

November 17, 2020

Enclosed please find the first hand accounts of the challengers's observations for the Becchi Campaign in Essex County leading up to and including November 3, 2020, Election Day. In a separate document (attached), we have compiled all of the pictures and videos taken by our challengers.

We believe there was serious mismanagement and misconduct surrounding the handling of the ballots both before the election as well as on election day. Specifically, we draw your attention to New Jersey State Statute regarding the procedure for handling provisional ballots:

§ 19:53C1-11 Inventory of provisional ballots. All envelopes marked "SPOILED", and all voted and not voted provisional ballots, shall be placed in the provisional ballot bag and sealed with the numbered seal taken from the envelope provided with that bag.

§ 19:53C-12. Transportation of provisional ballot bag. Immediately following the sealing of the provisional ballot bag at a polling place on the day of any election, a member of the district board shall transport the ballot bag and all other election materials to a location designated by the commissioner of registration.

§ 19:53C-13. Opening of provisional ballot bag. When the office of the commissioner of registration receives a provisional ballot bag that has been found to be in good order, the commissioner thereof shall first break the seal and open the bag.



LOCATION: Essex County Board Of Elections
465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Newark, NJ 07102

Name	Date	Statement
Challenger #1	October 23rd	<p>On Day One, the ballot processors were allowed to have their jackets and personal belongings (purse/backpacks) with them while they worked on the ballots. This arrangement both obstructed views of the ballot processing and theoretically could have allowed for ballot tampering, additions, and/or removal. We raised this issue with Essex County Board of Elections Clerk Linda Von Nessi, who was in charge of the ballot process at the Gymnasium. She stated that the workers would be given yellow bags to put their belongings in going forward.</p>
Challenger#1	October 24th	<p>On Day Two, the Gymnasium contained plastic yellow bags into which the ballot processors were asked to put their personal belongings. Despite this instruction, the compliance rate among ballot processors was less than approximately 50%.</p>
Challenger#1	October 25th & 26th	<p>On Day Three, the compliance rate among ballot processors continued to deteriorate, with less than approximately 30% of all ballot processors following this instruction. On Day Four, the ballot processors' compliance rate with the instruction regarding storage of personal belongings was virtually non-existent.</p> <p>Moreover, on Day Three, when I arrived to observe the ballot processors at the Gymnasium, the "watching" room was locked. It took more than 20 minutes to find the proper person to open the door. Ballot processors were unobserved during those 20 minutes, and approximately two-thirds of them had their jackets, purses, backpacks, and other personal belongings with them. Additionally, on Day Three and Day Four, the people in charge at the Gymnasium instructed workers to move open/sorted ballots, that were to be counted, from the Gymnasium to the voting counting machine across the street. To accomplish this, a single person was assigned to each of the moving dollies that</p>

		<p>contained the unsecured ballots. The ballots were in plastic mail bins and trays. It was unclear how many ballots were in each bin or tray. I was not allowed to observe the delivery of the ballots to the Leroy Smith Public Safety Building. This transport of ballots was an unsupervised process that provided for possible ballot tampering during the transportation of these ballots.</p>
Challenger #2	October 26th	<p>I was met with hostility from the woman in charge of the election staff at Newark (Linda Von Nessi), as well as from the police officer that was on duty. Linda refused to meet with me when I was leaving. I had asked if I could see her to tell her I was leaving. She refused. The police were forceful, and even rude in demanding that I do not step over the threshold of the room. I told Linda that I did see a woman in a green T shirt in the front, put a paper in her purse, and tear up a paper and throw it in the garbage in the front. I have no idea what it was. It might have been benign, but I do not know.</p>
Challenger #2	October 27th	<p>Linda was not present when I was there. I was in a room down the hall, observing the screen depicting the ballot room for about 50 minutes. The police were new, first timers to the scene, and they allowed me to stand at the entrance to the ballot room for 5 minutes before I departed. It made a big difference, as I could observe the room from that spot. In general, it is not an ideal situation for a "Challenger" to be observing from a small screen, as it is very difficult to accurately determine if there is any voter fraud or not. As such, I did not observe anything that I felt I should question.</p>
Candidate	October 28th	<p>Rosemary sent an email to Linda Von Nessi highlighting the deterioration of the controls in the ballot processing room. Specifically Ms. Becchi referred to the lack of storage of personal belongings in the yellow bags as per Linda Von Nessi.</p>

Challenger #3	October 31st	<p>I went to the 4th Floor - Essex County Board of Elections. No one knew why I was there. They searched for the person who had a list of challenger names. A clerk came out after some time and said I was on the list and said I should go to the Essex Community College gym and see Linda. When I got to the ECC gym building two people outside said I needed to sign the list. When I walked in there were two clipboards with names (obviously workers) with no one in attendance. I signed my name at the end of the lists. When I walked in the police officers asked who I was. My identification was not confirmed. I said I was looking for Linda for further instructions. At that time, Linda was not available and/or on site and one of her assistants took me to a large room with two large screens. I was told I could only be in that room and look at the workers on the screen.</p> <p>I called a staff member from the Rosemary Becchi's campaign office and shared my concern about one of the election workers. The worker was in a lime green shirt with a cross-body pouch he was carrying. He would carry papers over to an area where I was unable to see and then return with no papers. I finally found Linda and explained what I was observing. She explained the process and dismissed my challenge. When I left at 5pm, I simply walked out.</p>
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<p>Becchi For Congress Staff</p>	<p>November 1st</p>	<p>“I entered the Hall of Records Building in Newark. I was asked where I was going by the security officers entrance of the building and I informed the officers that I was going to the Essex County Board of Elections office to pick up the campaign's challenger badges. From that point forward I was unsupervised. I took the elevator up to the 4th floor and walked through the hallways in search of room 411. I saw ballot processors unsupervised in the hallways. I observed trays of ballots unsupervised on benches and tables. I observed jackets, backpacks and purses amidst counting tables. Members of the public were able to walk freely through the halls as I did. I took photos to document these observations.” Photos provided below.</p>
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Description of The Watching Room from Challenger #1.

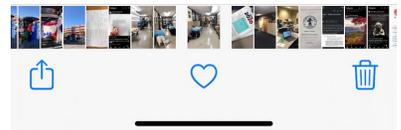
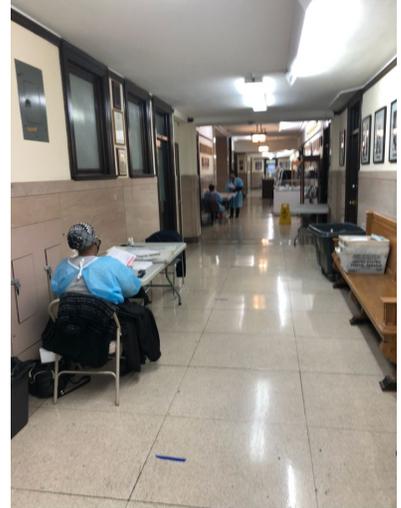
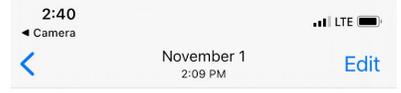
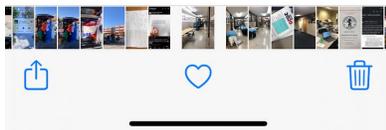
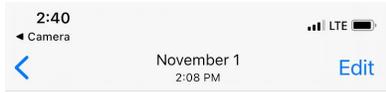
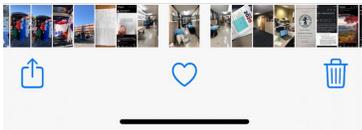
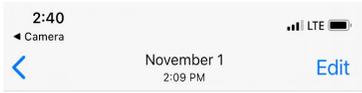
At the Gymnasium, the watching room for poll watchers had 3 different panoramic view camera viewing angles to observe the ballot processors there. Since the cameras were panoramic, it was quite difficult to see the individuals processing the ballots and what they were doing. This is because the picture on the screen was so small that the ballot counters looked like ants. This made it nearly impossible to see if the ballot processors were tampering with any ballots.

Also, in the actual ballot counting room, poll watchers were only allowed to watch the ballot processors feed the ballots into the ballot counting machine from a distance of more than 50 feet away. We could not see much of anything from that distance. As the ballot processors were moving around the room, they frequently stood between us and other ballot processors, regularly blocking us from seeing what other ballot processors were doing. This was particularly concerning as the ballot processors had their backpacks, purses, and other belongings strewn around the room.



Picture sent from Challenger #2 of the viewing screen in the challengers' room.

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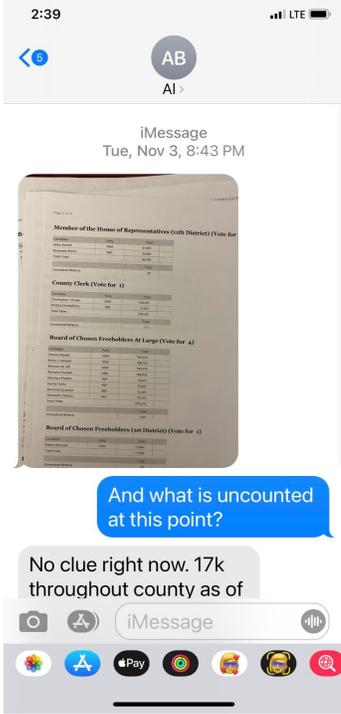


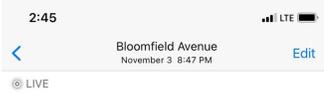
Photos of ballot sorting in the hallway at the Essex County Board of Elections. Photos taken by Becchi For Congress Staff.

November 3rd Timeline

Time	Town	Person	Event
6:00 AM			Polls Open
6:25 AM	Nutley	Challenger #3	An email which was sent at 6:25 is from Challenger #3 shows that at the beginning of the day our challengers encountered push-back and the poll workers were not informed about challengers.
9:00 AM	Nutley	Challenger #4	I arrived at Polls with Challenger documentation. I was “greeted” by a woman named Sharon who was in charge at Spring Garden polling station and Eleni Petas, Nutley Clerk. They told me there weren’t supposed to be challengers and after some pushback gave me a chair to sit in the middle of the two tables, but not close enough.
11:30 AM	Nutley	Challenger #4	I was eventually able to be seated closer to the station where they were signing in voters. They still were giving me pushback about saying names / addresses out loud Sharon actually then said to one of the other workers “You can say it out loud so she can hear for her friend or whatever” Once I explained to the worker why I needed it she was a bit more receptive. I also asked if there was a way to review the names I missed and Sharon took exception. She continued to reiterate that I was not able to touch the ballots (which I never attempted). At one point I asked the poll worker to repeat a name (because he was not listed) and instead the voter responded and Sharon came over yelling that I was not able to speak to the voters which I reaffirmed that I was not doing. The voter jumped in when I asked the poll worker. In summary, the treatment toward me was hostile in Nutley on Election day.
12:30 PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	There were at least 4 people not on the voter registration but were able to vote on Election Day. Two individuals with the last name Bishop, a woman named Raquel Rodriguez and I did not get the others.
5:40pm	Nutley	Challenger #6	Challenger #6 was told by poll workers at Recreation Annex/Senior Center Building, 65 Bloomfield Ave Nutley, NJ 07110 that the poll workers were told <u>not</u> to seal the ballot bags and that the Nutley Clerk was picking them up and taking the bags to town hall to be sorted.

7:16	HQ	Becchi for Congress Staff	<p>BFC Staff sent an Email with concerns regarding the ballot procedures in Nutley and Bloomfield to Clerk Von Nessi, Superintendent/Commissioner Baugh and Commissioner Barlas. No one replied to the email. The email outlined the campaign's concerns regarding the integrity of the ballot transportation in Bloomfield and Nutley for both provisional ballots and vote-by-mail ballots.</p> <p>See below for the email transcript.</p>
7:30 PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	<p>I returned to the polls around 7:40pm to make sure that ballots would be handled correctly and to get the final number. Sharon was there and was not happy about my return or me questioning the reason they would not be sealing ballot bags. When I inquired about the numbers, I was met with resistance BUT at approximately 8pm when they had that final number she spoke in a friendly manner directly to the woman who was there from Nutley Democrats to give her the final number (which is how I also received it). The poll worker said it was so great to see you, I'll see you around town! When asked why it was so easily given to her but not me and why everytime I asked a question it was not answered the worker denied it and walked away.</p>
7:45pm	West Caldwell	Challenger #7	<p>I confirmed with Essex County Board of Election workers at BOTH polling places in West Caldwell, that the process in Nutley was INCORRECT, as Challenger #4 was sending us her observations and updates.</p>
8:06 PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	<p>At 8:06pm, Eleni Petas, Frank Demaio & his son, and a Detective Gerry Green I believe arrived to pick up ballots. I introduced myself to Eleni and she said "I remember you" and proceeded to ask why the ballot bags would not be sealed and she said "This is how we do it, I will take the ballot bags to town hall, I will go through them to make sure everything is there and then they will be brought to Newark" I showed her the law / procedure and she said she didn't care, this is how they do it and she is a sworn officer. I asked the Detective and he would not even speak to me. Around 8:13pm is when they left with ballots so I followed them.</p>
8:05pm	West Caldwell	Challenger #7	<p>Followed up with municipal clerk of West Caldwell, Mary Donovan. I told her what was happening in Nutley with their</p>

			municipal clerk not sealing ballot boxes. Mary Donovan confirmed that was not supposed to be happening in Nutley. “Ballots boxes are to be sealed before leaving polling places.”
8:37PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	At 8:37pm Eleni, Frank, his son, a cop and some others arrived at Town hall and began bringing the ballot boxes into the building. I left but returned at 9:06pm.
8:43pm	HQ	Becchi For Congress Staff	<p>Staff received the results for Essex County by text.</p> 

<p>8:47pm</p>	<p>Bloomfield</p>	<p>Challenger #8</p>	<p>Challenger #8 arrived at the Councilroom in Bloomfield where he took a picture of ballots unsupervised in a large room. Below you can see a picture of the transporter bringing the ballots into the council room. The second picture shows the unattended ballot boxes within the councilroom.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p>8:48pm</p>	<p>West Orange</p>	<p>Challenger #1</p>	<p>At West Orange Town Hall, a West Orange Department of Public Works (WODPW) person unloaded three sets of ballot boxes that he had collected from various locations. When I asked him what he was doing, he told me that he was instructed to unload the ballot boxes at West Orange Town Hall. I told him that I wanted to speak to the person in charge. The person I believed to be the Clerk, Karen J. Carnevale, came outside and told me that she was to open the sealed ballot boxes and remove the ballots before forwarding them on to the Commissioner of Registration in Newark.</p> <p>Through the lower glass door at Town Hall, I was then able to watch the lady supervisor with whom I had spoken move several ballots around. I was then told by one of the officers that I was not allowed to stay there to watch, and that if I did not leave, I could be arrested for loitering. Please note I was in the public parking lot of the township of West Orange. I got into my car and left with a police car following me out of town. (See below for full account).</p>



9:06 PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	At 9:06pm myself, election protection, and two other poll challengers were locked outside town hall with them lined up to block the door while 2-3 women went through the ballot bags including Eleni. This went on until 9:27pm.
9:27 PM	Nutley	Challenger #4	At 9:27pm people came out and filled the truck with the ballot bags and left with a police escort.

Becchi For Congress staff's email to Linda Von Nessi, Commissioner Baugh & Al Barlas on November 3rd at 7:16pm

Clerk Von Nessi, Superintendent/Commissioner Baugh and Commissioner Barlas,

At approximately 6:00pm, the Rosemary Becchi Campaign was alerted by one of our challengers that the poll workers in Nutley were reporting that the ballots were being moved from the Recreation Annex/Senior Center Building (H) 65 Bloomfield Ave NJ 07110.

The poll workers were told "whatever you do, do not seal the bags"- the ballots are going to town hall to be sorted and then transported to Newark.

At this point we have concerns about the security of the ballots. There is no reason for the ballots to be pre-sorted in Nutley- as they only have one Congressional District- Nutley is entirely within CD-11.

We also have a challenger at Brookdale School in Bloomfield who reported that the bags are closed with a zipper and buckle- which certainly does not sound like a seal.

Other challengers in Essex County have reported back to the campaign that the ballots are being transported in sealed bags.

If vote-by-mail ballots are picked up from a drop box have to be locked AND sealed before they're transported to the counting place. Why wouldn't the mail in ballots dropped off at a polling place get the same treatment?

Following is the procedure for provisional ballots. Additionally, we have challengers in several other polling places in Essex County and most of the other polling places are sealing the bags. Given the procedure below we have concerns regarding the integrity of the ballot transportation in Bloomfield and Nutley for both provisional ballots and vote-by-mail ballots this evening. Please advise on our next steps at this point.



Challenger Statements

Challenger #1: West Orange, NJ

I was assigned to, and shared with another ballot watcher (“My Counterpart”), four locations in Essex County, all of which were in West Orange New Jersey.

On Election Day, at these locations, I saw a total of three people tell poll workers that they now live in New York City (NYC) and are registered to vote in New York. (One even said they voted in New York City during the last presidential election). These people further stated that they did not want to wait in the lines to vote in NYC because the lines there were too long. It is illegal for a person to cast a ballot in a state in which that person no longer lives. Since these people’s parents live in New Jersey, and because New Jersey never deletes voters from its voter rolls, these NYC residents were nevertheless able to vote in New Jersey because they were still listed in the New Jersey voter books. These could have voted twice, once in New York and once in New Jersey.

Also, at these four locations, there were several people whose names were not listed on the voter rolls. However, despite these people not being listed as voters on these rolls, they told poll workers that Governor Murphy said everyone should be allowed to vote. The poll workers then gave each of these people a ballot to complete.

I was in regular contact My Counterpart. When I protested someone’s ability to vote based on a legal reason, I texted My Counterpart who was at another of the four locations to which we were assigned. Shortly after receiving my text, My Counterpart observed the person in question show up at his site. At his location, against My Counterpart’s legal protests, the poll workers would nevertheless give the person in question a ballot to vote.

III. Observations After Election Day.

The poll workers batched up the boxes with the zip ties. A West Orange Department of Public Works (“WODPW”) employee came and picked up these sealed ballot boxes. I followed this WODPW person to two other locations to which I had not been assigned, where this WODPW person picked up sealed ballot boxes. At location number three, he mentioned to me that he was told was just told to go West Orange Town Hall with these ballot boxes rather than to Newark, where the Commissioner of Registration is located.

At West Orange Town Hall, the WODPW person unloaded the three sets of ballot boxes that he had collected. When I asked him what he was doing, he told me that he was instructed to unload the ballot boxes at West Orange Town Hall. I told him that I wanted to speak to the person in charge.

Shortly thereafter, a lady came out of West Orange Town Hall and identified herself as the person in charge. (She did not say her name, but I think she was Karen J. Carnevale, the West



Orange Municipal Clerk.) First, she asked me who I was. I showed her the official ballot challenger ribbon that I had been given. She told me that I was not “Rosemary Becchi,” the name on my challenger ribbon, and therefore I could not even question her. I told them that I worked for the Rosemary Becchi campaign and that our campaign received many ribbons, all of which said “Rosemary Becchi” on them. She then said where my badge is. I said there is no badge, just the ribbon.

She then told me that she was to open the sealed ballot boxes and remove the ballots before forwarding them on to the Commissioner of Registration in Newark. I raised my protest and cited NJ Law 19:53C-13, as she was unauthorized to do this due to her not being the Commissioner of Registration. She said too bad. When I asked her if I could get her saying this on my phone’s video camera, she said “No!” I asked her why she would not let me record her if she was not doing anything wrong. She immediately went inside the building and made a West Orange police officer stand in front of the door, so I could not go into the building.

I asked the policeman who was standing in the doorway if he took an oath to uphold both the US Constitution and the NJ Constitution/Administrative Code. He said yes. I then showed him the NJ Code 19:53C-13 that I had called up on my phone, and I asked if he was going to enforce this section. He quickly gave my phone back to me, went inside the building, and stood against the upper glass door with his back to me.

A few minutes later, three more West Orange Police showed up with sealed ballot boxes. They unloaded their ballot boxes into the hallway of the West Orange Town Hall.

Through the lower glass door, I was then able to watch the lady supervisor with whom I had spoken move several ballots around. I was then told by one of the officers that I was not allowed to stay there to watch, and that if I did not leave, I could be arrested for loitering. Please note I was in the public parking lot of the township of West Orange. I got into my car and left with a police car following me out of town.

Challenger #5: West Orange & Nutley, NJ

My experience as a challenger on November 3, 2020 consists of the following: I witnessed multiple polling sites explaining that due to their instruction from the Governor of the State of New Jersey, no one was to be denied a ballot and a chance of voting. I had multiple conversations with all four of the polling locations in West Orange. When questioning them they were told they were instructed to make sure each voter regardless received a ballot.

The most disturbing thing I witnessed was at a polling facility in Nutley. The Borough Clerk of Nutley refused to listen to our challenges regarding our understanding of the law pertaining to delivering ballots from the polling place to the county destinations. When questioned, the secretary declared, “I don't care what the law says, this is how we do it here”. Vincent, another challenger of the Rosemary Becchi campaign, started to take pictures of the 3 men and the truck transporting the ballot back to Nutley town hall. One of the men began to threaten Vincent in front of a police officer. After that altercation, we proceeded to Nutley Town Hall. Once arriving



at Town Hall, the ballot boxes were taken into the Borough Hall and the door was then locked, and we were not able to enter. The three people who transported the ballots including the Nutley police officer blocked our view from observing the ballots and seeing what they were doing. I personally witnessed the secretary opening all the bags in removing the contents from them. I then witnessed the workers replacing the contents in the bags and sealing them. Additionally, we had an independent watchdog group visually witness this. He videoed and interviewed all the challengers on site. He posted these findings of what he witnessed on the website Tik Tok. After they were done inside the building, the ballots were placed into a different vehicle. At that time the County Sheriff's department arrived and interviewed us. We explained to him what we had witnessed and how we were denied our right. We also shared our observation that Nutley did not follow proper campaign procedure.

Challenger #2: Livingston, NJ

I observed several people who voted twice, since they claimed they had already voted by mail, but were unsure if their votes were counted. Everyone kept telling them that they did not have to be concerned, since they said they received a postcard saying their vote was received. They still wanted to vote again, just in case their vote wasn't counted. They were told explicitly that Essex County sent out those cards, and they did not say the votes were counted. POTENTIAL PROBLEMS-The election workers posted the Provisional voter count and VBM every 2 hours during the day. After 6 pm, they did not want to provide any numbers. I had to insist that they open their bag after 8 pm to give me a correct count of the VBM numbers. They finally did. I stayed to ensure they sealed the orange bag of Provisional Votes. I watched them zipper the bag and seal it. I left after 8:15 pm. The workers had not yet loaded the bags on the car/truck to be transported to Town Hall yet.

Challenger #9: Nutley, NJ

I am writing to you to go on record and provide testimony as to my observations and activities witnessed on November 3rd, 2020 (Election Day) at the Nutley Parks and Rec Building (44 Park Avenue, Nutley NJ 07110), where I served as a duly appointed Challenger on behalf of the Becchi campaign. I was at the polling location from apx. 12.00pm – 6.30pm EST on Election Day and would convey the following observations of irregularities and chain of custody concerns:

1. Polling Officials were woefully undereducated on election day protocol and unprepared to handle voters at the polls. They could not answer any basic questions about the process.
2. Most voters who entered the polling place had no idea there was only Vote By Mail for this election and grew increasingly frustrated at having to fill-out paper ballots.
3. Several Poll workers did not routinely request photo ID from voters checking in at the desk. I insisted they do so.
4. There were at least 30 voters I witnessed who did not appear on the Rolls, were in the wrong



polling station, had conflicting address information, or no information at all. They were allowed to fill out provisional ballots. Each instance was documented by me as Challenger (Name, address, phone number) and conveyed to Ashley via email as each occurrence happened.

5. Ballot Box Security – There was an election official who was monitoring several Nutley locations who checked the ballot count in our polling location about every two hours. I verified these counts of both VBM and Provisional Ballots with poll worker Diannah Hedgebeth, as they were conveyed to the official. For the time I was at the polling station, I can confirm that the counts were accurately conveyed.

6. Security and Transportation of Ballots – I was in touch with Ms. Hedgebeth throughout the evening after I left the polling station and when it closed. She confirmed to me the final ballot counts as accurate, based on our ongoing counts throughout the day. She did convey to me that the ballot boxes (Blue for VBM and Orange (?) for Provisionals) were picked up by local Nutley election officials at apx. 8.15pm, BUT WERE NOT SEALED before leaving the polling station.

7. Ms. Hedgebeth may be of assistance to us as she is an experienced poll worker, expressed concern on the chain of custody and security protocol Contact info as follows: Diannah Hedgebeth, 973.444.0406 (Cell), 973.483.0054 (Home), hedgebdi@yahoo.com (email).

8. I do not know what happened with these ballots when they left the polling station.

Challenger #10: Roseland, NJ

Timeline of my day as Challenger at Roseland Public Library, Roseland NJ

05:58 am--Arrived at Roseland Free Public Library where voters were already inside and one was filling out a provisional ballot as the poll workers were setting up.

06:00 am -- Approached poll workers, they pointed to Phyllis, Master Poll Worker. I introduced myself and said I was a challenger for the Becchi campaign. She didn't offer her name, was very rushed with me and told me to go to the back of the room. She didn't say I could sit at a table or use a chair, just stand in the back. Observed that they were still getting out all the materials from the black voting machine, the voter roll book, pouches containing the voting materials and so forth. Table was not fully set up for at least 45 minutes but voters were casting ballots during this time. Between 6 am and 7am, I cannot say for certain that voters were checked for being on the voter roll, because I did not observe their names and addresses being checked against the voter roll. I asked why they weren't being checked in by name and there was no answer to my question by Phyllis or other poll workers. Phyllis kept saying they didn't really explain everything they were supposed to do, that this was totally different than what they had done in previous years, she was busy trying to put materials out, read what was supposed to be done, seemed confused and not fully aware of what needed to be set up and done. She complained that she didn't know what was in the black voting machine and kept bringing new things out slowly, one at a time, trying to figure out what each item was. She objected when Carol, a poll worker who was sitting at the main table questioned some of the things she was doing. They had a verbal altercation where Phyllis told her to mind her own business, where Carol told her it was her business to



ensure everything was in order or something like that. Carol stood her ground and remained in her place doing whatever she was doing. Phyllis was visibly angry but things settled down. Eventually Carol got busy assisting voters coming into the location to vote. I helped myself to a chair and sat at a table in the back center of the room so I could observe. Carol and Sally (poll workers) were instructed by Phyllis to put up the two cardboard dividers that were in the black voting machine. There were two of these (so none for 6 of the 8 tables). They had also set out pens and cleaning materials on those tables during this time. Carol and Sally put up the dividers on tables in front of where I was sitting; this obstructed my view completely so I picked up my things and moved to the right side of the room so I could fully observe everything. Phyllis handed me the list of street names and poll locations for the district, when she was getting organized with all the materials that were in the black voter machine.

7:08 am-- By this time, the voter roll book was laid out and being used on the entrance table. Another poll worker Wayne sat behind the table the whole day, along with Phyllis. His job was to check voters in and see that their names appeared in the book. I could not hear him announce the names. I expressed that to Carol so she asked Wayne to announce each name and address as voters were being checked in. This was not being done until this time.

7:43 am-- Carol reminded that the vote count needed to be recorded and the sheet posted. This was done by Phyllis. I took a photo of that. The red pouch was where they put the provisional ballots submitted. Took a photo of that. Said there were 400 ballots to start. There was a blue colored bag that looked like it had wheels where voters with Vote by mail ballots were instructed to place their ballots. The provisional ballots were collected by poll workers and placed in a red pouch. The Vote by mail ballots were not handled by the poll workers in my observation and were directed to put into the blue bag. The blue bag was on the floor in front of where Phyllis sat the whole time I was there. It was out of my view for each ballot but it appeared that's where they were being inserted from a distance.

08:11 am-- There was a man who came in, not sure why because he didn't seem to be voting, saying, "I didn't even know that" about bringing someone's ballot in. I believe he was referring to a vote by mail ballot into the polling locations that hadn't yet been dropped off or mailed in. In the video Phyllis states, "they didn't say anything, no, they didn't say anything about somebody bringing in somebody's else's ballot, (voter says, "there wasn't anything in the instructions?"), then Phyllis continues, "no, about somebody bringing in somebody's else's in, so now we know." And he says, "I'm going to go into Town Hall just to make sure". Later in the video, he looks my way and asks, "is she a voter" then Phyllis replies, "no, she's a challenger". From the dialogue, it seems that he knew Phyllis and Sally well, and knew that they had worked the polls before as his comments about the flow of voters were very low compared to the past, he pointed to where they had been sitting in past elections, and so forth.

8:35 am-- I asked Carol to show me the red pouch that the provision ballots were in; she told me that they started off with 400. A voter had come in and spoiled her provisional ballot by putting in incorrect identifying information as I recall. Carol also showed me that that spoiled ballot had been marked as "voided" and then put it in the red pouch.



9:59 am-- The tally was changed at this time to reflect vote count at 10am.

There had been a steady flow of voters up till now. There was a woman who came in, of Asian descent as I recall, but she explained that she had recently registered so her name was not on the voter roll. They allowed her to take a provisional ballot and fill it out because Phyllis said "they" would check the ballot for her voter registration if and when they counted the provisional ballots. She sat down and filled one out and they put it in the red pouch. There were also voters who came in but whose voter registration matched a different district, so they were at the wrong location to vote. I observed that they were checking the names and addresses at that time against the voter roll, and voters were turned away at Roseland if they were not registered in that district. There was a steady stream of voters who came in up until now.

10:07 -10:09am--Voters who appeared did not realize that they were going to complete a paper provisional ballot and asked for help were being aided by the poll workers. Sally seemed to get very involved with some of the voters, although I could not hear everything that she was doing. It seemed that she spent more time than necessary to help the voters.

4:44 pm-- Jock, the Roseland Town Clerk, visited a few times during the day. He talked about VBM, said people don't realize that provisional ballots should be used in a limited way by voters eg those who didn't receive a ballot. He then went on to explain why Provisional Ballots rules may mean that these ballots are not counted even though the VBM order came into play in NJ. He talked about the three step check they have to do on provisional ballots, but in this instance with all the VBM, he's not sure what they're going to do. He said, "Unless it's a real close local election they probably won't open those ballots." VBM "will definitely be counted". "The Board of Elections will make that determination" as to whether they will be counted. But they have to be "scrutinized" if they are counted. "I don't know if it's a good dry run or a bad dry run."

4:50 pm continues... "who knows what happens to all the ballots that they take down to Newark" I have no way to verify that. "Supposedly if someone forget to sign it, then they have to give that person a chance to sign it, but it's the only thing that they can do to correct the ballot". "Certain things by law they have to notify you about, signatures is the main one." "They have 3 days to do that and you have 9 days to correct. I don't know about provisionals though."

4:54 "4 people registered to vote, 3 got ballots and 1 did not." "Some people ordered a second ballot and got it in 2 days. Other people after 3 weeks did the same thing and never got a ballot in West Orange". "If you move, the post office won't forward your ballot."