



NATIVE VOTE: ELECTION PROTECTION TEAM 2008

PRE-ELECTION DAY "TO DO" LIST

September 12, 2008

SEPTEMBER

Finalize State Election Protection Infrastructure

- Appoint a State Election Protection Lead
- Election Protection Lead for every Reservation (preferably the tribe's in house attorney if possible) and Urban community
- Get Tribal Members to Volunteer to Be Election Day Judges for the county
- Begin Recruiting Election Day Poll Watchers
- Create a good spreadsheet/document to keep all of your information and volunteers in

Meet With the Election Officials

- State Leads Meet with the Secretary of State/Elections Office
- Tribal and Urban leads meet with the County elections office
- Discuss all issues of importance to Native Vote
 - Native Language Assistance
http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting/sec_203/203_notice.pdf
 - Early voting locations/Location of Polling Precincts
 - Acceptance of Tribal ID cards
 - Develop a good contact in case there are problems on election day

Build Coalitions

- Contact all the Tribal Chairmen and Tribal Attorney Generals/Counsel
- Reach out to both state parties
- Meet with Election Protection Coalition State lead

Learn the Election Rules

- Familiarize yourself with the state election rules. Especially for early voting, and absentee voting.

OCTOBER

Provide Support to Voter Registration/GOTV Team

- Final push for voter registration. Be available to Native Vote Get-Out-The-Vote team for voter registration, early voting, and absentee voting issues.

Prep Work For Election Day

- Continue recruiting volunteers for poll monitoring
- Schedule a poll monitor training dates
- Identify any anticipated problem spots
- Get maps of your precincts from the county office.

- Purchase a voter registration list from the county when they are ready (to help voter with their precincts on election day.)
- Make sure all your volunteers vote “absentee” before Election Day

Publicity

- Go on Native radio stations. Publicize the elections and the voting rules (ie dates, poll hours, Tribal ID rules, etc) Coordinate with the GOTV team.
- Get local papers to run ads and articles about voting rules (“Know Your Rights”).

NOVEMBER

Finalize and Implement Election Day Deployment Plan (Separate “To Do” List for Election Day Provided Later)