

Election Lawsuit Pretrial Update

Monday Oct 3 11am Press Conference

Trial Set for Oct 4-11, 2016 in San Diego Superior Court Dept 73

*Please note change from earlier announcements

MEDIA ADVISORY:**PRESS CONFERENCE**

WHEN: Monday Oct 3, 11am

WHERE: Registrar of Voter's Office, 5600 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
Note: Due to construction noise, may meet south of parking lot.

RSVP: Attendees: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1731173230440883/>

LIVESTREAM: Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/citizenoversight>

COURT TRIAL

WHEN: 9AM Oct 4,5,6, & 11.

WHERE: San Diego Superior Court, 330 West Broadway San Diego, CA 92101
Dept 73 (Sixth Floor)

DAILY: Press Conference after each day of hearings at about 4:30pm or so
On courthouse steps.

LIVESTREAM: Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/citizenoversight>

SAN DIEGO (Sept 29, 2016) -- Citizens' Oversight, Inc. (also known as Citizens' Oversight Projects, or "COPs") provided this update on the lawsuit regarding election processing in San Diego:

- **ELECTION AUDITS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW, SAN DIEGO CUTS CORNERS:**
The law clearly states that all ballots cast must have an equal chance of being randomly chosen for the audit. San Diego Registrar of Voters Michael Vu, decided to leave out about 285,000 ballots from the audit procedure -- 37% of ballots cast. He omitted all provisional ballots and nearly half of the Vote-by-Mail ballots.
- **TRIAL DATE:** An expedited trial start date has been set for October 4, 2016, so that the issue can be fully resolved prior to the November election. Four days are reserved as follows: Oct 4-6, and Monday Oct 11. We are hopeful that Judge Wohlfeil intends will complete his review of the case so San Diego and other counties in California will have clear marching orders without any excuses for following the law.
- **OTHER CA COUNTIES:** COPs sent letters to the most populous two-dozen counties in California, comprising 92% of the voters, informing them about the case and asking them directly if they intend to include all all ballots cast (Vote-by-Mail, Provisionals, and Polling-

place ballots) in the audit. COPs will consider filing additional cases in those counties to force those registrars to follow the law.

- **SECRETARY OF STATE INVITED TO INTERVENE:** We have invited Secretary of State Alex Padilla to intervene in this case so the results would be immediately applicable to all California counties. SOS published an embarrassing letter to all elections officials to provide political cover to other counties to continue to conduct incomplete election audits. Sadly, it appears that Padilla is part of the problem.
- **CRIMES?** Included in this inquiry will be an attempt to get to the bottom of the WHITING OUT of ballots, and the presence of a SHREDDING TRUCK at the Registrar of Voters building during the processing of the election. ELECTION RIGGING: COPs has conducted a review of 5% of the sign-in rosters and discovered that about 1/3 of the precincts reviewed had zero NPP crossover voters while typically about half crossover and select the Democratic crossover ballot. Witnesses will appear at the trial about these issues as well.

Ray Lutz, National Coordinator of Citizens Oversight explains, “Without a complete audit, it opens the door for election fraud. Unfortunately, San Diego and many other California counties have been cutting corners while acting like they were conducting complete audits. Without careful oversight, we never would have found out.”

Full information about the lawsuit can be found at this link:

<http://copsiwiki.org/Common/ElectionAuditLawsuit>

Citizens Oversight is seeking volunteers in other election districts in California, most particularly the big three: LA, SD, and OC, which account for about 50% of voters in the state. The top dozen counties in California are (in order): Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Bernardino, Sacramento, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Fresno, and Ventura. These 12 counties account for 76% of the electorate in California.

We want to extend the Snapshot Protocol -- a procedure to carefully monitor the audit process -- to any other states that mandate a post-election audit for the November election as well. COPs has targeted the top 175 counties nationwide in a strategy to improve oversight of elections and audits so as to cover 50% of the electorate.

Volunteers can sign up at: <http://CitizensOversight.org/signup>

Donations are accepted at <http://CitizensOversight.org/donate>

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