

## POLL ETIQUETTE - THE BIG DAY!

### Outside The Polls:

- Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8pm. Get there early in consideration of your fellow volunteers.
- Introduce yourself to the Republican committeeperson and tell them you are there to help them.
- Follow the instructions of the Judge of Elections, but don't let anyone else push you around or intimidate you for being there. The Judge of Elections is the only person who has authority INSIDE the polls; let him/her know if there are any incidents. YOU are the authority OUTSIDE the polls other than the Constable of that precinct.
- Maintain a distance of at least 10ft away from the polling area as indicated by the Judge of Elections' posted sign.
- You have every right to do anything outside the polls which doesn't cause a disturbance.
- Wear comfortable BUT PROFESSIONAL CASUAL clothes & shoes for the outside weather.
- Take snacks and beverages.
- Your job is to make sure **NO-ONE** gets by you without approaching them to offer your material and ask them to vote for **YR CANDIDATE**; **however, don't spend too much time with one person and let 10 others go by.**
- Wear a BIG name tag [e.g.: "**CANDIDATE**" FOR CONGRESS] but REMEMBER to take it off or cover it up before entering the general area of the polls to vote, use the bathroom, etc.
- If you set up a small table with your material, **DON'T sit or stand behind THE TABLE**. Walk up to the voters, or position yourself where you can reach out to them.
- SMILE! And be cordial to everyone, especially to anyone working against your candidate. Remember you represent **your CANDIDATE** and you'll want to **be professional**.
- **Ask for their vote and offer them your material:** "Hi, please vote for **CANDIDATE, THE CONSISTENT CONSERVATIVE.**" Thank them for coming out to vote even if they decline or ignore your offering.
- Try to have a friend or 2 to assist you in greeting voters and asking for their vote, handing out material, etc. but **DO NOT** spend time chit-chatting with each other; you may miss voters arriving. Other (unfriendly?) ears may be listening. Listen and take notes if they are saying anything of interest.
- **LEAVE YOUR LITERATURE HANDOUTS WITH THE PERSON WHO IS TAKING THE NEXT SHIFT, or the Committee person. Call your contact person, if no-one has arrived to relieve you.**
- Watch out for "dirty tricks"
  - The opposition hanging around and checking out your materials, maybe "accidentally" spilling beverages on your material, etc.; keep watch.
  - The opposition needling you into arguments; just smile and ignore them.
  - The other side saying "you're not allowed to be there," or "you're not allowed to support an unendorsed candidate," or "you're not allowed to distribute literature," etc. Don't allow yourself to be intimidated. Call **your contact person, or RCCC HQ in West Chester at Tel: 610-696-1842** when you have no voters around, to report if anything is happening at your poll, or if the opposition does anything out-of-hand.
- In case of any problems, call **GOP HQ lawyers whose telephone numbers are provided or Tel: \_\_\_\_\_.**
- If you are the last poll worker outside, collect all GOP **CANDIDATE** signs, flyers, material, etc. to return them to Campaign Headquarters. If you are able to stay (or return) to collect the results of the polls (which are posted outside the door of the polls when the Judge and Election Inspectors are done), please text or call in the information to **your contact person**.
- **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE YOURSELF!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**