

The Kern County Elections Division has an exciting opportunity for you and your organization or group to serve the community as a team and get involved in the very core of our democratic process with our Adopt-A-Poll program.

The Adopt-A-Poll program is a partnership between community organizations or members of the community, and the Kern County Elections Division. The goal is to increase community involvement by teaming up with organizations to identify dedicated, committed, customer service-oriented organization members to serve as election workers at specific sites. As an Adopt-A-Poll sponsor, your organization "Adopts" a precinct table or site and staffs it with your organization's members as election workers. Election workers are paid a stipend for working on Election Day, attending the mandatory training and participating in setting up the site the day before the election. Your organization or group will be providing a much-needed service to the community when you Adopt-A-Poll site or precinct.

The Kern County Elections Division assigns the site location and provides the mandatory training and supplies for each election. Requests for specific site may be made, however this is on a first come first serve basis. Your organization provides the paid volunteers who will set up and operate the assigned adopted site or precinct.

We look forward to meeting you and having your organization participate in this exciting opportunity. Enclosed for your review is a fact sheet along with the application to complete to be considered for the Adopt-A-Poll Program.

If you have any questions regarding the Adopt-A-Poll Program, please call or email:

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What is the Adopt-A-Poll Site Program?

The Adopt-A-Poll program is part of an ongoing effort to increase the awareness and participation in the election process in Kern County. It gives your organization an opportunity to partner with the Kern County Elections Division in providing a service to the community.

This program allows your group or organization to work together at the same poll site. It is a wonderful way to promote team building among your organization and provide a greatly needed service to your community.

How to Get Started

Any interested civic, service, or community organization may complete an Adopt-A-Poll application and submit it to the Kern County Elections Division to be considered for an Adopt-A-Poll team assignment. Once your eligibility has been confirmed, your group will be assigned a precinct for the next election. To qualify, your organization must not support or oppose any political party, candidates for office, state propositions, or local measures or donate towards any campaign. Approximately 45-60 days prior to the election you will be mailed an Adopt-A-Poll packet so you can identify your members who wish to volunteer for the upcoming election, along with any final details. Your organization's members that agree to join as poll workers also have their own set of eligibility requirements, they must be: at least 18 years old, a registered voter in California or legal permanent resident, not related to any candidate on the ballot, not work for any political campaign, and not be on any committee. We will assign the site and provide the mandatory training and supplies. Your organization provides the workforce.

What to Expect on Election Day

Site set up is required the night before the election. This takes approximately one to two hours and is arranged by the Site Supervisor. The rest will be done on Election Day before the polls open. Poll workers are expected to arrive at the poll site by 6 AM. They continue to work while the polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day. Once the polls close, they are required to assist for approximately one to two hours, closing and packing up supplies at the end of the night.

How Does Payment Work?

Approximately six to eight weeks after the election, each election worker will receive a stipend for their time spent working during the election and for attending the training.