.e. your 1 min. public testimony)
Mark Twain Middle School, Venice	1. Poll inspector	<p>1) as an inspector, I was told I would receive supplemental pages to my roster of voters by mail or Fedex. I didn't. This resulted in MANY provisional ballots.</p> <p>2) I was told in writing I had 2 (!!!) poll workers. At the training I was told that's because they were still recruiting more. However, the night before the election, when I called my 2 people, one didn't answer the phone and subsequently was a no-show, the other one called me back after we had spoken to inform me she had been reassigned to another precinct. Result: I had NO pollworkers at my precinct, which caused me having to huddle setting up my tables, machines etc. ALONE!!! My "controller" came to assist, BUT he only could do so much, and when 7am came around, I was NOT ready, which resulted in MORE provisional ballots. The pollworker who I had spoken with the night before convinced her new inspector that I needed her and she came back.</p> <p>3) I had a high number of provisionals</p> <p>4) even though I myself had applied online for a mail-in ballot because I would not be at my own precinct, I NEVER received one, so I voted provisionally. I had a number of voters tell me the same: they NEVER received their mail-in ballot!</p> <p>5) the ballot box machine when set up required a password that we were NOT instructed about and no one knew the password. Again, this caused delays in starting in time = more provisional ballots.</p> <p>6) the regular ballots have to be counted and put in a box that gets sealed before drop-off. But the envelopes with mail-in and provisional ballots don't get sealed. WHY????</p> <p>I'm appalled about this and truly think many things were wrong.</p>
1280 E. Washington St. Pasadena CA 91104	2. Poll inspector	<p>Many people in my precinct were marked as vote by mail, but had no knowledge of signing up for VBM. Many voters never saw their VBM in the mail. This issue mostly affected elderly, non-english speakers, and first time voters. Many of the voters who were forced to vote provisionally were listed on the lavender supplemental sheets</p>

		<p>for new vote by mail names sent to me the weekend before the election. Per the rules, Inspectors must mark each name on the official roster with VBM. So if I simply hadn't marked their names, many voters, including elderly people who've voted in person for decades, would've voted normally, instead of provisionally.</p> <p>I'm a first time poll worker. I'm deeply disturbed by the overall disorganization and lack of oversight, specifically in regards to training inspector poll workers. There is no system in place to ensure that every inspector completes the in person and online training. Worse yet is that there is literally no screening or vetting process for inspectors, besides a three minute call with the registrar's office. We're given a bunch of loose papers, but no binder to promote organization. We're given wordy and detailed booklets, but no highlighter to promote note taking or due-diligence. That doesn't even mention the fact that all the sensitive election materials are sitting in our sheds and basements. My coordinator didn't even get her assignment until 24 hours before polls opened. Inspectors are in charge of the people's right to vote. When there is a severe lack of oversight with placing inspectors, then there is no way to that we can that every vote is cast correctly and voided later on due to incorrect procedures. It's undemocratic and unethical to place unskilled and unvetted inspectors in completely in charge of this process. This system is broken and we must start with the most basic step -- vetting inspectors and ensuring that they complete mandatory orientations before they're given the keys to an entire precinct.</p>
Vote by Mail at Norwalk	3. Poll inspector	<p>As poll inspector, I was understaffed & left without help to staff my location, which I had to do on my own the night before. Voters were disenfranchised by names missing from roster [even those whose status & polling location was verified on lavote.net], vote by mail ballots they never received [& switch to VBM they never authorized] and party preference being changed without their consent. Some fought to fill out provisional ballots, while others felt completely hopeless and left [especially a family of 4 who were listed under Peace + Freedom, a party they had never heard of]. I also had a ballot rejected from the PBR for "invalid ballot card", which made no sense... as it was the ballot they handed out. If the voter didn't have time to fill out a second ballot, she feared her vote wouldn't count in Norwalk either. Biggest concern, as inspector, came at the end of the night when my election summary reports were wrong. The crossover Dem ballot report read ZERO... it didn't count any of them. Oddly enough, the NP summary read 40, instead of 1, the correct number of ballots. My best guess is that they</p>

		<p>somehow got added together... leaving out the voters' choices for President... during a Presidential Primary!!!! I was horrified... & I didn't want to sign it, knowing this reeked of election fraud. My supervisor had no advice & told me to use my best discretion. The tweets back from Dean Logan of my concerns were that ballots were simply counted in Norwalk and nothing on site really mattered. However, with CA Secretary of State actively campaigning for Hillary Clinton, seeing obvious negligence that always benefited her felt very problematic and disheartening. And brushing it off, knowing media optics that night [& the night before] being what they were going to be, this didn't give voters [or myself] the confidence their voices mattered.</p>
<p>First Methodist Church</p>	<p>4. Poll inspector</p>	<p>First thing I did on Election Day (as I always do) I turned on the ballot reader, it requested a password which I've never had to enter in the many years I've served as A poll inspector. Worst of it all, no one above me knew the password. In the training I attended no one mentioned such a critical part so It was definitely a surprise to so many of us. Since the ballot reader was not ready to receive ballots at 7am we had to ask the first few voters to vote provisionally. None of them were happy to do this but because I didn't know when the ballot readers would be ready, they agreed. Through out the day the ballot reader froze which prompted me to turn it off and twice it turned off on its own while we had voters in the booths. Those voters that were done and couldn't wait for the PBR to turn back on had to submit their ballot manually bypassing the reader. On top of it all, we had two precincts in the same 15x15 room with no A/C which pissed off many voters as they had to vote elbow to elbow. I've never experienced such chaos! Another consistent complaint we had all day from voters was that their voting status was not reflected on the roster therefore causing them to vote provisionally. I've never experienced such confusion, chaos, and dissatisfaction with our voting system. I myself was very disappointed and extremely uncomfortable with having to face many angry voters. I've done this for so many years that frankly I don't want to volunteer in the future as I no longer believe in it. I feel that this last election process was such a prank that's so embarrassing!! In this country with the technology we have, I find it so hard to believe that we can't find a better system to accurately account for votes. This just saddens me!!</p>
<p>Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Sun Valley CA</p>	<p>5. Poll inspector</p>	<p>I was the poll inspector at a precinct in Sun Valley, Ca. I was incredibly disheartened to find a large percentage of young voters were not on the roster, or on the blue supplemental pages. They provided the sample ballot that was sent to them in the</p>

		<p>mail, with instructions to vote at our polling location and precinct number. I contacted our coordinator about the problem, and I was instructed to give provisional ballots to anyone who was not on my roster, regardless of proof of registration. By the end of the day, over 30% of the ballots cast in my precinct were provisional. Those votes need to be counted before we assign delegates. May I also note, that when the materials for the election were delivered to me, no one even asked to see my ID. I could have been anyone!</p>
<p>American Legion Post 465</p>	<p>6. Poll inspector</p>	<p>My name is Marcia Martin and I was a poll inspector at precinct #0800013A in Bell Gardens on election day .</p> <p>Issues I experienced at my poll were: (For the sake of time I will only list my most common problems)</p> <p>1)My biggest problem occurring with most frequency, were voters who were listed as Vote-By-Mail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Some did not know of their status, many claimed they never signed up for it. -The majority of Vote By Mail Voters at my poll claimed they never received the ballot in the mail. <p>2)Secondly, Many People who were at the correct precinct poll & were not on my voter roster or supplemental roster. This included voters who had voted in recent previous elections and had not changed address.</p> <p>3)Thirdly, People who appeared under a different political party all of a sudden. Again, most of these were seasoned voters, a few of them had been democrats for decades.</p> <p>All of the above people had to vote provisionally, making up 22% of all votes cast In my precinct.</p> <p>4) I was also short staffed.</p> <p>5)In person Training for Poll Inspector was inadequate & extremely rushed.</p> <p>I signed up because I heard there was a shortage of poll workers & aware of the 1.5 million new voters registered in California since Jan, I was concerned that the polls would be overwhelmed with long lines. I did experience lines all day long, but the problems that presented themselves were more serious. Instead I experienced many other issues all of which were brought to the attention election officials at least one month in advance and were not resolved or even addressed.</p> <p>Trust in the Election Process is Central to a Democracy. Without this trust, True Democracy CANNOT exist. What happened on election day is unacceptable.</p> <p>(1 min 30 seconds)</p>

VOTE BY MAIL	7. Poll inspector	<p>OUR VOTES COUNT by DOMINIC DANIEL MANANES (LA County Poll Inspector)</p> <p>We stand here today to save what we have left of our impaired democratic process.</p> <p>A democracy can be identified as a political system for choosing and replacing government through free and fair elections. Was this California Primary Election free and fair?</p> <p>As a Poll Inspector, I encountered far too many discrepancies on the day of June 7th, 2016. A handful of long-time registered Democrats came to my location wondering why their party had switched all of a sudden. Many of these voters were forced to vote provisionally.</p> <p>And I'm sure we all know about the provisional voting madness by now.</p> <p>Other voters came in with the intention to vote for ONE presidential candidate and nothing else- a common thing I've seen through the years. Last Tuesday, I noticed when people voted for a certain Democratic presidential candidate, the machine would spit it back out with an ERROR stating "No Selection"- causing most poll workers to override it, which means the vote did not count.</p> <p>Most poll workers did not figure out the loophole around the error- which was to tell the voter to vote for at least one other item on the ballot. Elections should NOT have to be done through loopholes and trickery.</p> <p>This Primary was clearly unfair and it was NOT free. We are paying the price now with our time and we will soon be paying an even higher price if an evil Republican candidate becomes our next president.</p> <p>A true democracy should ALLOW citizens to VOTE for exactly WHO they want. A true democracy does not decide the winner before all the votes are counted correctly. We are the people, we WILL HAVE our voices heard, and we want ALL VOTES COUNTED!</p>
Vote by Mail	8. Poll inspector	<p>PBR machine broke first thing in the morning. All 5 of my clerks thought NPP voters get a Provisional ballot. I had 31 provisional ballots, a good percentage were voters who had no signed up for VBM but the roster said they now were. One was a Democrat recorded as Green in the roster after being a lifetime Dem.</p>
Inspector	9. Poll inspector	<p>I was inspector of precinct 9002307A, in the Palms area of Los Angeles. Our roster and</p>

		<p>supplemental pages were extremely short lists and didn't match my master list; my ballot reader didn't work, as well. There was a lack of communication in other instances, the code required to open the ballot reader hadn't been provided to me. However, my greatest concern was that several people in my precinct were showing me proof from lavote.net, their sample ballots, and other recent and official receipts, that my list from the Registrars Office, was not accurate at all (this included party affiliations). Angry, several people walked away from voting this day. After seeing proof from others that my list was misinformed, I'd given out the correct ballots to people, following the lead of a trouble-shooter, who had been in the same situation. Working the polls should be required like jury duty, inspectors should be notified of a trouble-shooter and their contact info. in case of issues at the polling place; poll workers should be required to receive training, and there should be a penalty/fine for last-minute cancellations.</p>
0600006A	10. Poll inspector	<p>At 7:30 am my machine stopped working. As an inspector, I was supposed to call my coordinator about this problem but throughout the day I was not able to get in touch with her. I also called the main office but they either hung up or was told to wait. As provisional ballots, new voters (NONE on the list), wrong party, vote by mail (MANY had voted in person but changed to this preference), not on list were given to these people. As many worried about whether their vote would be counted towards this election if they filled a provisional ballot, some decided not to vote. It probably was my first time as an Inspector this election, but with the help of my other poll workers, I was able to learn more things quickly. Even though we prepared everything on time, with the things mentioned above, things went downhill. I think I learned more from my team than I did from the 3 hour training because majority of them had more experience with this. I felt sorry towards my team because people had all these questions and wanted answers but majority we didn't know how to respond. One thing I was really angry about was voters going off on the poll workers. They were not responsible for the mess that happened on June 7, 2016. If they want to blame someone, they should put the blame on the actual people who were in charge of the entire election.</p>
Vote by mail	11. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>Tension all day because of the massive improper training of poll workers .. I had the handbook and referred others to that booklet if they wanted to argue about the rules .. My inspector threatened me</p>
Vote by Mail	12. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I saw MANY voters come in who's names were not on any roster, many of whom brought in</p>

		<p>mailed current paperwork with their names and information on it, many (VBM) voters who said they never received their absentee ballots in the mail, and one [Muslim] long-time active democrat (voted democrat nearby last election) who was shocked to find her party was then AIP, a party she said she didn't know about and never registered with.</p>
Clerk@ 9002913A	13. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>This was my first time as a poll-worker. My inspector said he had been doing it for 10 years, but was still quite flustered and confused at times. He could not figure out how to do the street indexing and so he said we can just forget about it, so that entire job was left vacant.</p> <p>I discovered people registered to vote twice - simultaneously in the white pages, and the blue pages. They came in and I found them with their old party affiliation in the white, but they were certain they changed to Democratic by May 23 - so I looked and then found them in the blue with Democrat. I was never taught that this could happen and figured it out on my own - I wonder how many people were denied their right to vote despite following the appropriate protocol to switch their parties by the deadline and being documented as doing so. To reiterate - they were ALWAYS changing their affiliation to Democratic.</p> <p>Many people came in who had never received VBM ballots, either because they were registered and the mail never delivered it, or because they did not ever register as VBM. Also, those who had received their VBM ballots were not properly informed on the necessity to bring them with them to the polls - they did not know they would lose their right to have their vote counted at the polls that day. I encouraged them to go retrieve it to surrender if possible - I know other poll workers did not.</p> <p>Also, people were directed to the wrong precinct, so I assisted them to find the right one, instead of just giving them a provisional without trouble-shooting. Other poll workers did not want to help the person correct the situation, and instead just handed out tons of provisionals. I find that very irresponsible and neglectful of the duties of being a poll worker.</p>
VBM	14. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>More than 300 voters (other than VBM and Provisional voters) voted at our polling place in Long Beach. A majority of the voters (in excess of 150) requested Democratic or cross-over</p>

		<p>Democratic ballots. However, our machine printed out the results for Clinton (60+) and Sanders (40+) which totaled only 110 or so Democratic votes. Thus, it appears that there were at least 40 Democratic votes that were not tallied for Clinton or Sanders.</p>
<p>1730 Corinth Ave, LA, CA 90025</p>	<p>15. Poll clerk (worker)</p>	<p>I am an inactive attorney who decided to sign up as a first time pollworker. My observations of the chaos are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training was insufficient for the amount of detailed information needed - Inspector was 15 minutes late for setup, causing people in line to leave - Our PBR machines required a password (which was not discussed in ANY training). Although we were able to get ours, the precinct we were sharing our location with NEVER turned theirs on because of it. - Rosters were clearly not updated, my address index showed a run date of May 3rd. - Numerous people were missing (even those who had all valid documentation showing they were clearly registered.) - people whose parties were not updated or were changed - people listed as Vote By mail but never signed up for it and therefore had no VBM to surrender. -About one third of our voters were issued provisional ballots as a result. - We barely had enough Democratic ballots. - An arbitrary deadline of 9:30pm was given to arrive at the drop off location prompting us to be rushed at the end of the night. Counts were not verified, and tally reports and other documents were not properly signed by all poll clerks.
<p>Pasadena 7th Day Adventist Church 1280 E. Washington Blvd Pasadena CA 91104 Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16. Poll clerk (worker)</p>	<p>I was a poll working at Pasadena 7th Day Adventist Church 1280 E. Washington Blvd Pasadena CA 91104 Fellowship Hall from 1pm -6pm filling in for someone that had not shown up.</p> <p>A 72 year old Latina woman who said it was her birthday came up to the table and said she wanted to vote however her ballot had somehow switched over to Republican for the first time in her life and she has no idea how that happened. This was one of several seniors of color who were switched to Republican and you could tell they showed up to</p>

		<p>the polls with great effort and took great pride in being able to cast a vote. A vote they felt was being taken away from them.</p> <p>Another problem a major problem I saw was mail in ballots to people that had never requested them. They were given a provisional ballot. This happened so often that I was no longer surprised by someone saying they had never requested VBM much less received one.</p> <p>So when an elderly person of color walks in with a Republican ballot saying they don't have any idea how they're ballot changed and they have trouble communicating and trouble walking you become frustrated and after about the 30th person is telling you that they didn't request a mail in ballot you know that something is very wrong.</p> <p>This was my experience in one small precinct in Pasadena in an area that is middle class and pretty well off.</p>
Coldwell Banker, 120 South Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga CA 90290	17. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I was a pollworker. Close to half of the people in our precinct were forced to vote provisionally. Problems included: 1) we did not receive a supplemental roster (our inspector finally got one by email at 6 pm after most had voted). So all of the new voters were forced to vote provisionally. 2) Many people were listed as VBM and claimed they had not requested this, and/or never received a ballot. Since they had no ballots to surrender, they were forced to vote provisionally. 3) Many were switched from Democrat to American Independent, and a couple to Peace and Freedom Party. They had not requested this change. The vast majority of these voters were furious, as they had come to vote for Bernie Sanders.</p>
Monterey Park Service Club, 440 S. McPherrin Ave, Monterey Park, CA	18. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>Incompetent polling inspector and filed formal complaint and voters changed out of their parties or to vbm and unable to vote or forced to vote provisional</p>
Vote by Mail	19. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I was encouraged and motivated to stay on my feet in Inglewood for 16 hours by a steady stream of voters. We took around 15 minutes breaks twice during that time because we were so understaffed. Having thrown in to form a team of 3 (2 clerks and 1 inspector) at 6:15am to run the precinct because 6 poll clerks who decided the night before not to show up! (Thank you very much Associated "voter suppression" Press). If I and another clerk had not promised to join the abandoned inspector to help open, run and close the poll all day long she was about to go home at 6:30am. I worked wondering how many other polls ran like a Soviet era coupon line or didn't run at all, leaving hundreds or thousands of voters with nowhere to vote. What made our job even harder</p>

		<p>was that about 1 in 5 voters, of which 80% were young voters, had been registered VBM without their knowledge. We were forced to give about 60 provisional ballots, slowing the line down to a crawl and creating extra barriers to voters who ultimately worried their vote may not be counted. The precinct next to ours had a non-operating machine and only 2 people running it until halfway through the day. This all amounted to Gulag-like working conditions with no lunch or dinner, all while being in an awkward position of asking people to fill out a form and having to reassure them, without actually being certain, that their vote would be counted.</p>
Vote by Mail	20. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>My name is Paul Mekhedjian. I served as a clerk in precinct 1040017A in Castaic, CA. Both my poll inspector and I were fully trained, but our location insufficiently staffed. Both my poll inspector and I found out we were confirmed to serve just one week before the election. When the polls opened at 7am, it was just the two of us on-site. I single handedly played the role of roster clerk, street index clerk, and ballot clerk, but that's not why I'm here.</p> <p>I believe that many of the issues brought forward to you today could have been prevented had the instructional, training documentation been thorough and quality controlled. Had these documents actually been QCed/QAed against the actual poll working experience, it would be crystal clear that many open, looming questions could have been answered and show-stopping situations averted, such as the erroneous issuance of provisional ballots to valid, cross-over friendly no party preference voters, complete lack of instructions on how to close out the ballot recorder at the end of the night, and the unnecessary tax-payer expense of cell phones (better suited for the TV series Homeland) that delivered the passwords for the ballot recorders a whole hour after we needed them on election morning.</p> <p>It honestly appears that L.A. County leaves voting up to chance and the participation of Angelenos a genuine gamble. A systematic reassessment of your archaic infrastructure is needed, as well as public transparency of any apportioned money to this end.</p>
Vote by Mail	21. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I was a poll worker for Precinct 4600006A in Sierra Madre. The poll workers I worked with were either not trained or disregarded the training they received. There were 3 issues that were problematic at my polling location: 1) The clerk with the roster did not, at first, ask each NP voter whether they wished to vote for the Dem nominee for the AI, Lib, or Dem party as required. I had to</p>

		<p>inform her that that was part of her duties and constantly had to interject to make sure that NP voters knew this was an option. 2) When a voter was listed as VbyM on the roster and didn't have the ballot/envelope to surrender, the roster clerk did not, at first, let the voter know that, if they had the ballot/envelope at home and brought it to the polling location, they could turn it in and vote as usual so their vote would be counted that night. Otherwise, they could vote provisionally, but their vote would not be counted right away. 3) If it was determined that a voter was not assigned to our polling location, the roster clerk, at first, simply offered to let them vote provisionally. I had to intervene to let the clerk know that we should 1st see if we could find the correct location so that the voter could vote there and have their vote counted that night.</p> <p>Lastly, on my lunch break I decided to check out another polling location in Sierra Madre on Laurel Ave. I witnessed a voter surrender a VbyM ballot/envelope and the clerk at the green table wanted to give the voter a provisional ballot. I identified myself as a poll worker and informed them that that was not correct procedure according to the training booklet. I made sure the voter received a regular ballot and got the assurance from the poll workers that they were clear on the procedure. However, any VbyM ballots surrendered to that location prior to my being their at noon were not handled correctly.</p> <p>I am clear that, if I had not been at my polling location that day or gone by the 2nd polling location, many errors in the voting procedures would have taken place, resulting in voters being told they need to vote provisionally when that was not the case.</p>
Raintree Condominiums	22. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I witnessed many voters who said their party affiliation was switched without their permission, or who had VBM listed they had not requested or received, ballots with single votes rejected by the machine. Some individual registered voters were not on the rolls. In the afternoon, the entire new batch of ballots we received were rejected by the machine. In the afternoon I was told by another clerk to stop giving cross-over ballots because she thought we were running out (we weren't, and I continued to give them when appropriate). My son, a new registered Democratic Party voter, went to vote at Culver City Hall with his proof of registration card, voter information booklet, and ID in hand. He was told he was not on the rolls and was given a provisional ballot.</p>
Jesus Sacred Heart Church	23. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>It was disheartening to see the amount of people voting provisionally as we saw on the day of June 7th. My inspector, Azar, was handing them out like</p>

		<p>candy discarding the fact that they can be counted up to a month later. People showed up with proof of residency/registration yet were nowhere to be found on the roster. They were told to vote provisionally. In other incidents, we had people show up on the roster as Republican but when they checked online they were registered as NPP or Democrat. They too were told to vote provisionally. Lastly, common among young voters or people who registered on the deadline--they showed up on the roster as VBM but had only received their sample ballot. Others received nothing. We had two people check their status online and a ballot had not even been sent. I did what I could to help, but the failure to justify a provisional ballot being handed to almost 65 voters of 280 in my precinct results from the lack of priority held by our Secretary of State and the registrar.</p>
<p>SAINT TERESA SCHOOL 2215 FARGO ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90039</p>	<p>24. Poll clerk (worker)</p>	<p>1) ALL of the poll workers quit the night before the June 7 primary 2) Both polling stations in our room did not receive the codes for the optical machines until after 7am and it took a while for both precincts to get optical machine to work. 3) We did not have enough people to set up the polling station by 7am and there was already a line out the door. 4) There were many people that were not on the voters list/rolls even though they brought their correct sample ballot booklet or received an email that they were registered & given the polling location, or were registered in a party they had not chosen. 5)We asked poll coordinator[?] Pradip " Fred" Kissoondial (sp?) for more Dem. ballots and it took 6 hours to get more Democratic ballots, and area poll -then he only brought the yellow demonstration ballots 6) Pradip inappropriately took me outside during the voting hours and began yelling at me that I "hung up on him" when I repeatedly called him for more ballots. He told me that "my supervisor heard you" on the phone and when I asked for the name of his supervisor Pradip Kissoondial refused to give me the name. 7)Pradip Kissoondial stated that 'NO poll workers or poll inspectors showed up at the Alessandro school polling station. 8) female poll observer came in to say our polling station was organized but that the Echo Park polling station was totally disorganized and they didn't know what they were doing. Their machines were broken, no voter rolls/lists and they were having voters only filling out provisional ballots.</p>
<p>Panoram Gardens</p>	<p>25. Poll clerk (worker)</p>	<p>As soon as we started to register people to vote, the first person who was an older female around her 50's was not found. After people kept coming</p>

		<p>in, many were in dissoray after voting for years in the same location, theyre name were not to be found and they hade to go provisional and they were very furious. By the end of the day, a quarter of the voters were provisional voters.</p>
Barrington Plaza Bldg B (Precinct 9007377A)	26. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I served as a Poll Clerk in Precinct 9007377A, located at Barrington Plaza Building B. The Inspector and two other clerks, hereon referred to as Clerk 1 and Clerk 2, were present. The student clerk was a no-show.</p> <p>I witnessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voters' poll locations being changed from what was printed on their sample ballot. When I could, I checked voters' poll locations on my phone, using lavote.net - Voters receiving direct mail from organizations such as AARP that recommended who to vote for, while listing the incorrect polling location. - Voters who I verified were at the correct poll location, but were not on our rosters, having to vote provisionally. - Voters listed as VBM without their knowledge having to vote provisionally. - Voters who did sign up for VBM, but never received anything in the mail, sometimes not even a sample ballot, having to vote provisionally. - Voters who received an NPP mail ballot surrendering it for a crossover ballot, only to find that they were not in the roster, having to vote provisionally. - Voters whose party affiliations had been switched without their knowledge having to vote provisionally. - Voters who had properly registered or re-registered by May 23rd and had proof of doing so, either not showing up in the roster or showing up with outdated registration info, having to vote provisionally. <p>At 1:22pm, I went on a 5-minute break and saw that my friend had texted me a picture of her mail ballot. It had arrived late in the week before Election Day. She opened it on Tuesday, with the intention of filling it out and mailing it before 5pm that day. She discovered that on the privacy sleeve, someone had filled in the write-in section with Hillary Clinton for President (photo included). I told her to go to her poll location and exchange it for a clean ballot. When she arrived at her correct location, she was not on the roster and had to vote provisionally.</p>
Beverly Hills Roxbury Park	27. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>I was the Roster Clerk. I witnessed: Several people issued VBM ballots that they never asked for, since they didnt bring them in they had to vote Provisional. I witnessed a voter who showed my online his registration and he was not on the roster</p>

		<p>so had to vote Provisional. People who never recieved a ballot so had to vote Provisional. People that had their party switched without thier consent so couldnt vote for their candidate of choice. We have been pollworkers for 3 previous years and there were never near this many Provisional ballots. It was approximately 25% Provisional ballots this time.</p>
Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills	28. Poll clerk (worker)	<p>On voting day I witnessed an unusually high number of the following problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -voters party affiliation changed without their knowledge, most often DEM to NPP; many lifelong DEMs were switched to NPP, a few REPs -voters changed to Vote By Mail (VBM) without their knowledge -many of same voters did not receive ballot or did not know they had to surrender their ballot in order to vote normally -voters who registered but not on register; showed registration verification and confirmed they were in right polling place -when inspector started up ballot reader it required a password. There was no mention of password in our training or in manuals. When she called for help there was no answer. We have learned of other polling places with same problem. This caused us to complete setup late after someone finally answered the phone. <p>All of this combined led to an unusually high number of Provisional ballots. This is my fourth election cycle (2 as clerk and 2 as inspector). During previous elections we had only a few Provisional ballots each time. My wife and I counted the VBMs so we recall there were 76. The Provisionals stack was easily twice as much, well over 150. We had a difficult time stuffing them all into the large envelope provided for that purpose.</p> <p>It was disheartening to be forced to tell a significant number of voters that they had to vote Provisionally. Although we all assured them their vote would be counted if they were registered we have not way of knowing this is true and to me casts doubt on the legitimacy of the outcome.</p>
1625 Marine Venue Park, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266	29. Concerned voter	<p>I am permanent Democratic vote-by-mail voter. Never received my ballot though everyone in my family did. Went to my polling location to get a ballot there to vote, saw poll workers giving provisional ballots like candy and they tried to force me to fill one out despite having confirmed my current address/party affiliation. There were no other ballots on the workers' table other than stacks of blank provisionals. Went to Norwalk LA county registrar office to figure out what was going on, was told my ballot was mailed to an old address in Japan that I haven't lived in for 2 years despite my current address being my registers</p>

		address on the CA SoS website and the poll workers confirming my current as my registered address on site. Why they thought it was best to send myballot 5,000 miles+ across the ocean when I was clearly living here and they knew it is flabbergasting.
Vote by Mail	30. Concerned voter	1. A letter was received that the signature on the ballot didn't math the registration provided. I observed the Poll Workers not offer any assistance to the voters, if they couldnt find them they just gave them a provisional ballot.
Vine Street Elementary School -955 Vine Street LA, CA 90038	31. Concerned voter	I switched my party preference to Dem well before the deadline. I verified eligibility pre-election w/ online voter verification. I received my DEM sample ballot. When I got to my polling place they tried to give me a REP ballot. At NO time did they look at another book, I didn't even know there was another book with recent party changes until recently. They REFUSED to acknowledge my online verification, I logged on to show them, and didn't seem to care that I also had my DEM sample ballot. I spoke a campaign legal team that advised me to ask the poll clerk to call the county registrar to verify eligibility, that they were legally able to do this, they REFUSED. Luckily, the legal advisor also informed me that I can cast my vote at the Norwalk registrar office on an Official Dem Ballot. This should NEVER have happened! I am outraged. I saw one other person in front of me given a provisional, because he was switched to mail in without consent, and I was only 7th in line when polls opened. How many other people were turned away because they were switched to mail in without knowledge or consent? How many other people were denied their Official Dem Ballot because the poll workers didn't check all the books? Unacceptable.
Vote by Mail	32. Concerned voter	I decided to vote by mail. My ballot did not arrive at my university address. I contacted the 800 hotline and they were unaware of an online form for crossover ballot request for NPP voters. Finally got a number to LA County and they assured me they had my university address. My ballot arrived at my permanent address in Monterey Park. Luckily, I was in town for Memorial Day weekend and was able to vote early. Had I not made multiple calls and been lucky to fly home, I would not have received my ballot before the election.
Ibarra Elementary School	33. Concerned voter	I had a mail-in ballot, and went to poling location to drop ballot off, and was told my ballot would be immediately counted that same night, but I suspect it has yet to be counted.
Tarzana Rehabilitation Center 5650 Reseda Blvd. Tarzana, ca 91356	34. Concerned voter	Registered to vote in February rec'd card and sample ballot in mail. Went on line to double check my status and found b/c letters in my name had been transposed I was not eligible to vote. I spoke with employee at registrars office and had

		<p>this corrected. I re-registered on phone with corrected name. I later rec'd voter ID card and sample ballot in mail. However was unable to find my registration when I went on line to double check. Checked again day before voting, could not pull up my registration. When I went to vote I was not on rolls. Was offered a provisional ballot. Fought with with poll workers - showed them my DL - Vot Reg card and sample ballot and was able to wear down poll worker until he gave me my Democrat ballot. So to my knowledge I DID vote. Next day I went on line to check registration and it was there. I pulled it right up. I was told later that newly registered voters in my area were simply not added to to the voter rolls at voting stations. If this is true then by my experience, we weren't included in the rolls until the day AFTER the California primary election.</p>
<p>206 W 006TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90014 Hayward Hotel Rec Room</p>	<p>35. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I was at a polling location where the ballots were stored in zip lock bags when the voting machine stopped working. On top of this the machine was not prepared at the beginning, and they attempted to give me a provisional ballots on several different circumstances. When the machine stopped working I asked if we could vote at a different location, it wasn't until I asked if it would be a provisional ballot at that location that she replied yes. The workers were not prepared, and did not open the polling location for 15 minutes after the polls opened statewide.</p>
<p>Stevenson Ranch Library</p>	<p>36. Concerned voter</p>	<p>After 21 year of continuous voting while registered at the same address, I learned that I was no longer registered when I checked online a couple months ago. I registered. I received my ballot and went to vote on voting day. I was then told I was a vote by mail person. I did not know that! I never have done that and never intend to. I called the Bernie voter hotline and learned via their checking online that I had not unchecked a box that assumed my registering was a choice to be VBM. That felt very deceitful. I feel my vote was wasted as it has not been counted and the world believes that at the end of the say when only walk in voters were counted, a candidate won!. I feel the system is rigged and I have been victimized.</p>
<p>Vote by Mail.</p>	<p>37. Concerned voter</p>	<p>After reading about all the election fraud in CA and the rest of the US in this latest election I would like to speak out on behalf of someone who has experienced voter suppression. I voted by mail, and according to secretary of state website says they recorded my vote. I am well spoken and can be there on Tuesday at 8 am to help the cause. Let the people vote; one person one vote and it should be counted fairly.</p>
<p>Stanford middle school Long beach</p>	<p>38. Concerned voter</p>	<p>just concerned that our vote is not being counted and the system is not working</p>

101 s. Atlantic blvd. alhambra ca 91801	39. Concerned voter	There was one democratic booth for my voting color block within my area at the poll. The book used to mark on the scantron was AI/Green and not democratic. The first voter of the day noticed and alerted a poll worker! A mistake that could have lost many votes!
First Babtist CHR of Alhambra 101S Atlantic Blvd Alhambra CA	40. Concerned voter	My Husband and I went to vote at our legal polling place. We're were told that we were assigned in pencil to VBM vote by mail? We are both democrats and I was listed as American Independant and my Husband Republican? The volunteers made us vote Provisional. Our votes must count!
1920 Allesandro Street, Los Angeles CA 90039	41. Concerned voter	My name is Steve Stokes. I re-registered as a Democrat in February 2016 in order to run for U.S. Senate. At my polling place on June 7th my status was still listed as No Party Preference although my ballot designation is accurately listed as Democrat. Additionally I was listed as vote by mail although I have never before voted by mail and do not believe that I requested this change. I was offered a provisional ballot which I declined. The younger female poll worker stated that many other voters had complained of being in VBM status without requesting it. I called a number at the county recorder's office provided by the older male poll worker. The worker on the phone in Norwalk offered to check my status and confirmed that my status was VBM. When I expressed that I had never requested to be vote by mail, she stated that many people were changed to VBM status to avoid an expected crush of high voter turnout. Recognizing the situation she described was irregular and illegal I asked if she would be willing to restate what she was telling me for the media. She said that she would and gave her name. During this conversation the poll inspector had arrived and interceded in the conversation at one point taking my phone from me. I had my phone on speaker and the inspector overheard this Norwalk employee's statement. Her name is A.M... I reached her at xxx The poll inspectors phone number is xxx. Thank you.
First Babtist Chr of Alhambra Alhambra Ca	42. Concerned voter	I went to vote at my Pollong place. I was told I was VBM Vote by Mail and I was told I was listed as a Republican when in fact I registered as a Democrat. I was told to Vote Provisional which I did. My Vote must count.
Vermont Avenue Elementary School Auditorium	43. Concerned voter	Note: This testimony is not for MY PERSONAL polling location, rather for a polling location that I observed. On Election Day, I went with two of my friends to their polling location at the Vermont Avenue Elementary School auditorium in the City of Los Angeles. While our friend was waiting to register, I observed a woman who was told she was not on

	<p>the voter rolls for her precinct and who was about to be given a provisional ballot. Before the Poll Clerk could give her a provisional ballot, I suggested that she check the other voter rolls at this location, as this location had multiple precincts. When we asked at the table for Precinct 9001739A if we could check to see if she was on the rolls at that table, the Poll Clerk said yes but advised us that their precinct was missing an entire roll of voters, as it had not been delivered to them. This was very disturbing to hear, as this implied that someone who was correctly registered to vote in this precinct could have been made to vote provisionally through no fault of their own. This is simply unacceptable. I hope that the County can take responsibility for their fault in this situation and I hope that the County is willing to work with us to devise solutions so that this does not happen again in future elections. Thank you.</p>
<p>5200 Virginia Ave., Los Angeles 90029</p>	<p>44. Concerned voter</p> <p>I presented to the polling station at Kingsley Elementary School just before 7AM, Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Upon arriving, I explained to a poll worker that I was there to surrender my Vote-by-Mail ballot due to an error on my part in the Senate election. I was given a new ballot, voted, and attempted to place my vote in the ballot box. I was told by the poll worker operating the machine that the machine was not working and I needed to put my ballot, uncovered, on a nearby table to be processed once the machine was up and running. I refused. The poll worker insisted that I put my ballot on the table and leave the polling site. I explained that that is illegal and that I would wait for the machine. After approximately five minutes, the machine was back online and I was able to run my ballot. Another poll worker told me that the machine had been working the entire time, but that the poll worker operating it did not know what he was doing. I then asked what I needed to do in order to surrender my Vote-by-Mail ballot. The poll worker operating the machine told me to hand him my ballot and leave. I said that that did not seem correct. He said it was "fine" and it give him my ballot, voter registration card and envelope and to leave the polling site. I refused and yet another poll worker interceded. She explained that she did not know what to do, but that we could consult the procedural manual. We went step by step through the instructions all the while the other poll worker was interrupting and telling me to leave. I asked him to step away because he was interfering with my vote. I found my name printed in the ballot book, wrote "VAP" and signed on the line. I then handed my Vote-by-Mail ballot unsigned and unsealed to the poll worker. I left feeling concerned that my vote may not be processed correctly and that others would likely have a similar experience. I spoke with others who stated</p>

		that they witnessed large bins of uncovered ballots of all kinds at a polling station in West Hollywood, CA. The incompetence, insufficient training, and mechanical failures I witnessed were extremely disheartening. Every ballot represents the voice of a fellow citizen and that citizen deserves to choose who governs him or her. Thank you.
vote by mail	45. Concerned voter	I spent two months registering voters and re registering purge voters and voters who's parties got changed.
Altadena Senior Center, 560 E Mariposa St, Altadena, CA. 91001	46. Concerned voter	I was originally registered as an Independent and switched to Democrat and vote in person in order to not have anything go wrong with me voting in the primaries. I checked online five different times to make sure everything was good to go. I received a "Vote by Mail" Independent ballot which concerned me since I had already switched parties. I checked online again and it verified Democrat. I then received a voting book marked Democrat. When I went to vote on June 7th, I was told by one worker that I was listed as "Vote by Mail" but another person with a different book said I was democrat and okay to vote. The first worker said he would have to give me a provisional ballot, which I refused as I've been told numerous times that those do not get counted. I went home and brought back the mail-in ballot and the book marked "DEM" to show them. After speaking with five different people, and telling them that I switched from Independent to Democrat and that they can watch me tear up the mail-in ballot or take it or do whatever they wanted with it and that I wanted to vote as a Democrat, they finally decided to let me vote as a Democrat with an official ballot. When I was done filling out my ballot, I was told that both machines at that polling place were down and they would be counted by hand and sent in to be verified. I asked if someone was going to come to fix the machines and was told that the machines were delivered broken and they had asked for someone to come to fix them but were told they would just have to count the votes manually. I was also told by a friend that the Glendale polling place would be closing at 4:30 because they did not have a deputy to stay at the location to keep it open for the legal time of 8pm.
580 Hillgard	47. Concerned voter	I was helping Video The Vote go to polling places where they saw problems, and we saw that one of St. Alban's 2 polling places was not open until almost noon. The 2nd polling place in the room was giving provisional ballots to everyone who came for the first polling place until they could open. I also heard about people not being on the lists there even though they had emailed. You can see the videos from the day here: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-wellington-ennis/la-primary-mired-in-votin_b_10348180.html

<p>I traveled to multiple locations</p>	<p>48. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I am the LA representative for Black Men for Bernie. We offered our help to Dean Logan. We tried to warn him that there were going to be problems on election day. Why were the new registered voters not on the roll sheet? Why were polling locations only handing out provisional ballots? Broken voting machines were not replaced immediately when we know that it doesn't take 6 to 8 hours to drive from Norwalk to Westchester. We were told that there would be poll supervisors standing by to solve these election day issues. Not one poll location ever saw a supervisor to assist with there problems. Some one must answer these questions. I have numerous testimonials, photographic, and video evidence of voter suppression and fraud. There is only one way to set this right. One day California do over. Hand counted only. No machine!!! This is the only way to protect every vote and insure that it's counted correctly.</p>
<p>observer in Westwood</p>	<p>49. Concerned voter</p>	<p>Sorry I can't join you but here is one place of many I visited as a poll observer at a number of polls on election day. But I was on Hilgard in Westwood in a church across from UCLA – 2 precincts: 9001359A didn't open until noon: after that they had 30 provisionals according to a precinct worker I met there and who gave me his number. Here is what he texted me yesterday: For 4 hours there was a precinct wth no staff. We (workers in the adjacent precinct set up in same room) happened to be in the same building. We gave all of those voters provisional ballots. The county took several hours to send backup. But yes until 10 or 11 voters from one precinct arrived to find their polling place nonexistent and cast provisional ballots in the adjacent one. We had a voter literally assemble his own voting booth at 11am. Precinct 9001359A was the unstaffed one. That's the one I ended up working at. Anyone voting on the Dem crossover ballot in this precinct for ONLY president got a "no selection" error. The county employee pressed "override" so that the ballot was accepted anyway. But the other precinct that was there in the same location (sorry i only wrote the one # down) gave the morning voters on the other side provisionals until that side got set up at noon. So the total provisionals on this side that was open all day was about 110 at 7:30pm when I left (I got the number from the lead woman there - but add a few more with the students who were coming in the last half hour). Keep in mind that the 50 or so they gave out to the other precinct voters in the morning might not all have been for Bernie. But here's another reason a number of students had to vote provisionally at this precinct (perhaps 30-40) and this was confirmed by the precinct leader: a number of students had registered at</p>

		<p>least 3 months ago and had received the sample ballot telling them to vote at this precinct – but when they got there their names were not on the list and they had to vote provisionally (apparently no one thought to call Norwalk and make a stink). These numbers are included in the 100+ I gave above. But their machine was only working off and on, so this number could be much higher. I have a video of one of the students who was really surprised and disappointed she was not on the list.</p> <p>I couldn't get the names of the precinct captains –</p>
4700 Griffin Ave	50. Concerned voter	<p>I visited several polling places in Congressional District 34 on June 7th and witnessed exactly what I'd fear I'd see, uninformed and at times aggressive poll workers handing out hundreds of provisional ballots to voters who felt disenfranchised and as if their votes were somehow being suppressed. In many cases people found that they were registered to vote by mail and never received a ballot. In countless cases people had changed their registration or were first time registered voters who had called to confirm their registration only to have their names vacant from the lists. I helped quite a few voters look up their proper polling stations on lavote.net and informed others that if they simply went home and brought their mail in ballots back to their polling station they could exchange it for a regular ballot. In a few cases, the poll workers refused people these ballots. What terrified me most about experience of observing the voting, were the voters with tears in their eyes who had taken time off from one of their three jobs and were told their names weren't to be found on the list and handed provisional ballots. My heart broke with them to know that the vote that meant so much to them would not be counted in the evenings tally. What was possibly even more terrifying was a poll worker who told me that none of the votes would be counted in the evening tally. In a society that prides itself on the cornerstone of its democracy and for decades has used this point as an excuse to send young people to war, we should make it easier for them to vote. Spend money to hire professional poll workers. Make people feel empowered by their right to vote. Not disenfranchised.</p>
AGO House, 1215 Ellendale Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90007	51. Concerned voter	<p>My name is Henry Mattei and I am a USC student and resident of Los Angeles County. My voting day experience began as I got a call from my friend Kazi, who had just tried to vote at Hoover Recreational Center. Despite having his mail-in ballot, voter registration card, and online registration showing where that it was indeed his polling place- they told him he was not on the list. He voted provisionally and later learned his name</p>

		<p>was on the supplemental list which nobody mentioned. When I voted there were no Spanish-Speakers in a 50% Latino area, three volunteers didn't show up according to a worker, and some had received no training. It was confusing, disorganized, and had no flow for voters. Workers were freely floating around, some engaged in discussions or arguments with voters or trying to get Spanish-speakers through without trying to understand them. At that location about 80% of the people I saw got provisional ballots, there was nobody helping to fill them out or making sure they were complete- just people being directed towards them and being told there was no real difference.</p>
<p>Fellowship Hall/Faith Presbyterian Church 5000 Colfax Ave</p>	<p>52. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I was listed as a Republican not a Democrat. I proved I was a registered Democrat with my card from the County Clerk's office. I was then told a had to use a provisional ballot. I insisted I had a right to and wanted a democratic ballot. The woman from the front table heard me and checked my card and told the woman helping me to check the back of the roll book. There were no additional pages so she instructed her to cross out Republican and write in Dem.</p> <p>I was then told to sign in the wrong place which I corrected..and I asked about how I should sign since the apostrophe is often left out making my name Oterry.</p> <p>She instructed me to sign with the apostrophe. I have proof of the problems made with my name and my signature. I know the roll was wrong, telling me I had to take a provisional ballot was wrong, signing next to the wrong name would have been wrong..and my signature may be wrong. My Spanish speaking friend was given a provisional ballot without understanding anything because there was no interpreter.</p>
<p>9005389A</p>	<p>53. Concerned voter</p>	<p>My friend Kendrick Sampson checked his registration before going to the polling location. When we arrived, they said his name was not on the voting roll. The run date on the roll was 5/3/16. We asked for updated rolls. After some time, While a blue sheet was produced, however it was not the most recent update. There were missing pages. We called the registrar to ask them to send updated rolls to our polling precinct. After being on hold for over two hours, they faced over an updated roll, however, it was from a different precinct and did not help my friend. We had to call again. We were put on hold for an hour and a half. During this period, we witnessed several voters have to accept provisional ballots because their names were missing from the roll sheets. Furthermore, pollworkes did not advise NPP voters to accept crossover democratic ballots and urged some to vote "independent" on American Independent Party Ballots.</p>

<p>1317 N CRESCENT HEIGHTS BLVD</p>	<p>54. Concerned voter</p>	<p>My voting street (crescent Heights) vanished off the West Hollywood polling map and I was offered a Provisional Ballot, though I am registered NPP and requested a Democratic Crossover Ballot. I was later asked to "try" another polling station in case it had been "relocated". At an alternative polling location--now ironically located on my previously vanished street--an attorney pollworker helped me achieve a proper Democratic Crossover Ballot, which then was rejected simultaneously for "Overvote" and "No Selection". A Third pollworker manually overrode the ballot error on his computer screen and "forced" my vote.</p>
<p>I'm in OC, this is State level complaint.</p>	<p>55. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I checked my registration and found that my address had been changed without my knowledge. I spoke to personnel at the Orange County Registrar and the California Secretary of State Elections Division. I was told that there was an NCOA (National Change of Address) mismatch which affected over 4000 voter registrations. There was some inconsistency with the info I was given by the County vs. the Sec. of State. The County told me that the NCOA data came from the US Postal Service. The Sec. of State told me that the NCOA data came from the Employment Development Dept. This happened in March and I have some recorded phone calls if needed. I can't make it to the meeting, but please ask about the NCOA mismatch.</p>
<p>Montanoso Community Centr</p>	<p>56. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I am a REGISTERED voter. First of all, I got a vote by mail ballot, that I didn't request, and second, when I got to my polling location to surrender my vote by mail ballot, they did not have me as a registered democrat. I had to STATE my party preference verbally. I was able to vote, but did it count?</p>
<p>201 S June St, Los Angeles, CA 90004</p>	<p>57. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I have been registered people all over California in May and April. I made sure I was registered before the deadline. On June 7th, I got to my polling location with my sample ballot which had my full name, my address and my polling location and table printed on it along with DEM 081. I was not on the master roster, nor any of the supplemental rosters. I noticed the Master roster was printed May 3rd. In the hours I stayed there (4.5 hrs total) calling around to different numbers, on hold for hours, literally, before my problem was resolved, I observed at least 8 people deal with the same problem. I called several hotlines and the registrar to check and I was told I was definitely registered and at the right poll location. I found out whole apartment buildings were missing from the roster. The poll workers were using their personal cell phones with little to no reception to make calls. One of the calls revealed that there was a voter roll missing that the poll inspector should have</p>

		<p>received two weeks prior. He was not assigned to the location until the weekend before. They promised to fax over the missing voter roll while I was on hold. The voter roll came toward the end of the 3rd hour and not only was my name missing, it was for the wrong precinct. The phone was broken, and the poll workers requested it be fixed several times. One of the two machines broke down. The poll workers and inspector were trained that the provisional ballots were counted in the same day. Not true. Some workers were offering NPP provisional ballots until a buddy I was with, Max Carver, had a discussion with them. The poll inspector was amazing and helped, but he was an anomaly from what I and several other people I was with experienced that day. This was happening all over the city.</p>
7929 Melrose Ave	58. Concerned voter	<p>I was at my polling station and my own ballot wasn't being taken by the machine. I found it strange that the choice was to override it via computer rather than just ask me to fill out another ballot or try the other machine where no one was at. I urged after several times to fill out a new ballot. Thankfully, at my urging they did and it went through the second time around. I was however more concerned by the amount of provisional ballots being handed out no question. If someone has any issue the clerk was quick to say no problem just fill out a provisional without trying at all to find her name or suggest another route or double check any books. This happened three times within a 10-15 minute period. On the other side of the desk a man was trying to vote and the clerk simply kept responding I can't help you I don't know and he was denied a way to vote. This would have been an actual instance where even a provisional ballot would have been ok but nothing was even offered to him, simply " I don't know". The clerks either need further training or were instructed in a way that would subsequently suppress our votes. Also, as a campaign volunteer, friends asked me throughout the day for help as they too were being given provisional ballots all over the city, this was over 15 of my friends. If what I experienced simply happened to me, I cannot imagine what has happened exponentially across the state. Thank you.</p>
453 S. SPRING ST., L.A., CA 90013	59. Concerned voter	<p>WHEN I WENT TO VOTE,THERE WERE FIVE OTHER PEOPLE THERE TO VOTE. OF THESE, THREE OF THEM WERE VERY UPSET BECAUSE THEIR PARTY HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM DEMOCRATIC TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENT. THEY WERE VERY ANGRY THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT. I WAS ONLY THERE FOR 20 MINUTES. I CAN ONLY IMAGE HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCED THIS PROBLEM THROUGH OUT THE DAY.</p>

Alhambra	60. Concerned voter	my party affiliation was changed to american independent party
Beverly Hills Women's Club	61. Concerned voter	<p>I registered to vote on May 22, 2016 at around 10 pm. The deadline is may 23, 2016, this was common knowledge everyone knew and was reported on tv. I checked where my polling place was, twice, and headed over to the Beverly Hills Women's Club.</p> <p>I asked to vote democrat but my name was not on the list. I kept insisting it should be because I know I registered on time. Well, next they VERY rudely shoved a provisional ballot into my hands and told me to fill it out. It took me several minutes to fill out, then they gave me the voting card. I then went to the machine to vote and inserted my card. On the machine Hillary Clinton was marked with the dot marker on the first page, I tried rubbing the mark off but it wouldn't come off because it's permanent. I complained to the head poll worker there, the man that took charge, a large African American man, told me he will look into it. To make it look inauspicious, every page and category had a mark filled on the machine. Anyway after voting, for the next several minutes he was behind my back watching me fill out the rest of the forms, a prescence of being hurried being emanating from behind me. So I filled it out and handed it in. Not once was the machine looked at by any poll worker or inspector while I was there.</p> <p>I then called the number on the provisional voting list and talked to an African American lady/man who kept insisting I'm fine my vote got counted and that it was because REGISTERED LATE I had to vote provisionally. He/she kept saying I registered late when she saw I registered on Sunday night may 22, 2016. I told her that made no sense because I registered on time, then she said well your name is on the alternate list. People that registered late were put on an alternate list and I should be on that, so I asked her if I should go back and look for it, then she kept saying it's fine your vote will count. I didn't like that answer so I hung up and went back to check the alternate lists. I was on none of the alternate lists, I got upset and the poll workers kept reassuring me provisional votes counted. I told them I didn't care they counted I just wanted my vote to count before they announced a winner in the morning, which they responded with its fine your vote will be counted. They lied to me, it's still being counted.</p> <p>I also had two young men who were also facing problems with provisional votes when they both said they were Beverly Hills residents too in the 10 minutes or so j was there the 1st time</p>

<p>Alamo st @Moose lodge Simi Valley ca 93063</p>	<p>62. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I went to vote Tue 7th 2016 at my polling place . I got my folder with the ballot inside and went to fill it out. At that time I discovered I had a ballot from The American Independence Party and not a Democratic ballot . I took the ballot back to the poll workers and said I think you gave me the wrong ballot. They looked me up and said no you're registered with the AIP that's the right one. At this point I told them that no I've been a registered Dem for the last 4yrs now and that I switched from NPP so I could vote in the last primary. The poll workers just stared blankly at me while I asked for help on this issue. I then said there has to be someone you can call about this . I also requested a crossover ballot at this time. The workers refused my request informing me AIP doesn't allow crossover ballots, I told them I'm not AIP and I'm a Democratic. One of the workers finally called someone (I'm not sure who) and put me on the phone with them . I explained what was going on and that my party was switched without my knowledge to the person on the phone . Just like the poll workers that person response was apathetic. She said no your registered AIP and that's it and no one can change your party . I said well someone apparently can because it's happening right now. I could see the person on the phone didn't want to help so I said good by. While I was waiting to see what happens next the poll worker started bad mouthing me and my voting issue to the person on the phone , at one point she called me a conspiracy theorist . That's when I did get upset . I'm sitting here telling you with tears in my eyes that somethings going on and asking you for help and you call me names! Side note my Uncle in Sacramento had his party switched from Republican to NPP without his knowledge and my mother had her info switched to vote by mail only. Both were refused normal ballots and only given provisionals . Both had similar experiences with the workers at the polling stations, 0 effort to acknowledge there was an issue and 0 interest in offering help. Thank you for taking the time to read this .</p>
<p>Vote By Mail</p>	<p>63. Concerned voter</p>	<p>I drove to the Norwalk office to vote early. I was told to drop my mail in ballot in in a box. The man working the voter information booth told me I didn't need to fill out the back of the envelope, but I did anyway. I want to know that my vote was counted. I've heard from thousands on this issues across the USA. I would like a copy of my paper ballot and to know my vote was counted.</p>