I hope the county by county summary helps you to know where our remaining problems are in Texas. I am sure Susan and Marcy will talk to you again soon. If you want me to revise proposed letter to Texas reporters or do anything else, please call. I am available at the same phone number. Thank you again for agreeing to take on this project. I realize Texas is a big state with a lot of precincts and a lot of ground to cover.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Smith

Carolyn Smith Ph.D.
Director of Elections
ABC News

Dear Texas Reporter:

We cannot emphasize too much how important is is for you to contact the proper election officials for the precinct to which you are assigned at least **two weeks** prior to the election.

If you do not reach the proper official in time, you will not be able to receive vote at the polling place. The difference between receiving vote at the polling place as opposed to the county courthouse or clerk's office is up to 2-3 hours difference.

We have contacted every county official in Texas and have obtained the names of the precinct judges you must contact. The names of those officials have been given to your coordinator and passed on to you. Each of county officials has assured us that you will be able to get the vote at the polling place address if you will just follow through.

You must call the presiding precinct judge in charge of the precinct and explain that the precinct has been chosen by ABC as a part of a representative state sample and that you would like permission to receive the results of the vote at the polling place. **Calling the county official is not good enough. You must get in touch with the specific precinct judge who is in charge of that jurisdiction.**

Some of you have been concerned about asking for partial vote from your precinct once the polls are closed - is this legal in the state of Texas? Section 65.015 of the Texas Election Laws says "after the polls close and the last voter has voted, the presiding judge may announce the status of the vote count from time to time." Now the judge does <u>not</u> have to do this but he can do so. There is no harm in asking and this is waht we mean by getting partial results in Texas.

You should also know that section 65.002 of the election law says that the presiding judge "may direct the counting of ballots any time after the polls have been open one hour." Precinct officials can count all day. They just <u>cannot</u> release the vote to you until the polls close. There is no harm is asking if the judge would be willing to do this for our key precincts.

One more item concerning election law in Texas. A very few presiding precinct judges have told some reporters in the past that they are not allowed to collect vote at the polling place because of election code section 61.001. That section says says that bystanders are excluded from being in the polling place until all precinct returns have been certified and records have been assembled for distribution. The section says nothing about receiving the vote at the polling place door if the judge will release it.

We spent a lot of time this summer smoothing the way for you to receive the vote at the polling place. It is so important that you personally make contact with the precinct judge two weeks before the election. The precincts are in the jurisdiction of the judges and they take their jobs seriously. You must contact them and ask their permission for you to be at the polling place.

Andrews County (PBC) 88 primary reporter said there was no PBC at counting center. This precinct polling place is at the court house. The clerk likes to release the results at his office in the same building but we have asked for release of partial vote at the poll site location.

Bastrop County (Paper) the 1988 primary reporter indicated that she received vote from Rosanky -4 15 minutes after poll closing. She went home to call so we did not get vote until 48 minutes after poll closing. Reporter must find a phone closer to polling site.

Bell County (Machine) 88 primary reporters had problems in **Temple 106 and 308.** Election officials would not allow them in the building until the count was complete. That is why it is so important to talk to each presiding precinct judge before the election and ask permission to be present at the polling site and request partials which are allowed by state law. Reporters say to treat officials in this city with "kid gloves - be polite and not pushy." Seems they have had some problem in the past with overzealous reporters. We agree but the key is <u>early</u> polite contact. There were no problems in the **Troy** precinct. Reporter was able to call in partial from one machine and then call again on second machine.

Bexar County (Machine) Reporters say officials are very cooperative here. Some reporters are allowed to read the totals themselves from the machines before officials begin the count. Please urge all reporters to ask to be allowed to do this. **Great reporting from Bexar in the primary.**

Brazoria County (Tab) Reporter says the officials here are very cooperative and did tag and expedite. But we still do not get the vote in under 2 and one half hours. We continue to work on the tab problem at this end. Please have reporter follow up.

<u>Br</u>azos County (Tab) Reporter says that as long as the 73 year old county clerk is in charge, we will get no special handling on precincts in this county. She also warns that if we ever need more than one precinct in this county, we need to install a phone. But the pay phone is fine for one precinct.

Cameron County (Machine) Cooperative election officials in 88 primary according to the reporters there. Reporters in this county go a great job as you will see from the logs.

Camp County (Paper) 88 reporter said officials were very helpful with partials but would not allow top of ticket. Reporting on this Pittsburg precinct was great in the primary, improving two hours over 1986 report. Reported right at poll closing time. This demonstrates the advantage to getting the vote at the polling place as opposed to the courthouse, but

you have to have permission to be at the polling place.

Dallas County (PBC) The concept of partials is not relevant here because vote tallies should be available within 10 to 15 minutes past poll closing time. The tallies are available by ballot position, not by name so reporters must attach the proper position to the name on their own tally sheets before election night. FYI- the Irving point was late because primary officials went to precinct caucuses first. Will not be a problem in the fall. In 1986, some reporters were confused by straight ticket voting and individual voting and called in two totals, not realizing that straight ticket votes had already been combined in the individual votes total. Dallas coordinator should confirm same will be case in 88 and warn the reporters. All reporters in the county must contact the precinct judge of the precinct they are to report prior to the election in order to secure results at the poll place.

Denton County (Tab) Reported 1:13 past poll closing in 1986. 1986 reporter Sue Smith explained that our precinct was one of the last to be returned to the courthouse and therefore it was one of the last to be counted. We continue to work on the tab county problem.

Dewitt County (Paper) The Yoakum precinct reported 1:15 past poll closing in 1986 but Cuero -2 reported 5 minutes after poll closing. We are told that partial results will be available from the precincts in this county right at poll closing time which means they are counting during the day. Make sure reporters are at these precincts at least one half hour before poll closing. Again, reporters must contact the precinct judges to take advantage of this poll place reporting.

El Paso County (tab-) county closes one hour later than rest of state. Precinct reported in 88 one and one half hours earlier than in 1986. Still takes about one hour and 50 minutes to report. Reporter says she received great cooperation from election officials. We continue to work on tab problems.

Galveston County (tab-) This county went tab for the first time in the 88 primary. Took 3 and one half hours to get results from the Clearlake precinct. However, reporter did not indicate there was any lack of cooperation from officials. Galveston said for the 88 primary, they would give precinct detail, but would not tag or expedite boxes. We continue to work on tab problem.

Gregg County (machine) Two keys showed great improvement in the primary over 1986, coming in in 18 minutes to one half hour. Officials cooperative with partials. A precinct we used in the primary, which we are not using in the general illustrates the problem we are trying to solve. The reporter

said that the election officials said they were told by the county clerk to take all returns to the courthouse before releasing anything to the press. This will not do. The reporter must call the precinct judge.

Harris County (Tab) - continues to be hopeless. Need at least two reporters in the tab center. Must send letter to Anita Roheheaver at least thirty days prior to the election with list of precincts just to get precinct detail. Will not tag or expedite. We continue to work on the tab problem.

Harrison County (Machine) Only the Gum Springs precinct 19 reports consistently well, within 25 minutes in the 88 primary. The other precincts, used in 1986 took one hour and a half to report. We must solve this problem. One reporter told us it takes that long to certify the results. That is what we do not want to wait for. The reporter must go to the polling place. Reporter must contact the precinct judges of each of the precinct.

Hidalgo County (Machine) Most precincts are in whithin 15 minutes to one half hour. Officials cooperative if the contact with the judges is made early. We are concerned about the failure of the San Manuel precinct in primary 88. All reporters in this county must contact the precinct judges prior to the election in order to secure results that night at the poll place.

Hill County (Paper) Precinct reported in 45 minutes to one hour in 1986. Was not used in 1988 primary. Reporter must contact Pct prior to the election in order to secure results at the poll place.

Lamar County -(paper) Reported in 2 hours and 25 minutes in 1986 and not til after 1 am in 1988. Reporter was told by county clerk that secretary of state office said no report could be given to anyone other than county clerk office. That is absolutely not true. Reporter said this precinct was the 32 out of 35 to arrive at courthouse. Here is the old problem again. We have been assured we can get the results at the polling place. Reporters must not wait at the courthouse.

Lee County -(Paper) precinct reports in 45 minutes and officials are cooperative per the 1988 reporter. Only thing we can do here is ask the reporter to request partial vote.

Lubbock County -(tab) Reported in one hour and a helf in 88 primary and 1:50 in 1986. We continue to work on the tab problem

Montgomery County (PBC-) The Pinehurst precinct took 2 hours and 45 minutes in 1986. I predict the reporter did not go to the poll place. We must resolve this. A PBC should not take this long.

Nueces County -(Machine) Should report within 12 to 20 minutes. Many were late in the 88 primary because they held precinct conventions before tallying the vote. Will not be a problem for the fall.

Parker County -(Tab) Officials were described as cooperative but vote still not available for over three hours. We are working on tab problems.

Polk County - (Tab) great reporting key for tab. Reported in one hour. Took 2 and one half hours in 1986.

Potter County (Tab) Reporter said county will not do anything special with boxes. Just have to wait for precinct to come in. Suggests we pay them if we want special service. We will try it.

Randall County. (Tab) Did not report in 1986. We will try arrangements again. Not used in 1988 primary.

San Patricio (machine) Reported withing 50 minutes in primary, much better than in 1986. But if we follow proper procedures, we may do even better.

Tarrant County (PBC) Excellent reporting county. Some reporters are allowed to read top of ticket off the machine tape before the machine finishes printing other races. We are concerned about the one failure in the 1988 primary in Azle 4340.

Travis County (Tab) Agreed to tag boxes in 1986. But the precinct was a reporting failure in the 1988 primary. We will try again.

Uvalde County - (Paper) precinct reported within two minutes in the 1988 primary -that's fantastic and shows what can be done with proper arrangements.at the local precinct level.

Victoria County (machine) Reporters say officials are very cooperative in these precincts. Should report within 20 minutes.

Winkler County (PBC) moderately good reporting county. But with proper local arrangements, I bet we can do even better. Reporter said officials made one false start on the count in 1988 primary but still got results in 40 minutes. Reporter must contact precinct judge prior to the election in order to secure results at the polling place.

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Paper and PBC Counties:

Andrews Precinct judge for Andrews-03 is Ann Wilkins (915) 523-4174. She will start loading the ballots into the PBC one to two hours before poll close depending on turnout so that all are counted by poll close. She will release a final result 5-10 minutes after poll close. Reporter should contact her to introduce herself.

Bastrop County official, Barbara Brinkmeyer does not yet have names of the precinct judges. She is aware that precinct 04 is one of our keys, and she will instruct the precinct judge to count ballots during the day and release a partial at 8:00. Reporter should speak to the precinct judge directly before the election.

Camp County clerk, L.C. Irby sees no problem convincing the precinct judge, Joyce Keith, [redacted], to count during the day and release something to us at poll closing. Reporter should introduce herself to Ms. Keith before the election.

Dallas All precincts will have PBCs in which the voters place their own ballots, so results should be available quickly. A list of the Dallas precinct judges follows.
1121: Charlie Hires, [redacted]
1125: Arlisia Slemings, [redacted]
1130: Elinor Tyler, [redacted].
1142: Willard Smith, [redacted].
1150: Harlan Hill, [redacted]
1198: Laneil Wright, [redacted].
2202: Wayne Snipes, [redacted]
2251: Mike Brown, [redacted].
2254: Gail Chappell, [redacted].
2302: Sam Moffett, [redacted].
3365: Ruby Carroll, [redacted].
4407: Paul Erwin, (Business) [redacted].
4434: Bill McCalpin, [redacted].
4470: Euba Trudnoski, [redacted].
All reporters should contact precinct judges to introduce themselves.

Dewitt County Clerk, Ann Drehr, will ask the precinct judges to count the paper ballots during the day and release a partial at poll close. Hazel Bland, the precinct judge for precinct 18, [redacted], has already agreed to do so. Lucille Clarke, the precinct judge for precinct 2, Home [redacted] Work [redacted] has not been contacted by ABC. Introductions should be made to both precinct judges.

Hill Precinct judge is Willeda McCall, [redacted]. She will count the ballots all day. She did not like the idea of posting a partial at poll closing, but she said there would be a final posted within a half hour of poll closing. Reporter should contact her to introduce herself.

Lamar The precinct judge for Paris-301 is Mrs. Norris, [redacted]

She will be instructed by county clerk to post a partial at poll close. Reporter should contact her to introduce herself and confirm this information.

Lee County Clerk, Carol Dismukes, does not see a problem with counting during the day if it's o.k. with the precinct judge, Florence Proske, [redacted]. Reporter should contact her personally for introduction and confirm that the counting of ballots will take place during the day and that she will post a partial at poll closing.

Montgomery The voters place their own ballots in the PBC, so a final should be announced right after poll close. Precinct judge, Joe Richardson, [redacted], should be contacted by reporter to introduce herself.

Tarrant Gail Hamilton, the Election Assistant, said voters place their own ballots in the PBC so we should get results right after poll closing. Precinct judges should be contacted by the reporters and asked if they would run an extra tape for them when they close the counters. This way, our reporter is assured of getting the results before they are called in to the central office. A list of precinct judges follows.
1117: Elly Hutcheson, [redacted].
2146: Jane H. Lovett, [redacted].
2147: Bea Watkins, [redacted].
2174: Jill Scott, (Home) [redacted], (Business) [redacted].
2304: Jerry Sherill, (Two Home Numbers) [redacted].
2313: Daniel A. Stafford, (Home) [redacted] (Business) [redacted].
3042: Laura L. Duncan, (Home) [redacted] (Business) [redacted].
4125: Doyle C. Fine, [redacted].
4231: Reporter should contact Julia Bin-Menani in the elections office for the name and number of the precinct judge. Her number is 817-334-1744.
4339: Don Shipe, (Two Home Numbers) [redacted].
4340: Iona Reed, [redacted].

Uvalde County Clerk, Dorothy Rodgers, said that all precincts count the ballots during the day so we should have a final count within minutes of poll closing. Precinct judge Yolanda Martinez [redacted] should be conctacted by reporter to introduce herself and confirm this information.

Winkler Ruth Godwin, the county clerk, refuses to run any ballots through the PBC before poll closing. But, she said that a final should be released within a half hour after poll closing. Precinct judge, Sally Roman, 915-586-2602 should be contacted by the reporter to introduce herself.

Precinct Judges for machine counties:

All precinct judges should be contacted by the reporter to introduce themselves.

Bell	Temple - 106	Charles Valdez [redacted]
Bell	Temple - 308	Mrs. Eva Boyd [redacted]
Bell	Troy 301-	Mrs. S. E. Moore [redacted]
Bexar	San Antonio- 2037	Helen Harrington [redacted]
Bexar	San Antonio - 4043	Mrs. D. S. Ford [redacted]
Bexar	San Antonio - 4063	Mr. Mat Farrar [redacted]
Bexar	San Antonio - 1038	Ava Stanley [redacted]
Bexar	San Antonio - 1039	Roxie Daily [redacted]
Cameron	Harlingen - 39	Francisco Zamarron Jr. [redacted]
Cameron	San Benito - 22	Ofelia Pena [redacted]
Gregg	Longview - 06	Earl Prince [redacted]
Gregg	White Oak - 12	David Husband [redacted]
Harrison	Gum Springs - 19	Martha Rodgers [redacted]
Harrison	Waskom - 20	Mr. J. A. Baird [redacted]
Harrison	Woodlawn - 14	Lila Papps [redacted]
Hidalgo	Edinberg - 30	Martha Salazar [redacted]
Hidalgo	McAllen - 7	William Rowe [redacted]
Hidalgo	McAllen - 62	Alex Lamela [redacted]
Hidalgo	San Manuel - 19	A. Zamora [redacted]
Hidalgo	Weslaco - 02	Joe Sanchez [redacted]
Nueces	Corpus Christi -002	W.H. Darby [redacted]
Nueces	Corpus Christi- 005	Leloise Green [redacted]
Nueces	Corpus Christi- 06	Terry Austin - reporter please get #; none available yet
Nueces	Corpus - 14	Mrs. Fred Scheible [redacted]

Nueces	Corpus Christi- 67	Minerva Leal	[redacted]
Nueces	Corpus Christi- 48	Mrs. Jimmy Mosier	[redacted]
Nueces	Corpus Christi- 72	Betty Pollasex - reporter please get #; none available yet	
San Patricio	Sinton - 14	Mr. V. R. Glasson	[redacted]
Victoria	Victoria - 30	Patricia Spurlin	[redacted]

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ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

Election day is nearing! As most of you know, the League of Women Voters of Texas will again be working with ABC-TV to report the November election returns.

Twenty local leagues are participating: Amarillo, Arlington, Austin Area, Brazos County, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Denton, Edinburg/McAllen, El Paso, Houston, Irving, Lubbock, Marshall/Harrison County, Montgomery County, Richardson, San Antonio Area, Tarrant County, Tyler, Victoria and Waco Area. Also, helping are MALs, husbands, and friends.

Reporters will cover ninety key precincts in thirty-three counties across Texas. ABC reporting brings in a substantial amount of income for the state League. Estimated net income is $5300.

Leagues are very cooperative and supportive. As coordinator of ABC-TV Key precinct reporting, I am happy to be working with league members again for the November election.

Gail Roache
Lwv-T Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

GENERAL ELECTION - 1988
TIME LOG

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DATE	TYPE OF WORK	HOURS SPENT
7/18	Received computer lists from ABC - Assign precincts to leagues	1/2
7/20	Assign precincts to leagues	3
7/26	Making precinct forms (using computer)	1½
	filling out precinct forms	2
8/1	Assigning precincts on forms Sent copy of mailings to: Ruthann Geer Frances McIntyre Diane State office	1
8/15	letter to LWV pres - coordinator update letter collating letters & stuffing to LL, field coordinators, state service reps, state office, state pres	3
9/6	letter to reporter - expenses to ABC	1

TIME LOG

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	HOURS SPENT
9/19	calling leagues to get reporters names	3½
9/20	typing reporter info on computer for labels	1
9/21	"	2
9/24	collating reporter kits	5
9/26	labels - lists - reporters	2
10/3	phone calls for labels on reporter packets	1
10/6	"	1½
10/7	copying letter, printer labels	1½
	letter about county officials (from ABC)	2
10/10	letter about county officials copying & collating	1
10/14	labels for postcards & reporter checklist	1
10/17	copying	½
10/18	letters to coordinator about precinct judges	2½
	Postcards - labels	
	Checklist - labels	
10/21	calling coordinator to call reporters for phone nos.	2

TIME LOG

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	HOURS SPENT
10/25	calling reporters & checking phone nos.	1
10/28	"	2
10/30	"	2
10/31	"	1½
11/1	TEST NIGHT calling 15 reporters who didn't make calls	1½
11/2	calling reporters who didn't make calls	1
11/3	"	3
11/4	calling - computer letter thank you reporter	2½
11/7	Thank you letter	1
11/8	ELECTION DAY	7
11/9	Checking votes still out	1
11/11	writing & copying final report	7

TIME LOG

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	HOURS SPENT
11/12	Recording information from returned reporter booklets & expense form	2
11/15	"	1
11/28	"	1
12/1	Totaling Reporter Expenses Sent to LWV-F Treas.	1
12/2	Tie up All Loose Ends Send Reporter Kits, Listings, Etc to ABC	3
		75 HOURS TOTAL

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Diane 326-2769

ABC - Susan Buxbaum
Marcy Lefkovitz
Lisa Goodman

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

State Office
Charlene (512) 472-1100
453-4672

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
9/2		Julie Lowenberg (Dallas)			
		- Sachse - Plano League to do this. Call Julie after talking to Plano. (maybe Richardson)			
			County - Dallas City - Sachse Precinct - 2202 } Sachse Community House 3033 6th St.		
			Plano - Nancy Stevens (214) 596-9001 LWV office (214) 964-3335		
9/6		Nancy Stevens (Plano)	Sachse - S. of Willey -	close to Richardson	
		Nancy Wilson	Richardson	Sachse - yes - key race contacts	
		Susan Buxbaum	ABC		
		Judge Carl Williams (512) 476-7100	- He's in charge of computer room in Travis County. He said he'd call in votes. If someone wants to be reporter & then leave by 9 pm if not in - get his phone no. where he can be reached on election night -		
			Texas League		

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
9/19		✓ Mary Farrell -	Temple - Be in Australia		
		✓ Donna Murry -	Temple - yes		
✓	9:30	~~Jeri~~ Jeri Waddell	(Galveston)	left msg - Yes	
		744-7327			
			~~[illegible]~~		
			Odessa		
			Polly Gaubatz - absentee judge - (Kay - moving to Port Arthur)		Will call ~~me~~ if problems
			Marian Jones - 366-3874	try Karen Johnson	
			Ann Smith - no		
		Rowena Rodgers	San Antonio		will call me
		✓ Reed Bilz	Tarrant County	left msg -	Tell her I received in mail today
		✓ Kandy Rose	Brazos County -	Shall be reporter -	
		✓ Cindi Cornish	Victoria	(512) 578-7028	Call her after 6
		✓ Ann Norment	MAL - Lamar - Paris	(214) 785-1540	Call after 4

wed. 9/21 call me in 3 days

Karen will take care of 2 precincts Andrews, Winkler

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
Wed 9/21	4:00	Sandy Scarboro	El Paso	~~didn't leave msg~~	
			will call me next Tues. 9/27		shd could use her name but rather wait
Mon 9/28	2:00	Susan Butbaum	ABC		
		Dallas 1121	Dolby Intermediate School	(name change)	
		Nueces 14	~~need letter~~		
	2:15	Rowena Rodgers	San Antonio	(512) 344-1657	left msg
	2:15	Charlene	Austin	Will get back w/ me	
Mon 10/3		Sandy Scarboro	El Paso		
		Didn't realize reporter didn't have to be league member			
		Will call me by midweek			
	4:00	Charlene	Austin		

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
10/6		Ruth Ward	El Paso		
		She'll talk to Sandy & get back w/ me tomorrow.			
			Contact from Charlene Matcele Rittgers (Richers) was on state Board (915) 594-0626		
		Charlene	Austin		
10/22		Remind NOV. 1	Call Coordinators - call reporters to get me phone numbers - by Wed. evening - coordinator call me w/ nos - reporters mail cards -		
	1:55	Mary Ann Moxon	Arlington Coordinator	(817) 465-2847	left machine msg
		Pauline Clarke	Corpus Coordinator tell her when get her postcard	(512) 883-2748	spoke to her
	✓	Julie Lowenberg	Dallas Coordinator Joyce Campbell have	(214) 352-4667	left msg -
	✓	Mary Ellen Salinas	Edinburg McAllen (thank for her letter - San Manuel) reporters have been doing this	(512) 580-1669, 585-0853	left msg
	✓	Judy Zirkle	Montgomery Co.	(409) 273-1209	spoke to her

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	~~✓~~	Pat Connell	Richardson	(214) 231-8419	left machine msg
	✓	Rowena Rodgers	San Antonio	(512)	~~will get back~~
		Election judge info not in reporter packet - She'll get phone nos -			call me Wed.
call thurs. noon	✓	Charlotte Landis	Tarrant County (Mary Strom Reed & Pam Bilz)	(817) 354-8277	left msg machine Call me by thurs. noon
	✓	Lucy Roush	Tyler	(214) 597-1583	spoke to her she'll get me Wed.
	✓	Cindy Cornish	Victoria heard from Mary Garcia (Tues & Fri John & Cindi)	(512) 578-7028	left msg
		Charlene	Austin	(512) 453-4672	
~~call ABC~~		Ask if test call can be made from home			yes

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
~~Wed.~~		Mary Ellen Salinas	Valley		
		call her → Cameron	22 - Sylvia Zamarripa	- said judge can't find place	diff phone no. find polling
			39 - Susan McCarthy		
		Hidalgo 30 (512) 383-4716 686-9142	Jean Bender - talk to judge tomorrow (thurs)		
		Frankie Devereaux			
		Will get w/ Alice Smith tomorrow - I need to call her Mon -			
		Marilyn Forney Tarrant			
		- Jo Schweikhard - Adm. Ass. to Commissioner's Ct - organizing news media -			
		PARKER CO.	enormous write-in campaign - probably will be late - County Annex closed to everyone counting votes - transfer by computer downtown - maybe late		

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		Nell Copeland			
10/30		Called all coordenators -			
		✓ Mary Ann Moxon - Arlington		Spoke to her	
		✓ Pauline Clarke - Corpus		left msg -	
		✓ Julie Lowenberg - Dallas		spoke to her	
		✓ Mary Ellen Salinas - Edinburg/McAllen			
		✓ Judy Zirkle - Montgomery Co. -			
		✓ Rowena Rodgers - San Antonio -		left msg - need sharing sheet	
		✓ Charlotte Landis - Tarrant County.			
		✓ Lucy Roush - Tyler		left msg on machine	
		Cindy Cornish - Victoria	(512) 578-7028		
		Death in family (Bell) - Sent packet back 10/31			
		Had to find new reporter			
10/31	2:30	Judy Zirkle	Mont. Co.		
		Frankie had gotten Sue Smith - can't do it - need Someone tomorrow			
		test - Nov. 1) -			

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
11/1		Myrtle McMahan	Treasurer	(817) 294-1363	
		- Will send me IRS form		at end of year	
		Send all at one time -	thankyou letter in envelope	- preaddressed-prestamped	
		-	expense sheet separate		
		- ABC send me check - send to State Office			

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DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
		Test Night			
		15 reporters didn't call by 7:30			
		sick	4404 - Temple 308		
		Called	4407 - Leon Valley 2052 5592	Carolyn	(20 after 6) repeated back
		made call late	4408 - Losoya 1057	Kathy Fahy Sadler	(512) 824-0623
		just made @ 8PM	San Antonio 4043 -	Jensie Madden	(512) 657-0537
			4418 - Camp Pct 1, Box 5	Bill Ferrell - left msg	(214) 593-1699
		forgot	4416 - Harlingen 39	Susan McCarthy	forgot hadn't turned calendar
			4419 - Dallas 1121 - David Notestein - no test - no phone -		
		mtg	scout mtg 4426 - Dallas 2302	Chandler Howell	scouts will call me
		just forgot	4455 - McAllen - 07	Maxine Nichols	forgot
		just forgot	4465 - Corpus 72	Pat Parr	left msg
		at mtg	4474 - Canyon 06	Chris Bell	(806) 355-3747
		made call 1 hr late	4483 - Ft Worth 2145	Mary Strom	called 1 hr late forum
			4484 - 4125	Nancy Johnson	forgot -
		(Sub drowned)	4489 Victoria 30 -	Mary Garcia	left msg - sub drowned
11/2		Pat Connell	Richardson		will call me morning - will talk to David Notestein (get new reporter)

great

8 didn't call

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
11/2	11	Lucy Roush	Tyler	check on Bill Ferrell	(~~no test~~ post card)
		Marcie — ABC -			
		04 - Linda Gibson			
		26 - Chandler Howell (214) 248-3432			
		55 - Maxine Nichols ~~(512) 586~~			
	check	57 - Rosalinda Hernandez - (512) 383-4446; 686-0515			will call me
		74 - Chris Bell (806) 355-3747	need phone no.		
		84 Nancy Johnson (817) 735-9651			
		going to have grandpy new person 89 - ~~Mary Garcia (512) 575-3064 575-6451~~		20 out of 80 didn't call in	
		Vivian LOVIK (512) (called will)			

(Other States 30 or 40)

They need to test operations, too!

Response mediocre last night. Texas great - only 7 out

Didn't get great response of reporters or great test of system -

Call in NY time 2-4 Thurs. Houston 1-3

9am-12am Sat. 8-11

Give test data as if doing it last night -

If absolutely can't do it be there on Tues I call ABC

Cindy Cornish - Victoria - who to replace Mary Garcia

Mary Ellen Salinas - McAllen/Edinburgh - will call Rosalinda Hernandez

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
			Hidalgo/Cameron		
			Absentee voting not separated by precinct - extremely high		

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

Election Night

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
		Modelle -	Harris County		
		-	Phone line of ABC never connected -		
		* -	Tell NY not to pay for putting in phone		
		Patti -	Hill County -		
			- post votes as soon as tallied - Judge won't let reporter in - Must do official business		
			no partials / top ticket	May be late	
		Margaret Ragus -	Dallas 2251 Woodrow Wilson High School (She's counted them.)		
			- lady unplugged voting machine - wiped out totals - 3 hrs - (re-run it)		
			- can't call in		
			- precinct judge can't even get in -		
Results to Dallas 2251			- Records Bldg - Dallas - Election Dept (214) 653-7499 7194		
		Lee County Stefanie Medack			
			- Can't go inside at all - totals on door		
			Called in partial at 7:05 - Very slow in counting ballot - Maybe ~ 9:00		

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
		Janeta Neuber	Arlington - 7:30		
		Judge won't give figures until post			
	7:30	Torrant 2174	long lines	½ hr late	
		Ann Normentt	Paris Lamar		
		- Lady promised report - still working on it			
	8:00	Marilyn Toney	Parker Co.		
		no returns called in -			
		- Still counting absentee (5000 absentees)			
		started this morning			
		- could be as last as 2 or 3 a.m.			
		8:30 - 29 out of 90 still out			
		Started Calling			
		Counting absentee ballots 1st before anything			
		Denton,			

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED
		Dallas	1198 -	plug pulled on machine	

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Sample Reporter Kit

To the Election Official:

Your voting place has been selected as a key election district. It has been chosen demographically to aid us in projecting and analyzing major races.

The member of the League of Women Voters who is presenting this letter will act as our reporter.

We appreciate your help in expediting the vote totals of the specified races so that our reporter can call them to us in our computer center. We believe election coverage is a valuable service which helps to promote public interest in the electoral process.

_____

Reporter's name

_____

Telephone

SAMPLE
REPORTERS
KIT

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include
letter asking
for donations
of expenses to
State league

ABC News 1926 Broadway New York, New York 10023 Telephone 212 887-4322

Dear Reporter:

Thank you for agreeing to be a part of ABC NEWS The '88 Vote. This election year promises to be the most exciting in years so you have chosen a good year to be a part of ABC NEWS. I want to personally thank all of the reporters who have been a part of our operation in the past. The new handbooks this year reflect the suggestions you have made to improve our efficiency here at ABC News.

The development of new technology over the past four election cycles has changed our operation and consequently has changed what we have asked you to do to help us. Methods of voting vary from state to state, county to county, and even from precinct to precinct in some states. Many of you have experienced, first hand, the frustration of broken tabulating machines, inability to get precinct detail from computers, harried election officials who are less cooperative than you like because they too must adapt to change. You also tell us telephones you thought you secured do not work, lines are busy, and it is too frustrating to get phones installed.

We have tried to rewrite the handbooks this year to help you solve some of those problems. The handbooks incorporate the suggestions made to us by league reporters in 1984 and 1986. Because technology has made the process so much more difficult for you and for us, I urge you to read carefully and to follow the instructions in your handbook for advance work.

If you have been a reporter before and you have some leftover questions which your state coordinator cannot answer such as the role of NES or what we actually do with your reports, I want you to call me personally, collect at 212-887-4322. If you are a new reporter and you are uncertain about what we are asking of you, call me. Thank you all again for agreeing to take on this project.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Smith, Ph.D.
Director of Elections
ABC NEWS

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Election Reporter's Handbook

Polling Place Reporting

ELECTION DAY: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** SYSTEM TEST: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Welcome to the ABC News reporting team for the 1988 general election. We want you to report, as fast as possible, results of the designated races in your assigned precinct. A special **thank you** to 1984 and 1986 reporters who took the time to suggest how we can improve reporting. The new handbook is based on your ideas.

Please follow the **advance work checklist.** When you are able to answer all of the questions on the checklist, you are ready to report the results of your assigned races.

YOU MUST DO THE ADVANCE WORK TO SPEED YOUR REPORT ELECTION NIGHT.

CHECKLIST FOR ADVANCE WORK

CALL OR VISIT THE POLLING OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE LOCATION WHERE YOU WILL BE STATIONED ELECTION NIGHT.

☐ 1. Introduce yourself and **explain** your election night **assignment.** The official will then expect you on election night.

☐ 2. Verify with the official that the vote **counting** for your assigned precinct will take place at the **address** on your tally sheet. If there is an error, inform your coordinator and correct the address on your tally sheet.

☐ 3. Ask if you will need a **special credential** to be present while the tally is in progress. If yes, arrange to obtain TWO credentials, for you and your teammate.

☐ 4. Will the results be announced by **candidate name** or by code? If codes are used, find out the letter or number assigned to each candidate so you can translate the code on election night. Ask for a sample ballot so you can see the codes.

☐ 5. Ask the official to tally your assigned races first and announce those results publicly before counting the votes in any other races. You are just asking for the **"top of the ticket"** to be counted first, a common practice in many areas.

PLEASE TURN THE PAGE TO CONTINUE THE ADVANCE CHECKLIST.

☐ 6. Explain to the official that you have been asked to report **"partials"** or small batches of votes as they are available. Enlist the official's cooperation in opening several **voting machines** at once so that you can read the machines, or ask to get the totals from each machine as it is opened. Ask the official to count **paper ballots** as they are unfolded rather than unfolding all of the ballets before counting begins. In **PBC precincts,** ask to have properly marked ballots run through the PBC first, before "kickouts" or "flipped out" ballots are hand counted.

*Please note: In most states, the law allows officials to release partial results.

SECURE THE USE OF A TELEPHONE AT THE POLLING LOCATION.

☐ 7. Visit the polling place to determine if there is a **phone available.** Ask permission to use the phone election night. You will be calling a toll free number; there will be no charge. Make sure the phone is **working.** Try dialing the toll free number on your tally sheet. Just let it ring twice to be sure you can dial long distance. **Send the number of the phone you have secured** to your state coordinator on the postcard provided.

☐ 8. If a phone is unavailable at or very near the polling place, **ask for permission to install one.** Get all the information requested on the phone order form, and give us the information. Call ABC collect: (212) 887-4322. On the postcard you send to your coordinator, write, "ABC phone ordered."

ACCESSIBILITY TO A PHONE ON ELECTION NIGHT IS ONE OF OUR MOST COMMON PROBLEMS. SOMETIMES THE PHONE IS LOCKED UP OR OUT OF ORDER OR LONG DISTANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN.

PREPARE EARLY TO REPORT PARTIAL RESULTS BY ENLISTING A TEAMMATE.

In many polling locations, paper ballots are counted in small batches. Voting machines are opened one at a time. PBC ballots which are properly marked are counted first. PLEASE REPORT THOSE PARTIAL RESULTS TO ABC AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

☐ 9. Therefore, enlist a member of your family or a friend to go with you to the polling place on election night. One of you must stay with the vote counting and record new numbers, while the other calls partial results to ABC.

FAILURE TO REPORT PARTIAL RESULTS IS ANOTHER COMMON PROBLEM ON ELECTION NIGHT. YOU MUST HAVE A READILY ACCESSIBLE PHONE AND A TEAMMATE. IF YOU GO HOME TO CALL, YOU CANNOT REPORT PARTIALS.

CALL US ON SYSTEMS TEST NIGHT.

☐ 10. On Tuesday, November 1, call the ABC toll free number on your TEST TALLY SHEET. Follow the instructions on the TEST TALLY SHEET. Call from wherever you are at the time specified. Give the dummy set of figures for each candidate listed. Be sure to make the call. A late call is better than no call.

WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO CHECK OFF BOXES 1-10, YOU ARE READY TO REPORT ON ELECTION NIGHT. REMEMBER, SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.

ELECTION NIGHT

1. Be at your reporting station 15 minutes before poll closing time. You don't want to be locked out. Identify yourself to the polling officials. Present the introduction letter to the official if you have not done so in advance.

2. If there is doubt about location, always **go with the precinct name and/or number,** not the address.

3. Make sure your **telephone** is not locked up and is **working.** If you are using a pay phone, carry enough coins to reach the operator several times, in case the coins are lost in the system.

4. Make sure you **understand how you will receive information.** If codes are used, confirm the letter or number assigned to each candidate. A sample ballot is posted at most polling places.

5. Sometimes two or more precincts are in the same polling location. Report **only the results from the assigned precinct.**

6. **CALL ABC WITH PARTIAL REPORTS WHILE MORE COUNTING GOES ON.** Your teammate should record new partial results while you are calling ABC. Call as often as is practical. **Do not add partial results.** Our ABC computer will do that. (We are reverting to the pre-1986 system at the request of our 1986 reporters.)

7. IDEALLY, IN A MACHINE OR PBC PRECINCT, WE SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR FIRST REPORT WITHIN 5-15 MINUTES AFTER POLL CLOSING, AND WITHIN 15 TO 30 MINUTES AFTER POLL CLOSING IN A PAPER PRECINCT.

8. If your first report is **delayed seriously** (one half hour after scheduled poll closing in voting machine precincts and one hour in paper ballot precincts), **call your coordinator.**

9. ABC has enough phones to take all calls. **YOU SHOULD NEVER RECEIVE A BUSY SIGNAL.** If you do receive a busy signal, the path to New York is busy. Dial the 800 **SYSTEM TROUBLE NUMBER** on your tally sheet; ask the operator to reroute your call. If that fails, dial 0 for the operator and **CALL COLLECT** to the **ABC EMERGENCY NUMBER** on your tally sheet. IN BOTH CASES, TELL THE OPERATOR TO STAY ON THE LINE WITH YOU UNTIL YOU GET THROUGH.

10. **Do not wait** for **absentee** votes or **write-ins** to make your last partial call. If you cannot get those votes within 30 minutes of the time you phone your last report to ABC, ignore them.

11. If you discover you have called in some wrong figures, make another call. Say, **"This is a correction."** A special operator will take the call.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, CALL YOUR COORDINATOR, COLLECT.

THIS HANDBOOK, WITH THE TALLY SHEET, MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR COORDINATOR. PLEASE FILL OUT THE BACK PAGE FIRST.

DAY AFTER THE ELECTION

Fill in your code and check numbers here._____

Fill in your expense sheet.

Please answer the questions below so that we can continue to improve our instructions to you and our efficiency at ABC.

1. Official poll closing time_____Time last vote cast_____

2. If there was a delay in poll closing, what was the cause?

   _____

3. Were officials cooperative in your effort to obtain "Top of the Ticket" and "partial results?" Please explain your effort.

   _____

   _____

4. If you reported to ABC more than 30 minutes after the last vote was cast in a lever machine or PBC precinct and more than an hour in a paper precinct, please explain the delay.

   _____

5. From what location and address did you make your call to ABC?

   _____

6. How did you secure a phone, and were there any problems calling on election night?

   _____

   _____

7. How many other times have you been a reporter?_____Would you do it again?

   _____

8. Please make any suggestions which would improve our ability to get the vote more quickly.

   _____

   _____

Name:_____

Tel. No.:_____

MAIL THREE ITEMS TO YOUR STATE COORDINATOR IN THE PRE-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE PROVIDED: TALLY SHEET, THIS HANDBOOK, AND YOUR EXPENSE FORM.

THANK YOU FOR REPORTING FOR ABC NEWS.

ABC NEWS TELEPHONE ORDER FORM

ABC CODE _ _ _ _

Reporter's name_____

Reporter's address_____

City, State_____

Reporter's telephone number_____

Where should the ABC News telephone be installed?

Type of building (or name of building; e.g. Washington High School, First Methodist Church)

_____

Address_____

City_____

Where in building (e.g., specific room. Be sure use of phone will not interfere with vote counting.)

_____

Any specific location within room (e.g., northeast corner)? Note if wall phone is needed.

_____

Person in building who gave permission for ABC Election phone to be installed.

_____

His (her) phone number_____
(Very important)

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

October 1, 1988

Dear Reporter,

Thanks for agreeing to be part of ABC News The '88 Vote. ABC reporting brings in a substantial amount of income for the state league.

ABC will reimburse you for your expenses if you fill out the enclosed expense voucher. If you are considering not submitting your expenses, please fill out the expense voucher anyway and request that ABC make the reimbursement to the state league.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Roache

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator, ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name _____ ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED		

Allow 20 cents a mile for your car. Cost of a meal may be claimed only when it is taken in the course of travel away from your home town; you must submit a receipt. Attach receipts to top copy and mail the first three copies along with your handbook, intact, to your coordinator in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. The fourth copy is for your records. Please do this promptly, so that all reporters can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

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Election Reporter's Handbook

Tabulation Center Reporting

ELECTION DAY: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** SYSTEM TEST: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

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Please follow the advance work checklist. When you are able to answer all of the questions on the checklist, you are ready to report the results of your assigned races.

YOU MUST DO THE ADVANCE WORK TO SPEED YOUR REPORT ELECTION NIGHT.

CHECKLIST FOR ADVANCE WORK

CALL OR VISIT THE CHIEF COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIAL

- ☐ 1. ABC has sent a letter to the chief county election official, including our list of sample precincts and requesting access help. You should receive a copy of that letter from us. Confirm that the letter from ABC has been received. If not, call your coordinator immediately.
- ☐ 2. Verify with the official that the release of the election results for your assigned precincts will be available at the **address** on your tally sheet. If there is an error, inform your coordinator and correct the tally sheet.
- ☐ 3. Ask if you will need a **special credential** to be present in the tabulation center on election night. If yes, arrange to obtain credentials for you and your teammate(s).
- ☐ 4. Ask the official for the exact location (floor and room) assigned to you in the tab center on election night.
- ☐ 5. Find out who will be available to you at the tab center on election night if you have questions or problems getting the vote and how to contact that person.
- ☐ 6. Will there be a **long distance phone** at the tab center available for your use? You will be calling a toll free number; there will be no charge. Write down the tabulation center phone number you will use. If no phone is available, ask the election official for permission to install one.

PLEASE TURN THE PAGE TO CONTINUE THE ADVANCE CHECKLIST.

CHECKLIST FOR ADVANCE WORK (CONTINUED)

☐ 7. Ask if the vote will be available to you on a computer printout OR will the vote come up on a computer screen.

If the vote is on a PRINTOUT, how and from whom do you get the printout as each of your precincts is processed? Is one copy posted or do you get your own copy?

If the vote is on a computer screen, will you operate the computer or will someone from the county? If you must learn, do it now, not election night. If there is an official training session, you should attend.

☐ 8. Will the results be available to you by candidate name or by code? If codes are used, find out the letter or number assigned to each candidate so you can translate the code on election night. Ask for a sample printout or a local print of a sample screen so you can see the codes.

☐ 9. Verify with the election official that the specific requests in the access letter from ABC can be accomplished.

a. Is the computer programmed to release immediate precinct detail on the list of precint numbers assigned to you? Make sure your list and the official's list agree. If no precinct detail will be available, call your coordinator.

b. Will each of your precincts come directly to the tab center, as soon as possible after the polls close, or will they be taken to sub-collection centers first? If your precincts will not be taken directly to the tab center, call your coordinator.

c. Have the "ABC NEWS 88 VOTE—GENERAL" labels been attached to each of your precinct boxes so they can be expedited through the tab center process? If labels have not been put on the boxes, call your coordinator.

d. We have requested that an extra reporter be at the initial intake site in the tab center to help usher the ABC tagged boxes to the front of the line during both the inspection and the data processing. Will you be allowed to help by at least pointing out the tagged boxes?

SECURE THE USE OF A TELEPHONE AT THE TAB CENTER

☐ 10. You have already asked if there will be a phone available for you. If there is, send that phone number to your state coordinator on the postcard provided. If there is no phone available at the tab center, and you have permission to install one, get all information requested on the telephone order form. Call ABC collect, (212) 887-4322, and give us the information. Send the telephone postcard to your coordinator marked "ABC phone ordered."

☐ 11. BE PREPARED TO REPORT PRECINCTS ONE AT A TIME. You must have at least one teammate to watch for precincts as they are available while you call ABC with each return. DO NOT EVER WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE ALL PRECINCTS TO MAKE YOUR CALLS. If you are allowed to have a second teammate to assist in ushering the tagged ABC boxes through the process, contact that person early and explain what is involved.

WHEN YOU CAN CONFIDENTLY CHECK OFF ALL THE BOXES, YOU ARE READY TO REPORT ON ELECTION NIGHT. REMEMBER, SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.

CALL US ON SYSTEMS TEST NIGHT

On Tuesday, November 1, make a call to ABC following the instructions on the test tally sheet. Call from wherever you are to the toll free number. Report each TEST TALLY sheet in your kit, giving the dummy set of figures for each candidate listed. Be sure to make the call. A LATE CALL IS BETTER THAN NO CALL.

ELECTION NIGHT

1. Be at the tabulation center before poll closing time and identify yourself to the person who will release vote returns. If a second teammate is allowed at the inspection point, make sure officials understand that person's role.

2. Make sure you understand how you will receive the vote, from whom and in what form. (advance work 7-8)

3. Make sure your **telephone** is not locked up and is **working.** If you are using a pay phone, carry enough coins to reach the operator several times, in case the coins are lost in the system.

4. CALL ABC AS SOON AS EACH PRECINCT IS AVAILABLE. Your teammate should wait for other precinct results while you are calling.

5. If a partial report on a precinct is available as in **"early pick up"** states, call with that vote as soon as you have it. When the total vote comes in later, call that in also. DO NOT ADD THE TWO TOGETHER. The second total overrides the partial.

6. ABC has enough phones to take all calls. **YOU SHOULD NEVER RECEIVE A BUSY SIGNAL.** If you do receive a busy signal, the path to New York is busy. Dial the **800 SYSTEM TROUBLE NUMBER** on your tally sheet; ask the operator to reroute your call. If that fails, dial 0 for the operator and **CALL COLLECT** to the **ABC EMERGENCY NUMBER** on your tally sheet. IN BOTH CASES, TELL THE OPERATOR TO STAY ON THE LINE WITH YOU UNTIL YOU GET THROUGH.

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for file
letters
sent out
to Clerks
(by ABC)

September 19, 1988

Dana DeBeauvoir
Travis County Clerk
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Dana:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Austin Precinct 143.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

Once the transfer box containing the ballots for our key precinct arrive at the tabulation center, we would appreciate if the results of our individual precinct could be released to our designated reporter. We need to isolate the precinct vote from the cumulative totals as soon as possible after the polls close, preferably before all of the cumulative totals are run.

If you are able to program your computer to release the individual precinct totals on selected precincts, please include the ABC key precinct in your detail report. If you tally vote in individual precincts by hand or with PBC devices, we would be grateful if our key precinct be included in your individual counts. If any extra effort is necessary in carrying out this individual report, ABC News is willing to provide payment.

We would also appreciate your cooperation in expedited handling of our key precinct. That means to us special delivery from the polling place to the central tabulation center as soon as the work in the polling place is completed. It also means a priority of "next" processing of the precinct as soon as it is received at the tabulation center.

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Hopefully, we have chosen a precinct which comes directly to the central tabulation center, bypassing any sub collection center. If we have not chosen wisely, ABC will be happy to support the cost of special delivery of the ballot box from the polling place directly to the main tabulation center as soon as the work in the polling place is completed. Again, let us know how you wish to arrange compensation.

ABC NEWS GENERAL ELECTION 1988 labels are enclosed so that you can mark and easily recognize the transfer case containing the ballots of our selected key precinct. If you would agree to place the stickers on the box and instruct your officials to expedite the box to the head of the line once it reaches the tabulation center, we would be grateful.

ABC NEWS will be happy to supply an extra reporter at the tabulation center to watch for and to point out to your officials the box with the ABC labels on it as it arrives.

Our reporters, assigned to the tabulation center on election night, will contact you shortly to discuss our request for individual precinct results and expedited handling. At that time, our reporter will seek permission to be at the center and request information as to how results will be made available. The reporters will also make arrangements with you for the use of or the installation of a phone. Our reporters use an 800 number so there will be no charges incurred on your phones. The job of our reporters is to phone our election headquarters in New York with the results of our selected precinct as soon as it is available.

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider these arrangements. I hope our requests meet with your approval. If there are any problems or suggestions concerning these arrangements, it would be greatly appreciated if you would call me collect at 212-887-4322. Thanks again to you and your staff for all your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa Goodman
Access Coordinator
ABC News Political Unit

ABC News 7 West 66th Street New York, New York 10023 Telephone 212 887-4322

August 26, 1988

Leroy Hutton
Randall County Clerk
County Courthouse
P.O. Box 660
Canyon, TX 79015

Dear Mr. Hutton:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Canyon Precinct 06.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

Once the transfer box containing the ballots for our key precinct arrive at the tabulation center, we would appreciate if the results of our individual precinct could be released to our designated reporter. We need to isolate the precinct vote from the cumulative totals as soon as possible after the polls close, preferably before all of the cumulative totals are run.

If you are able to program your computer to release the individual precinct totals on selected precincts, please include the ABC key precinct in your detail report. If you tally vote in individual precincts by hand or with PBC devices, we would be grateful if our key precinct be included in your individual counts. If any extra effort is necessary in carrying out this individual report, ABC News is willing to provide payment.

We would also appreciate your cooperation in expedited handling of our key precinct. That means to us special delivery from the polling place to the central tabulation center as soon as the work in the polling place is completed. It also means a priority of "next" processing of the precinct as soon as it is received at the tabulation center.

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Hopefully, we have chosen a precinct which comes directly to the central tabulation center, bypassing any sub collection center. If we have not chosen wisely, ABC will be happy to support the cost of special delivery of the ballot box from the polling place directly to the main tabulation center as soon as the work in the polling place is completed. Again, let us know how you wish to arrange compensation.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Goodman

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Access Coordinator
ABC News Political Unit

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August 26, 1988

Sue Daniel
Potter County Clerk
County Courthouse
P.O. Box 9638
Amarillo, TX 79105-9638

Dear Ms. Daniel:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Amarillo Precinct 306.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

Once the transfer box containing the ballots for our key precinct arrive at the tabulation center, we would appreciate if the results of our individual precinct could be released to our designated reporter. We need to isolate the precinct vote from the cumulative totals as soon as possible after the polls close, preferably before all of the cumulative totals are run.

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August 26, 1988

Martha Johnson
Polk County Clerk
County Courthouse
P.O. Drawer 2119
Livingston, TX 77351

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

Once the transfer box containing the ballots for our key precinct arrive at the tabulation center, we would appreciate if the results of our individual precinct could be released to our designated reporter. We need to isolate the precinct vote from the cumulative totals as soon as possible after the polls close, preferably before all of the cumulative totals are run.

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August 26, 1988

Carrie Reed
Parker County Clerk
County Courthouse Annex
P.O. Box 819
Weatherfofrd, TX 76086-0819

Dear Ms. Reed:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Weatherford Precinct 2 Box A.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

Once the transfer box containing the ballots for our key precinct arrive at the tabulation center, we would appreciate if the results of our individual precinct could be released to our designated reporter. We need to isolate the precinct vote from the cumulative totals as soon as possible after the polls close, preferably before all of the cumulative totals are run.

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August 26, 1988

Ann Davidson
Lubbock County Clerk
County Courthouse
P.O. Box 10536
Lubbock, TX 79408

Dear Ms. Davidson:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Lubbock Precinct 23

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August 26, 1988

Anita Rodeheaver
Harris County Clerk
P.O. Box 1525
Houston, TX 77251-1525

Dear Ms. Rodeheaver:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting certain key precincts for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected these precincts as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in these selected precincts as quickly as possible. The list of our precincts is attached.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

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ABC News Key Precincts in Harris County:

Baytown Precinct 149
Bellaire Precinct 214
Houston Precinct 040
Houston Precinct 073
Houston Precinct 133
Houston Precinct 136
Houston Precinct 203
Houston Precinct 263
Houston Precinct 465
Pasadena Precinct 188
Pasadena Precinct 243

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August 26, 1988

Jessie G. Kirkendall
Galveston County Clerk
County Courthouse
P.O. Box 2450
Galveston, TX 77553

Dear Ms. Kirkendall:

This letter is a formal request for assistance in tabulating and expediting a certain key precinct for the presidential election in November in your jurisdiction. ABC News has selected this precinct as part of a statewide projection and demographic analysis sample. Each precinct is of critical importance to us. Without it, we cannot understand voting trends and accurately analyze the vote in your state. In essence, we are asking your help so that we may isolate the vote totals in this particular precinct as quickly as possible. The precinct we are interested in is: Clearlake Shores Precinct 52.

We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

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August 26, 1988

Marilyn Robinson
Denton County Clerk
P.O. Box 2187
Denton, TX 76202

Dear Ms. Robinson:

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August 26, 1988

Frank Boriskie
Brazos County Clerk
300 East 26th Street
Suite 120
Bryan, TX 77803

Dear Mr. Boriskie:

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August 26, 1988

Dolly Bailey
Brazoria County Clerk
P.O. Drawer D
Angleton, TX 77515

Dear Ms. Bailey:

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We would appreciate your cooperation in the following areas:

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Hopefully, we have chosen a precinct which comes directly to the central tabulation center, bypassing any sub collection center. If we have not chosen wisely, ABC will be happy to support the cost of special delivery of the ballot box from the polling place directly to the main tabulation center as soon as the work in the polling place is completed. Again, let us know how you wish to arrange compensation.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Goodman

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Access Coordinator
ABC News Political Unit

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August 26, 1988

Helen Jamison
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To: LWV-T State Board

From: Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

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90 keys 550
(22 TAB) 2720
#3270

1988 GENERAL ELECTION
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LEAGUE	PRESIDENT NAME & PHONE NUMBER	PRECINCTS ABC CODE	PRECINCT No	CITY	CONTACTED
Amarillo ✓	Chris Bell [redacted] (her office)	4473	306 Potter	Amarillo	9/18 - will call me in a few days ✓
		4474	06 Randall	Canyon	
Arlington ✓	Mary Ann Moxon [redacted]	4476	Tarrant 2147	Arlington	telephoned info 9/18
		77	2174		
		78	2304		
		79	2313		
Austin	Karen Haschke [redacted]	4402	04 Bastrop	Rosanky	9/19 - Olga Wise (VS) (512) 244-8330 (o) 453-2812 (h)
		4461	01 Lee	Giddings	
		4487	143 Travis	Austin	Melissa Stevens will call me Charlene will call me - 9/19 - left msg
✓ Brazos County	Kandy Rose [redacted]	4415	19 Brazos	Bryan	She will be reported
✓ Corpus (9/88)	Pat Parr [redacted]	4464	Nueces 14	Bishop	
		65	72	Corpus	
		66	002	"	
		67	005	"	
		68	06	"	
		69	067	"	
		70	48	"	

Extra copy of final report

PRECINCT ASSIGNMENTS

LEAGUE	PRESIDENT NAME & PHONE NUMBER	PRECINCTS ABC CODE	PRECINCT No	CITY	CONTACTED
✓Dallas	Julie Lowenberg [redacted]			Dallas	
		4420	1125	Dallas	
		21	1130	"	
		22	1142	"	
		23	1150	"	
		24	2251	"	
		25	2254	"	
		26	2302	"	
		27	4434	"	
		28	4470	"	
		30	1198	"	
		31	3365	Hutchins	
	Richardson	32	2202	Sachse	
✓Denton 9/88	Elizabeth Disco-Allan [redacted]	4433	01-G	Denton	
Edinburg/ ✓McAllen	Helen Drakeley [redacted]			Cameron	
		4416	39	Harlingen	
		17	22	San Benito	
				Hidalgo	
		4454	30	Edinburg	
		55	07	McAllen	
		56	62	"	
		57	19	San Manuel	
		58	02	Weslaco	
El Paso	Sandy Scarboro [redacted]	4436	61	El Paso	9/19 - will call me tomorrow 9/26 - has board mtg & will call Tues. 10/3-

I organized myself the same way as I did for the primary election in March. Refer to my letter to the state board of March 10, 1988 titled Final Report on ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting for 1988 Presidential Primary. (Note: all my correspondence is on file at the state office.)

Gail

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

PRECINCT ASSIGNMENTS

LEAGUE	PRESIDENT NAME & PHONE NUMBER	PRECINCTS ABC CODE / PRECINCT NO / CITY	CONTACTED
✓ Galveston (MAL)	Jeanine Ward [redacted] NO	4437 52 Galveston	9/19 - try Jeri Caddell (409) 744-7327 left msg
Houston (11)	Jeanette Vanderwater [redacted]	Harris 149 214 040 073 133 136 203 263 465 188 243	9/19 - will call me back ~~Caddell~~
Irving	Maxann Almbaugh [redacted]	4429 Dallas 4407 Grand Prairie	9/19 - Mona Wyatt
✓ Lubbock	Gladys Maynard [redacted]	4462 23 Lubbock	
Marshall/ Harrison County	Pauline Hoskins [redacted]	Harrison 4451 19 Gum Springs 52 20 Waskom 53 14 Woodlawn	9/19 - get info
✓ Montgomery County 9/1	Judy Zirkle [redacted]	4463 Montgomery 13 Pinehurst 72 Polk Pct. 1, Box 3 Goodrich	
Odessa (MAL)	I call individuals who did before - (no league)	4401 Andrews 03 Andrews 4490 Winkler 05 Kermit	Polly will be canvassing absentee votes - ~~Kay~~ ✓ 9/19 - Karen Johnson will get me reporters & call me back

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BEAUMONT					
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CORPUS CHRISTI	7	1	1	$280	
DALLAS	11	1	12	$440	
DENTON (TAB)	1	2		$25	$66
EDINBURG/McALLEN	7	2	8	$280	
EL PASO TAB	1	1	1	$25	$42
GAINESVILLE					
HOUSTON AREA (11 TAB)	11	1	2	$275	
IRVING	1	1	1	$40	
KERRVILLE AREA					
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PLANO / COLLIN CO.					
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SAN MARCOS AREA					
SHERMAN					
TARRANT COUNTY (1 TAB)	8	2	9	$305	$45.75
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VICTORIA	3	2		$120	$18
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WICHITA FALLS					
STATE UNITS				Total Shared $219.75	
CHEROKEE CO.					
CLEBURNE					

PRECINCT ASSIGNMENTS

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Richardson	Nancy Wilson [redacted]	4419	Dallas 1121	Dallas	
			2202	Sachse	
San Antonio	~~Lillian Reyes~~ [redacted]		Bexar		9/19 - Romena Rodgers will get back to me ASAP 344-1657
		4406	4074	Elmendorf	
		4407	2052	Leon Valley	
	Carolyn Fromoth [redacted]	8	1057	Losoya	9/26 - left msg
		9	1038	San Antonio	
		10	1039	"	
		4411	2037	"	
		12	4043	"	
		13	4063	"	
Tarrant County	Reed Bibo [redacted]	4471	Parker Pct. 2; Box A	Weatherford	9/19 - left msg received today
			Tarrant		
		4480	4340	Azle	
		81	4439	Benbrook	
		82	1117	Ft. Worth	
		83	2146	Ft. Worth	
		84	4125	Ft. Worth	
		85	4231	Ft Worth	
		86	3042	Haltom City	
Tyler	Joni Ferrell [redacted]		Camp		9/19 - will talk to Lucy & call me
		4418	Pct. 1, Box 5	Pittsburg	
	Lucy	38	Gregg 06	Longview	
		39	12	White Oak	

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To: Susan Buxbaum
Political Unit, ABC News
[redacted]

Subject: Final Report for ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting
1988 General Election - Texas

Date: November 11, 1988

It was a pleasure working with the ABC political unit as coordinator for ABC Key Precinct Reporting for the 1988 general election in Texas. There was wonderful communication and cooperation. ABC was extremely well organized. The reporter packet was very thorough as were the instructions and information provided to me as coordinator.

Thank you for using my suggestion for improving reporting in Texas: including information about the Texas election code and legality of reporting in the letter to the reporter. This alleviated many problems.

Test night response from Texas reporters was great. Only seven reporters didn't call ABC.

Election night went very well with only a handful of slow reporting precincts. Most reporters were able to report results very quickly. Some reasons for delays included: huge absentee voting due to the new state law, write-in candidates, hand counting ballots, unplugged voting machines, and "down" computers. TAB centers were extremely slow in reporting results. Other than Lubbock, final totals were not available from TAB centers until midnight or later.

Specific problems by precinct are included as attachment to this letter.

Gail Roache

Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator
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[redacted]

cc: LWV-Texas State Board
attachment

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Victoria	Helen Duckworth [redacted]	4489	Victoria 30	Victoria	9/19 - I need to call Cindi after 6 called me
	Cindi Cornish (coordinator) [redacted]	34	DeWitt 02	Cuero	
		35	DeWitt 18	Yoakum	
√ Waco	Catherine Gordon [redacted]	4405	Bell 301	Troy	
		4459	Hill 19	Covington	
		4404	Bell 308	Temple	
		4403	Bell 106	Temple	
	Rep County Chair	4488	16	Uvalde	Estelle Dubose yes
	Nell Copeland - MAL	4414	Brazoria 25	Alvin	yes
	Ann Norment - MAL	4460	Lamar 301	Paris	(214) 785-1540
	election judge - Ray Throop [redacted]	4475	San Patricio 14	Sinton	yes

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To: LWV-Texas State Board

From: Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator VRS Reporting

Subject: VRS (Voter Research and Surveys) Reporting
1990 Election - Texas

Date: November 15, 1990

VRS Reporting for the 1990 general election went very well. (VRS is the merger of ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN political units.) Texas had 100 precincts to report (for ABC reporting there were 90 precincts in November, 1988; 120 in March, 1988; 168 in 1986; 100 in 1984 and 157 in 1982) Total income for the precinct reporting was $2445.

Sixteen local leagues participated. (See attached chart.) The reporting covered 46 counties across the state. The races reported were gubernatorial and selected congressional races.

There were over 60 volunteers working on this project. The volunteers included:

31 local league members and spouses
9 MALs
2 graduate government students
18 election officials and friends

Only four precincts were not reported on election night. (Three of these had problems which the reporter notified VRS.)

VRS did not install a separate phone line in my house. They did, however, pay my phone bill.

My responsibility as coordinator was to find the reporters and send the names, addresses and phone numbers to VRS. I was not involved in sending out the kits, test night or election night. I was only notified if a reporter backed out or didn't call in results. (The responsibility was, therefore, only a portion of ABC reporting.)

Some impressions and observations:

. It is exciting to be part of the election process and work with the national news media.

. Charlene Ansley and Joanne Lovelace of the state offices were very, very helpful. They sent me address labels of presidents, directory of presidents and officers. They gave me names of MALs, helped assign and identify counties next to leagues.

ATTACHMENT

PRECINCT PROBLEMS

. Brazoria 25
  - Results at midnight. This precinct is always one of the last to report in the county.

. Brazos 19
  - Results after midnight.
  - Write-in ballot for county attorney. Write-in's had to be hand counted before counting any ballots.
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  - Suggestion by reporter: Brazos 19 is not at all representative ethnic mix and usually has the lightest voter turnout. Brazos 17 (at Travis School) is good indication to how the county votes.

. Dallas 2251 and Dallas 1198
  - Results not available until Thurs. afternoon (two days after the election.) Dallas county did not have precinct by precinct totals until two days after the election.
  - Vote counting machines were accidentally unplugged. (Both of these precincts are PBC - paper ballot.)

. Denton 01-G
  - Results were not available until 8 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were hand counted first.
  - There were computer problems. Another computer had to be obtained.

. Galveston 52
  - Results not available until late Wed. afternoon.
  - Extremely heavy voter turnout caused delays.

. Harris County (11 precincts reported)
  - Four precincts not reported until after midnight. TAB center very slow.
  - NOTE: Problem with ABC installed telephone again. Telephone was not working on election night. It was never hooked up. ABC should not pay for the phone. (Reporter used local ABC affiliate telephone.)

. Parker - Pct. 2, Box A
  - Results were not available until 5 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were counted first (5000 absentee ballots) and counting not completed before midnight.
  - Write-in's were hand-counted. (There were 9 write-in's on the ballot.)

. Randall 06
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. Travis 143
  - Partials without absentee were available by midnight. However, 25% voted absentee. The results, including absentee totals, were not available for two days, until late Thursday afternoon.
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letter sent to
LWV-T Board
summarizing
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. Refer to attached letter to Susan Buxbaum, Manager of VRS Reporting, about suggestions for improvements for VRS reporting.

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November 15, 1990

Susan Buxbaum
Voters Research and Surveys
[redacted]

Subject: Final Report on VRS Election Reporting for the 1990 Election - Texas

Dear Susan:

It was a pleasure working with you for VRS Reporting. I was glad to have the opportunity to be part of the election process and work with the national news media. I have some suggestions to improve VRS reporting:

- VRS needs to allow more than a two week period to find reporters - especially in a state with 100 precincts to report.

- VRS recruited some reporters in the same precincts I was asked to recruit reporters. They were only to recruit reporters if I notified them I had a problem. (I was able to find reporters in all the precincts I was assigned.) Thanks Susan for helping resolve this.

- A reporter kit should be sent to me, as coordinator, so I am aware of the information the reporters are receiving in the event one of them calls me.

- I am not familiar with the statistical sampling of the precincts in Texas. Some of your precinct choices seemed unusual such as SVU#25 - portable building located at the intersection of two highways and SVU#117 -no longer a town with only 30 registered voters.

Sincerely,

Gail

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator
VRS Reporting
[redacted]

cc: LWV-Texas State Board

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PEARLAND AREA				
PLANO /COLLIN CO.				
RICHARDSON				
SAN ANTONIO AREA	7	1	7	$175
SAN MARCOS AREA	1	1	1	$25
SHERMAN				
TARRANT COUNTY	7	1	7	$175
TYLER				
VICTORIA				
WACO AREA				
WICHITA FALLS				
STATE UNITS				
CHEROKEE CO.				
CLEBURNE				

1988 GENERAL ELECTION

LEAGUE	Key Precincts	Counties	Volunteers (reporters & coordinators)	MONEY BROUGHT IN	SHARING REQUESTED (AMOUNT TO BE SHARED = 15% OF TOTAL BROUGHT IN)
ABILENE					
AMARILLO (2 TAB)	2	2		$50	
ARLINGTON	4	1	4	$160	
AUSTIN AREA (1 TAB)	3	3	4	$105	
BAY AREA					
BAYTOWN					
BEAUMONT					
BRAZOS COUNTY (1 TAB)	1	1	1	$25	
CORPUS CHRISTI	7	1	1	$280	
DALLAS	11	1	12	$440	
DENTON (TAB)	1	2		$25	$66
EDINBURG/McALLEN	7	2	8	$280	
EL PASO TAB	1	1	1	$25	$42
GAINESVILLE					
HOUSTON AREA (11 TAB)	11	1	2	$275	
IRVING	1	1	1	$40	
KERRVILLE AREA					
LUBBOCK (1 TAB)	1	1	1	$25	
MARSHALL/HARRISON COUNTY	3	1	3	$120	
MIDLAND					
MONTGOMERY COUNTY (1 TAB)	2	2	3	$65	
ORANGE AREA					
PEARLAND AREA					
PLANO /COLLIN CO.					
RICHARDSON	2	1	3	$80	
SAN ANTONIO AREA	8	1	8	$320	$48
SAN MARCOS AREA					
SHERMAN					
TARRANT COUNTY (1 TAB)	8	2	9	$305	$45.75
TYLER	3	2	3	$120	
VICTORIA	3	2		$120	$18
WACO AREA	4	2		$160	
WICHITA FALLS					
STATE UNITS				Total Shared $219.75	
CHEROKEE CO.					
CLEBURNE					

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of TEXAS

1212 Guadalupe, No. 107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel 512/472-1100

November 15, 1990

Subject: Expenses for VRS Reporting

Dear Charlene & Joanne,

LWV-Texas should be receiving a check from VRS Reporting in about a month. Here's a breakdown of the money:

.	$1835	for precinct reporting
.	610	for reporters (61 reporters recruited) (suggested coordinator fee - $10/reporter)
.	240	Gails's expenses (Phone, copying, postage)
.	18	LWV-T expenses

Four leagues participated in the sharing program for VRS Reporting. The Leagues, with the amount they should receive, follows: Austin - $12, Beaumont - $3.75, El Paso - $5.75, and San Marcos - $3.75.

Please send a copy of the table of the precincts and income to all local league presidents. They were all interested in the amount their league donated to the state league.

Please tell the LWV-Texas Voter editor that she may use any of my letter that I sent to the State Board for her article.

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Gail

Gail Roache

To: Susan Buxbaum
Political Unit, ABC News
[redacted]

Subject: Final Report for ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting
1988 General Election - Texas

Date: November 11, 1988

It was a pleasure working with the ABC political unit as coordinator for ABC Key Precinct Reporting for the 1988 general election in Texas. There was wonderful communication and cooperation. ABC was extremely well organized. The reporter packet was very thorough as were the instructions and information provided to me as coordinator.

Thank you for using my suggestion for improving reporting in Texas: including information about the Texas election code and legality of reporting in the letter to the reporter. This alleviated many problems.

Test night response from Texas reporters was great. Only seven reporters didn't call ABC.

Election night went very well with only a handful of slow reporting precincts. Most reporters were able to report results very quickly. Some reasons for delays included: huge absentee voting due to the new state law, write-in candidates, hand counting ballots, unplugged voting machines, and "down" computers. TAB centers were extremely slow in reporting results. Other than Lubbock, final totals were not available from TAB centers until midnight or later.

Specific problems by precinct are included as attachment to this letter.

Gail Roache

Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting
[redacted]

cc: LWV-Texas State Board
attachment

ABC Election Reporting for November, 1988

estimated income
$3600 - key precinct reporting
1075 - coordinator fee
800 - expenses
$5475

Actual - 12/1
4575 key precinct reporting + coordinator fee
850.28 expenses
$5425.28

** Encourage league members to contribute money (expenses a few dollars) to state league.
($195.04 donated by reporters)

ABC Final 1986
$8000 included expenses
168 precincts
111 @ $40
57 @ $25
$7600 coordinating fee 2000

ATTACHMENT

PRECINCT PROBLEMS

. Brazoria 25
  - Results at midnight. This precinct is always one of the last to report in the county.

. Brazos 19
  - Results after midnight.
  - Write-in ballot for county attorney. Write-in's had to be hand counted before counting any ballots.
  - Largest voter turnout in history - 72% (normally have 12%)
  - Suggestion by reporter: Brazos 19 is not at all representative ethnic mix and usually has the lightest voter turnout. Brazos 17 (at Travis School) is good indication to how the county votes.

. Dallas 2251 and Dallas 1198
  - Results not available until Thurs. afternoon (two days after the election.) Dallas county did not have precinct by precinct totals until two days after the election.
  - Vote counting machines were accidentally unplugged. (Both of these precincts are PBC - paper ballot.)

. Denton 01-G
  - Results were not available until 8 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were hand counted first.
  - There were computer problems. Another computer had to be obtained.

. Galveston 52
  - Results not available until late Wed. afternoon.
  - Extremely heavy voter turnout caused delays.

. Harris County (11 precincts reported)
  - Four precincts not reported until after midnight. TAB center very slow.
  - NOTE: Problem with ABC installed telephone again. Telephone was not working on election night. It was never hooked up. ABC should not pay for the phone. (Reporter used local ABC affiliate telephone.)

. Parker - Pct. 2, Box A
  - Results were not available until 5 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were counted first (5000 absentee ballots) and counting not completed before midnight.
  - Write-in's were hand-counted. (There were 9 write-in's on the ballot.)

. Randall 06
  - Results were not available until 8 a.m. Wed.
  - Computer kept breaking. New computer had to be obtained.

. Travis 143
  - Partials without absentee were available by midnight. However, 25% voted absentee. The results, including absentee totals, were not available for two days, until late Thursday afternoon.
  - This precinct was the slowest to give results in both the general election and the primary.

LWV-T COORDINATOR

ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name GAIL ROACHE ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address [redacted] Date 12/2/88

City [redacted] State [redacted] Zip [redacted]

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
	COORDINATOR EXPENSES		
	MILEAGE	20	20
	POSTAGE	95	39
	COPYING & OFFICE SUPPLY	104	68
		340	34
	LWV-TEXAS STATE OFFICE	27	77
	MAILING ALL KITS & INFORMATION TO ABC & BOXING	9	31
	Total Reporters Expenses 582.84		
	State office 27.77		
	Coordinators expenses 249.55		
	$860.16 — ABC will send us a check for this amt		
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	277	35

Allow 20 cents a mile for your car. Cost of a meal may be claimed only when it is taken in the course of travel away from your home town; you must submit a receipt. Attach receipts to top copy and mail the first three copies along with your handbook, intact, to your coordinator in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. The fourth copy is for your records. Please do this promptly, so that all reporters can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

ABC - 3894

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

October 1, 1988

Dear Reporter,

Thanks for agreeing to be part of ABC News The '88 Vote. ABC reporting brings in a substantial amount of income for the state league.

ABC will reimburse you for your expenses if you fill out the enclosed expense voucher. If you are considering not submitting your expenses, please fill out the expense voucher anyway and request that ABC make the reimbursement to the state league.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Roache

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator, ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

TEXAS-COORDINATOR

Name GAIL REACHE ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address [redacted] Date _____

City [redacted] State [redacted] Zip [redacted]

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
7-20	office supplies	7	55
	mileage 3.0 (3 x .20)		60
7-26	copying	3	18
	mileage 3.0 (3 x .20)		60
	postage (40 stamps)	16	00
8-15	postage (28)	12	00
	copying & office supplies	17	39
	mileage 5.0	1	00
	copying	5	50
	mileage 5.0	1	00
8-17	mailing - mileage 3.0		60
9-6	letter reports - copying - office supplies	21	21
	computer paper, address labels		
	mileage 4.0		80
	postage		75
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	82	18

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ABC - 3894

Letter included, on reporters kit

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name GAIL ROACHE ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
9-21	office supplies	6	63
	mileage 4.0		80
	postage	5	00
10-5	mileage 20.0	4	00
	postage	1	00
	office supplies	17	18
10-6	mileage 4.0		80
	copying letter, envelope	13	41
10-8	postage	20	00
	mileage 3.0		60
10-10	copying	6	39
	copying	3	89
	mileage 3.0		60
10-11	mileage to postoffice 3.0		60
10-18	postage	5	00
	mileage to postoffice 3.0		60
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	87	00

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ABC - 3894

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

August 18, 1988

Dear Local League President,

Election day is nearing! As most of you know, the League of Women Voters of Texas will again be working with ABC-TV to report the November election returns. Over the years, League cooperation with ABC has resulted in much respect for our dependability and accuracy.

As the state coordinator of this year's project, I need your help in identifying local League members who would be willing to volunteer time on election night to phone in results from "key precincts." Enclosed is a list of the key precincts that are in your League's area. You will need to select a coordinator who will in turn select a reporter for each precinct. (The coordinator may also serve as a reporter.) The enclosed memo for local League coordinators includes more information about reporters' responsibilities.

Please appoint a local coordinator as soon as possible. The coordinator should send me his/her name, address, and phone number as well as the list of reporters by September 16, 1988. When I receive the names and addresses of the reporters, I will send them their reporters' kits.

You may have been contacted by other TV stations to do some reporting. Our contract with ABC requires that the first calls be made to ABC. It is therefore advisable that anyone working on the ABC project work on it exclusively. Others in your League might wish to work for other stations.

If you have any questions about ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting, please feel free to call me. ABC has provided me with a phone in my home just for this project. The number is (713) 480-0430. CALL COLLECT any time between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Be sure to read the enclosed letter about LWV-Texas optional sharing formula and how to ask that reimbursement of your expenses be donated to the state league.

Thank you for your help. The cooperation of local League members is critical to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Gail Roache

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator, ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

[redacted]

enc: memo to local League president - optional sharing formula
memo to local League coordinator
list of key precincts

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name GAIL ROACHE ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
10-31	Federal Express Reporter Packet (Group)	14	00
	mileage 4.0		80
11-4	postage	25	00
	copying & office supplies	10	88
	mileage 4.0		80
11-11	mileage 8.0	1	60
	copying final report	10	97
12-1	mileage 8.0	1	60
	mailing expenses (postage)	2	64
12-2	mileage to Dennis (ABC to file) 15.0	3	00
	mileage (101 @ .20) $20.20		
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	71	29

Allow 20 cents a mile for your car. Cost of a meal may be claimed only when it is taken in the course of travel away from your home town; you must submit a receipt. Attach receipts to top copy and mail the first three copies along with your handbook, intact, to your coordinator in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. The fourth copy is for your records. Please do this promptly, so that all reporters can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

ABC - 3894

Extra copies

1st mailing

ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name LWV-Texas State Office ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address 1212 Guadalupe #107 Date 11/16/88

City Austin State Texas Zip 78701

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
7/29/88	100 sheets stationery @ .04 each	4	00
	100 envelopes @ .07 each	7	00
	1 LWV-Texas Directory	2.	75
	1 jet-pack mailer		89
10/19/88	100 sheets stationery @ .04 each	4	00
	100 envelopes @ .07 each	7	00
	1 jet-pack mailer		89
9/19/88	telephone call	1.	24
		27.	77
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	27	77

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ABC - 3894

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of TEXAS

1212 Guadalupe, No. 107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel 512/472-1100

To: Local League Presidents
From: Diane Sheridan, President
Date: August 18, 1988

Re: Optional sharing formula for ABC Election Night Reporting

LWV-Texas is offering to share with local Leagues a percentage of the income they bring in by participating in ABC Election Night Reporting.

ABC reporting works like this. ABC contracts with LWV-Texas (and other states Leagues throughout the country) to report the election returns in races and precincts of ABC's choice. ABC pays LWV-Texas $25 per key precinct reported from a tabulation center and $40 per precinct reported from an individual source. They pay a fee and expenses for a state coordinator. The coordinator for the November 1988 election is Gail Roache, a member of the LWV-Bay Area. ABC also pays specified expenses for reporters, or will donate that reimbursement to the state League if the reporter submits a voucher and so requests.

The LWV-Texas coordinator asks local Leagues in areas where ABC wants results reported to help the state League by finding reporters. Where there are no local Leagues, the state coordinator finds the reporters herself.

The boards of Leagues that are asked to cover precincts should decide whether they can afford to donate 100% of the proceeds of their reporting to the state League, or whether they wish to keep 15% of the income derived from the precincts they cover.

ABC reporting brings in a substantial amount of income for the state League, which helps slow increases in Per Member Payments, which in turn helps local Leagues limit dues increases. In other words, your generosity serves the needs of your own League as well as the state League.

If your League needs the income, we hope your League will take advantage of the sharing formula. If you can afford not to participate, your generosity is most appreciated.

If your reporters need to have their expenses reimbursed, they should feel free to request this. If they can afford to donate expenses, they can help the state League by submitting their voucher with a request that reimbursement for their expenses be made to the state League.

The LWV-Texas board sincerely appreciates the help local Leagues and League members and friends provide by participating in ABC reporting. We have budgeted $5300 net income from this project this budget year.

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name Reporters - TEXAS ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT		
11-8	Joan Barnett (to State League)	3	60	*
11-8	Kindy Cornish	52	36	
11-11	Maxine Nichols	1	80	
	Jean Bender	16	20	
	Karen Johnson	41	00	
	Helen Harwig (to state league)	1	40	*
	Mack Hopkins (to state league)	18	40	*
	David Rotstein	1	60	
	Nancy Johnson (to LWV-T)	2	00	*
	Rosemary Jones	10	20	
	Stefanie Medach	4	00	
	John Cox (to LWV-T)	37	24	*
	Shirley Elucido (to LWV-T)	2	80	*
	Karen Storey (LWV-T)	1	28	*
	Gladys Maynard (LWV-T)	6	40	*
	Alton Blakom (LWV-T)	4	32	*
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	204	60	

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ABC - 3894

* = donated to state league

The sharing formula is for Leagues only, not for individuals. It applies only to those Leagues which help us by finding reporters when we ask you to do so. The amount to be shared will be equal to 15% of the income derived from the precincts your League actually covers. If your League is asked to find four reporters, and all four of the reporters successfully make their calls to ABC on election night, the state League will tally the income derived from your work and send you 15% of what we receive from ABC for your work, if you ask for it. (See enclosed request form.) For example, if your four calls included one tabulation center at $25 and three key precincts at $40 each (total = $145), your 15% share would be $21.75.

Thank you so very much for your help with election night reporting. The credibility of the reporting of election night returns is enhanced by the fact that reliable League members around the country are the first in key precincts to find out the results and report them so that the news media can share them with the public.

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name Reporters-TEXAS ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT		
11-12	Pauline Clarke (LWV-T)	9	60	*
	Mary Strom (LWV-T)	3	20	*
	Marilyn Forney	28	00	
	Linda Burgess (LWV-T)	11	20	*
	Patti McLaughlin	40	87	
	Modelle Brudner (LWV-T)	8	00	*
	Bobbie Menefee	26	04	
	Joyce Campbell (LWV-T)	5	40	*
	Patricia Smith (LWV-T)	1	00	*
	Essie Reed (LWV-T)	9	60	*
11-15	Kathy Fahy Sadler	21	28	
	Jean Benz (LWV-T)	4	00	*
	Nan Pillinger (LWV-T)	2	72	*
	Mona Wyatt	7	68	
	Jessie Madden (LWV-T)	4	00	*
	Charlene Howell	4	00	
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	186	59	

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ABC - 3894

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN SHARING PROGRAM FOR ABC-TV REPORTING

Please return this form by November 1 if you want to participate in the sharing program.

Name of League _____

Person making request for sharing _____

Title _____

Precincts (or tabulation centers) for which we found reporters at the request of LWV-Texas:

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

_____ County, Precinct _____

(List additional info on separate sheet if necessary.)

Return to:

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas ABC Coordinator
[redacted]

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name Reporters-TEXAS ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT		
11-15	Janet & Mark Kres	55	33	
	Cathy Lin Scott	7	60	
	Rowena Rodgers (LWV-T)	10	08	*
11-17	Mary Porter	12	80	
	Ann Norment (LWV-T)	2	00	*
	Marsha Titus (LWV-T)	2	80	*
11-21	Sue Barham	40	00	*
11-28	Ray Troup (LWV-T)	4	00	*
	Linda Gibson	2	00	
	Lucy Roush	55	04	

204.60
186.54
191.65
$582.84

TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	191	65

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ABC - 3894

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

To: Local League Coordinator, ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

From: Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator

[redacted]LL COLLECT (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day)

Date: August 18, 1988

Re: ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting - November 1988 Election

Once again on election night volunteers from the League of Women Voters of Texas will report results of selected races to ABC from key precincts throughout the state. ABC contracts with the LWV for this project because League members have proven to be very dependable and accurate. This contract is a major source of income for LWV-Texas; therefore, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. LWV-Texas is offering to share a percentage of the income as we did for the March 1988 Primary. (See enclosed Optional Sharing Formula memo.)

On the attached Key Precinct Report Form(s) are the precinct(s) that are in your League's area. Your job as coordinator is to select individual reporters for each key precinct or tabulation center assigned to your League. You may serve as a reporter if you wish. Send the completed list of reporters to me no later than Friday, September 16, 1988. Each reporter will receive a kit containing a handbook, forms to be used, and other information about this project.

A few Leagues are being assigned precincts that are not in their immediate community. If you are the coordinator for one of these Leagues, I would appreciate your help in finding reporters for outlying precincts that are in your area. I thought you or your League members would be more likely than me to know people who would be willing to be reporters in these small towns. If this becomes impossible, please let me know. The precincts are chosen by ABC to be representative of Texas. Some of them may seem like unlikely places; however, they are all important and must all be reported.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1988 (election night) each reporter will go to the assigned polling place, obtain the final count on the selected races, and phone immediately to the ABC computer center in New York (these calls are taken by League members). In most cases, this will be within 30 minutes after the polls close. Since time is of such importance, it in necessary that the reporters be very dependable people. A reporter should select a teammate to go with her/him on election night, especially if the polling place is some distance from home.

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name LWV-Texas ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address Reporters Expenses Donated to LWV-Texas Date 12/1/88

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
		3	60
		1	40
		18	40
		2	00
		37	24
		2	80
		1	28
		6	40
		4	32
		9	60
		3	20
		11	20
		8	00
		5	40
		1	00
		9	60
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	125	44

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ABC - 3894

The reporter's expenses can be paid by ABC (mileage, child care). If the precinct is such a distance that it conflicts with the dinner hour, the reporter and teammate may eat out as part of the incurred expenses. We only ask that reporters eat a modest meal because we do not wish to abuse this benefit. An expense voucher will be sent in the reporter's kit. The reporter can submit a voucher asking that the reimbursement be made to LWV-Texas. Rather than not submitting a voucher for expenses, reporters are encouraged by both ABC and LWV-Texas to make this additional contribution to the state league.

You will need to ask the County Clerk for the name of the election judge in each precinct, so that the reporters can contact the judge in their precinct. Keep in touch with the reporters to make sure they are on schedule. After the election, you will be responsible for seeing that expense vouchers and handbooks are returned to me by each reporter.

Previous volunteers and new members may be good sources of recruits. Also try League members who live near the precinct, or friends of members who might like to help out. Reporters do not have to be League members, but they should be dependable people. If you are having trouble finding recruits among the members of your League, you might try what previous coordinators have found successful: finding reporters through other reliable, well-established community organizations, churches, synagogues, and boards of realtors. Participants in this project in the past have found the work most interesting.

The following is a rough idea of what key precinct reporters will be expected to do. All reporters will receive a kit explaining these procedures in more detail.

- Chose a teammate.

- Call the precinct judge prior to the election to introduce themselves and explain the project. Confirm the location of the polling place or tabulation center.

- Go to the polling place well ahead of election night in order to obtain the phone number of the closest telephone and permission to use it.

- Go to the assigned polling place on election night, obtain the final count on the selected races and immediately phone the ABC computer center in New York.

- Fill out an expense voucher and return it along with the reporter's handbook to the state coordinator.

If you have any questions please call me. ABC has provided a phone in my home where I can be reached at any time between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Call collect (713) 480-0430.

Thank you for your cooperation on this project.

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ABC ELECTION REPORTER EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name LWV-Texas ABC Code No. _____ Check No. _____

Address Reporters Expenses Donated to LWV-T Date 12/1/88

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION. Supply receipts if possible.	AMOUNT	
		4	00
		2	72
		4	00
		10	08
		2	00
		2	80
		40	00
		4	00
	total	69	60
		125	44
	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED	195	04

Allow 20 cents a mile for your car. Cost of a meal may be claimed only when it is taken in the course of travel away from your home town; you must submit a receipt. Attach receipts to top copy and mail the first three copies along with your handbook, intact, to your coordinator in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. The fourth copy is for your records. Please do this promptly, so that all reporters can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

ABC - 3894

ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORT FORM

County _____

Precinct#	Address	Previous Reporter	Reporter's Name, Address, Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____		_____
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To: State Coordinators 1988

From: Susan Buxbaum

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COORDINATOR

You, the coordinator, organize and supervise the key precinct reporting system in each state. Enclosed is a list of the key precincts (election districts in some states) which have been selected for the sample in your state. This list gives the precinct designation and the polling place address. There is space for the name, address and phone number of the reporter assigned to it. Many of you have requested that we send two of these lists. We have also produced a list that includes the chief official in the county (city or town in the New England states), which has been included in this packet.

Your first job is to recruit League members as reporters. The best way to do this is to contact members who have served as reporters in past elections. If you are a new coordinator, the former coordinator should pass on her lists to you. If there are keys in counties never used before, you can contact local League Presidents, Members-at-Large, or former members to get the names of potential reporters. The state League office is a good source of names as are the members of the state Board of Directors. You can also check with us at ABC. We may have names from past election handbooks and tally sheets. Beyond this, you can try teachers, colleagues, friends, other organizations, etc.

Each reporter should obtain the name and telephone number of the official in charge of their assigned key precinct by contacting the chief official from the above mentioned list. In counties or cities with many key precincts, reporters should be supplied with this information, because it is impractical for county boards or commissioners to be contacted by numerous individuals. In this instance, you or one reporter in that county should get the required names and phone numbers in a single visit or telephone call and distribute them to the other reporters.

~9/26 Six weeks before the election, you will receive the supplies for the reporter kits. We have revised the reporter handbooks, using many suggestions from our 1984 and 1986 reporters. As soon as I have the first batch, I will send you samples. They are as specific and detailed as we could make them. Let us know what you think. The check list we devised was suggested by many, and we want you to go over these items with each reporter on your final phone call to them before the election. We will include a suggested "calendar" for you at that time.

Please do not hesitate to call Lisa Goodman, Marcy Lefkovitz, or me if you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to talk about how or what you are doing. Our number is (212) 887-4322. We also have a new toll-free number that you can use. It is (800) 221-7386. A machine answers; just follow the instructions. If you are calling from a touch-tone phone, you can punch in our extension (4322). If you have a pulse phone, just hold on; an operator will come on the line. Tell her you want extension 4322. You can also call collect or use the credit card number if we have not installed a phone for you or you are away from home.

PRECINCT ASSIGNMENTS

LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	PRECINCTS			CONTACTED
	NAME & PHONE NUMBER	ABC CODE	PRECINCT No	CITY	

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TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED

INSTRUCTIONS TO COORDINATORS - ELECTION 88

I. The instructions to reporters in tab centers and polling places are very different. If you have both kinds of reporting systems in your state, read both handbooks very carefully to make sure you understand the instructions. You can then help the reporters. Retain a copy of both types of handbooks for your reference.

II. Prepare the reporter handbooks for mailing.

A. Fold the tally sheet and the TEST tally sheet into the Polling Place handbooks. For Tabulation Center handbooks, this will be done by ABC.

B. Clip the Election Night Telephone postcard to front of each book.

III. Assemble each and every reporter kit to include:

A. Letter from Carolyn Smith to the reporter.
B. Key precinct handbook (Polling Place or Tabulation Center).
C. Tally sheet for each precinct. (Already folded into handbook).
D. TEST tally sheet for each precinct. (Already in handbook).
E. Stamped Election Night Telephone postcard. (You have already clipped it to the front of the handbook.)
F. Letter of Introduction to the local election official.
G. TWO reporter badges, for the reporter and for the teammate. There is one button and at least one sticker for each team.
H. Telephone order form to order ABC phone.
I. Expense form.
J. Stamped, addressed envelope for returning handbook and expense form to coordinator. (Extra postage may be needed for Tab Center envelopes.)
K. Any special instructions pertaining to your state that you might want to include. (Talk to us about this.)

IV. **Four weeks before the election,** (October 11th) mail a completed kit to each reporter.

V. **One week after you mail the kits,** call all reporters from whom you have not received telephone postcards.

A. Tell those reporters who require ABC installed phones that they must call ABC with the information immediately. However, encourage reporters to find a working long distance phone at or very near the polling place. We have had miserable experiences with some phone installations since deregulation.

B. Remind those reporters who have not sent you the postcard and who do not need an ABC phone that you must have a telephone number and location for election night where the reporter can be reached. (You, as coordinator, must have a phone number at the vote count site so that you can reach the reporter. In an emergency, you can dial that number; nine times out of ten, someone will pick up the phone and you can seek aid in obtaining the vote if the reporter has not shown up.) You will also want to have a number where the reporter can be called after leaving the polls. Often, questions come up that only they can answer.

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New York, New York 10023
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Election Reporter Kit
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New Instructions Enclosed

VI. As you receive the telephone postcards from your reporters, dial the number listed to see if it is working. Coordinators in 1986 had serious problems with some lines in public buildings which could not receive long distance calls. If someone answers the phone, identify yourself and say you are making a phone check.

VII. Two to three weeks before the election (October 18th to the 25th), send out the Test Night Reminder post cards.

NOVEMBER 1st - Test Night (Tuesday) - Be at home all evening. We will call you at some point to let you know how it went. We will be in the actual Vote Count Center, phone # 212-580-4206 if you want to reach us.

VIII. During the **two weeks before the election**, depending on how many reporters you must contact, call every single reporter to make sure the reporter has done the advance work and everything is in place. DO NOT DELEGATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. The reporter you cannot reach is the one who will not show up on election night. **You especially want to talk to anyone who failed to make their test call.**

A. We have instituted a reporter advance work check list this year, included in each handbook. We want you to go through this list with each reporter. We have enclosed corresponding coordinator check lists for each polling place and tab center. HAVE THESE ADVANCE WORK CHECKLISTS IN HAND WHEN YOU CALL REPORTERS.

B. Once you are satisfied with the reporters' progress in accomplishing the items on the check list, also remind them of the following items:

1. Make sure reporters understand that they are to report only the results of the races listed on their tally sheets and only for the precinct or precincts listed.

2. If an emergency arises, reporters must get substitutes and call you, the coordinator, with a name and phone number of the new reporter.

3. Encourage reporters to call you collect with questions and problems prior to election day or on election day.

4. Urge reporters to arrive at the vote counting site early on election night to avoid being locked out.

5. When reporters arrive at the counting site on election night, they should recheck phones to make sure they are not locked up and are working.

6. Emphasize, as strongly as possible, that speed in reporting, as well as accuracy, is essential. Five minutes can make all the difference to us.

July 5, 1988

To the State Coordinators:

Many of you have requested that the precinct lists for November '88 be in your hands by the beginning of the Summer. We have been working very hard to finalize the lists by the end of last week. As much of the research that could be done has been finished, and the lists are as final as possible. However, be aware that a few changes may have to be made: precincts could be merged; polling places could change; etc. etc. These will be minimal, but the possibility does exist. You can go ahead and recruit people for the areas, because the types of changes that will be made from here on will be in the same general area (except in very rare cases). I will, of course, let you know when and if a change is to be made.

Susan Burbaum

7. Reporters should call you on election night if their reports will be delayed one half hour after poll closing in voting machine and PBC precincts and one hour in paper ballot precincts. Tab Center delays vary widely but reporters should call you if there is a break down in computer equipment and keep in touch if they are waiting more than about two hours.

8. Remind reporters that ABC needs results from all of the key precincts, regardless of whether or not the elections results have been announced. We use our sample precincts for analysis as well as projections. It is important to see if a precinct is following a pattern we expect. If not, it is an indication that something unusual is happening.

9. Make sure the reporter has filled in the top left corner of the tally sheet, completely, with reporter name, teammate name, and phone numbers for both, as well as the polling official with whom the reporter has had contact.

10. Tell reporters they may be approached by NES to report. They may choose to do so. ABC is a member of NES, not a competitor. HOWEVER, REPORTERS MUST CALL ABC FIRST. These are two different reports to different systems. TWO CALLS MUST BE MADE.

11. Tell reporters that there may be polling going on outside some precinct locations when the reporters arrive. If local officials are upset with the pollsters, our reporters should carefully explain that they have nothing to do with polling. Our reporters are there to collect the real vote.

12. Remind reporters to fill in the comment page on the back of the handbook and to return the handbook, the tally sheet and the expense voucher immediately after the election in the stamped, addressed envelope provided.

IV. Once you have talked to the reporters, plan a strategy to recover votes on election night if the reporter does not show up at the polling place. We know what does **not** work. The main telephone line at the county election official's office will be busy most of the night. Do not rely on that number alone. Here are more ideas:

A. You have the reporter election night phone number from the post card. Call the number and persuade whoever answers to help you. Often, there are friendly local journalists at the location who will get the vote for you.

B. We have provided you with a list of phone numbers available to us for each vote counting site. Try those numbers.

C. Secure the phone numbers for local or county party headquarters, both Democrat and Republican. They will have results by precinct.

TABULATION CENTER ~~A~~DVANCE WORK CHECKLIST
FOR COORDINATOR DISCUSSION WITH REPORTERS

1. Has the reporter contacted the chief county election official? Did the reporter confirm that the official received a letter from ABC requesting help in reporting the vote?

2. Has the reporter verified with the official that vote counting will take place at the address on the tally sheet or has the reporter corrected the address on the tally sheet?
(We will contact you, the coordinator, when we have Tabulation Center changes. However, it is the reporter who will discover last minute changes. The reporter must call you with the changes and you must call us.)

3. Has the reporter determined whether or not special credentials are needed to be present at the Tabulation Center and has the reporter obtained two or three such credentials, for the reporter and the teammate(s)?

4. Does the reporter know the exact floor and room to which she or he is assigned inside the Tabulation Center or Media Center?

5. Does the reporter have a name of a person available on election night to answer questions. (You, the coordinator, should copy down that name.)

6. Is the reporter sure the phone assigned can receive long distance calls from you the coordinator and can the reporter make outgoing long distance calls on the phone?

7. Does the reporter know if vote results will be available on a printout or via computer screen? How does the reporter get a copy of the printout? Has the reporter learned to operate the computer terminal if necessary?

8. Has the reporter determined in what form the results will be available, by candidate name or by code? Does the reporter have the proper codes attached to the candidate names on the tally sheet?

9a. Has the reporter verified that the computer has been programmed to release immediate precinct detail on the precincts assigned?

b. Will the key precincts come directly to the tab center, bypassing sub collection points?

c. Have the "ABC NEWS 88 VOTE" labels been received by the county official and attached to the precinct boxes?

d. Will a reporter's teammate be allowed to watch for the ABC boxes to help expedite them through the inspection process and counting?

10. If an ABC phone was installed, has the reporter found where it is located and checked to see if it is working?

11. Has the reporter enlisted the help of one or two teammates, essential to tabulation center reporting?

D. Get candidate headquarters phone numbers for local state senators or congressional representatives. They have numbers.

E. Call local newspaper offices, television or radio newsrooms.

F. In many places like New York City, the police departments will have the precinct vote before anyone on the county level. Become familiar with how vote proceeds through the counting process in your state so that you can retrieve it.

IX. Call us during the pre-election weeks if reporters are having problems with their advance work, or anything unexpected happens such as a change in polling place or a split precinct. If you are in doubt about anything, call us at 212-887-4322 or 800-223-7324, ext. 4322.

X. **On election day**, plan to be home all day. Reporters must be able to reach you if they cannot get to the vote counting site. If you have a problem, call us. We will call you during the night to report on missing keys or to tell you all keys are in. Have your strategy in place to recover missing keys.

NOTE: Early on election day, call us at the regular office number, 212-887-4322 or the 800 number. Later in the day and throughout the evening, call us at ABC election central on special numbers set up for you: 212-580-4206 or 212-580-4207.

XI. **On the day after the election**, call us with any precinct returns we did not receive election night. Call us at 212-887-4322 or the 800 number.

XII. **One week after the election**, call all reporters whose handbooks and expense forms have not been returned.

XIII. **Within two weeks after the election**, check reporter expenses for mistakes, improper charges, etc. Add up expenses, including your own, and send the first two pages of the vouchers to ABC with the handbooks and tally sheets intact. All expenses must be submitted at once. ABC will send only a single check.

XIV. Write a brief report about the project. Make suggestions about how to improve reporting in your state and improve efficiency in our communications with you. Many coordinator suggestions have been implemented in our new handbooks and new instructions to coordinators. Send the report to us.

XV. Send your list of 1988 reporters, their addresses and phone numbers, along with the name of the precinct to which they were assigned, to us at ABC. Sometimes coordinator lists are lost from one election to another. We have been able to supply these lists in the past so coordinators do not have to recruit from scratch.

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POLLING PLACE ADVANCE WORK CHECKLIST
FOR COORDINATOR DISCUSSION WITH REPORTERS

1. Has the reporter contacted the polling place official in charge of the election night counting location?

2. Has the reporter verified with the official that vote counting will take place at the address on the tally sheet or has the reporter corrected the address on the tally sheet?
(We will contact you, the coordinator, when we have polling place changes. However, it is the reporter who will discover last minute changes. The reporter must call you with the changes and you must call us.)

3. Has the reporter determined whether or not special credentials are needed and, if so, has the reporter obtained two such credentials, for the reporter and the teammate.?

4. Has the reporter determined how the results will be announced, by candidate name or by code? Does the reporter have the proper codes attached to the candidate names?

5. Has the reporter tried to convince officials to count the "top of the ticket," the race we are interested in, first? (Let us know if we can be of any help in talking to the official.)

6. Has the reporter tried to convince officials to count "partials"? Again, call us in New York if we can be of any help in talking to the official.(See reporter handbook for various ways to count partials.)

7. Has the reporter tried to place a call on the phone to be used election night? Is the reporter sure the phone will access long distance? Has the reporter made sure the phone will not be locked up in the evening, as in a school official's office?

8. Has the reporter checked to see if the ABC phone has been installed and that it is working?

9. Has the reporter enlisted a teammate? Emphasize that it takes two people to report partials. Reporters who take teammates report 45 minutes to one hour and a half ahead of those who do not take teammates.

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Sincerely,

Diane

Diane Sheridan
LWV-Texas President

Gail

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

Letter sent to thank reporters

Handwritten note was included to coordinators & also to reporters who donated to expenses to LWV-Texas

TAB CENTERS

Brazoria	25
El Paso	61
Denton	01-G
Brazos	19
Galveston	52
Lubbock	23
Parker	Pct. 2, Box A
Polk	Pct. 1, Box 3
Potter	306
Randall	06
Travis	143
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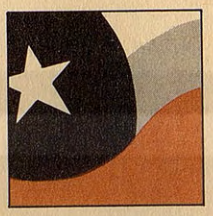

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A B C N E W S 1988 GENERAL ELECTION REPORTER'S TALLY SHEET FOR TEXAS

REPORTER : _____ COUNTY X CITY OR TOWN X PRECINCT X

TELEPHONE: _____

TEAMMATE : _____

TELEPHONE: _____

OFFICIAL : _____

TELEPHONE: _____

POLL PLACE: OR TAB CENTER: X

VOTE METHOD X

PRESIDENT:	(DEM) DUKAKIS	(REP) BUSH		TIME VOTE REC'D
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
SENATOR :	(DEM) BENTSEN	(REP) BOULTER		TIME VOTE REC'D
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES

1 CALL ABCNEWS ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

1-800-222-7655

2 WHEN THE ABC OPERATOR ANSWERS THE PHONE SAY

MY CODE IS X

MY CHECK IS X

3 REPORT VOTES ONLY FOR THE CANDIDATES LISTED ON THIS SHEET AND IN THE ORDER LISTED

POLLS CLOSE AT

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T R O U B L E

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IF THE 800 LINE IS BUSY DIAL: 1-800-222-3000

ASK OPERATOR TO REROUTE YOUR CALL TO NEW YORK

IF THE OPERATOR CANNOT REROUTE YOUR CALL, DIAL THE EMERGENCY ABC NUMBR COLLECT: 0-212-580-4200

TELL OPERATOR YOU WANT HELP ROUTING THIS CALL

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IF YOUR VOTE REPORT WILL BE LATE, CALL YOUR COORDINATOR COLLECT

GAIL ROACHE

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Final Report to LWV-T State Board & to ABC

To: LWV-T State Board

From: Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinat
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

Re: Final Report on ABC-TV Key Preci
1988 General Primary

Date: November 11, 1988

All things considered the ABC Key Precinct Reporting for the 1988 general election went very well this time. Texas had 90 precincts to report (there were 157 in 1982, 100 in 1984, 168 in 1986, and 120 in Mar. of 1988). Of these precincts, 22 were TAB centers and 68 were key precincts. Total income for the precinct reporting was $3270 ($25 per tab center and $40 per key precinct).

Twenty local Leagues participated. (See attached chart.) The reporting covered 33 counties across the state. According to Susan Buxbaum with ABC, the list of key precincts was a microcosm of the state. The races reported were presidential and U.S. Senate.

When I made the assignments to the local Leagues, local coordinators really took the challenge. The coordinators included: Austin - Charlene Ansley, Arlington - Mary Ann Moxon, Corpus Christi - Pauline Clarke, Dallas - Julie Lowenberg, Denton - Liz Disco-Allan, Edinburg/Mc Allen - Mary Ellen Salinas, Lubbock - Gladys Maynard, Montgomery County - Judy Zirkle, Richardson - Pat Connell, San Antonio - Rowena Rodgers, Tarrant County - Charlotte Landis, Tyler - Lucy Roush, Victoria - Cindy Cornish, and Waco - Kay Hansma.

There were over 100 volunteers working on this project. I did not have to pay anyone to report. The volunteers included:

80	Local League members and their friends
6	MALs
5	Government teachers and students
1	County chair
80	Partners of reporters (League members/husbands/friends)

I strongly feel that LWV-T should continue to be involved in ABC election night reporting. It is excellent publicity for the League and it reinforces the reputation of League members as being dependable and accurate. Members become more aware of the election process. It is also a good source of income.

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GAIL ROACHE
15514 ST. CLOUD
HOUSTON, TX 77062

LWV

I organized myself the same way as I did for the primary election in March. Refer to my letter to the state board of March 10, 1988 titled Final Report on ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting for 1988 Presidential Primary. (Note: all my correspondence is on file at the state office.)

Gail

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

ABCNEWS

TO ELECTION REPORTER

REMINDER

Please make the test call on

Tues. Nov. 1 (date) at 6:15-6:30 p.m. (time)

per instructions in handbook.

1988 GENERAL ELECTION

LEAGUE	Key Precincts	Counties	Volunteers (reporters & coordinato	MONEY BROUGHT IN	SHARING REQUESTED (AMOUNT TO BE SHARED = 15% OF TOTAL BROUGHT IN)
ABILENE					
AMARILLO (2 TAB)	2	2		$50	
ARLINGTON	4	1	4	$160	
AUSTIN AREA (1 TAB)	3	3	4	$105	
BAY AREA					
BAYTOWN					
BEAUMONT					
BRAZOS COUNTY (1 TAB)	1	1	1	$25	
CORPUS CHRISTI	7	1	1	$280	
DALLAS	11	1	12	$440	
DENTON (TAB)	1	2		$25	$66
EDINBURG/McALLEN	7	2	8	$280	
EL PASO TAB	1	1	1	$25	$42
GAINESVILLE					
HOUSTON AREA (11 TAB)	11	1	2	$275	
IRVING	1	1	1	$40	
KERRVILLE AREA					
LUBBOCK (1 TAB)	1	1	1	$25	
MARSHALL/HARRISON COUNTY	3	1	3	$120	
MIDLAND					
MONTGOMERY COUNTY (1 TAB)	2	2	3	$65	
ORANGE AREA					
PEARLAND AREA					
PLANO / COLLIN CO.					
RICHARDSON	2	1	3	$80	
SAN ANTONIO AREA	8	1	8	$320	$48
SAN MARCOS AREA					
SHERMAN					
TARRANT COUNTY (1 TAB)	8	2	9	$305	$45.75
TYLER	3	2	3	$120	
VICTORIA	3	2		$120	$18
WACO AREA	4	2		$160	
WICHITA FALLS					
STATE UNITS				Total Shared $219.75	
CHEROKEE CO.					
CLEBURNE					

ABCNEWS

TELEPHONE POSTCARD

URGENT

As soon as you have secured a phone, at your election night location, mail the number to your coordinator.

Area Code_____ Number_____ Ext._____

Address of your secured phone:

_____

Number after you have left: _____

Your Name: _____ ABC Code_____

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To: Susan Buxbaum
Political Unit, ABC News
1926 Broadway 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10023

Subject: Final Report for ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting
1988 General Election - Texas

Date: November 11, 1988

It was a pleasure working with the ABC political unit as coordinator for ABC Key Precinct Reporting for the 1988 general election in Texas. There was wonderful communication and cooperation. ABC was extremely well organized. The reporter packet was very thorough as were the instructions and information provided to me as coordinator.

Thank you for using my suggestion for improving reporting in Texas: including information about the Texas election code and legality of reporting in the letter to the reporter. This alleviated many problems.

Test night response from Texas reporters was great. Only seven reporters didn't call ABC.

Election night went very well with only a handful of slow reporting precincts. Most reporters were able to report results very quickly. Some reasons for delays included: huge absentee voting due to the new state law, write-in candidates, hand counting ballots, unplugged voting machines, and "down" computers. TAB centers were extremely slow in reporting results. Other than Lubbock, final totals were not available from TAB centers until midnight or later.

Specific problems by precinct are included as attachment to this letter.

Gail Roache

Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator
ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting
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cc: LWV-Texas State Board
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ATTACHMENT

PRECINCT PROBLEMS

. Brazoria 25
  - Results at midnight. This precinct is always one of the last to report in the county.

. Brazos 19
  - Results after midnight.
  - Write-in ballot for county attorney. Write-in's had to be hand counted before counting any ballots.
  - Largest voter turnout in history - 72% (normally have 12%)
  - Suggestion by reporter: Brazos 19 is not at all representative ethnic mix and usually has the lightest voter turnout. Brazos 17 (at Travis School) is good indication to how the county votes.

. Dallas 2251 and Dallas 1198
  - Results not available until Thurs. afternoon (two days after the election.) Dallas county did not have precinct by precinct totals until two days after the election.
  - Vote counting machines were accidentally unplugged. (Both of these precincts are PBC - paper ballot.)

. Denton 01-G
  - Results were not available until 8 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were hand counted first.
  - There were computer problems. Another computer had to be obtained.

. Galveston 52
  - Results not available until late Wed. afternoon.
  - Extremely heavy voter turnout caused delays.

. Harris County (11 precincts reported)
  - Four precincts not reported until after midnight. TAB center very slow.
  - NOTE: Problem with ABC installed telephone again. Telephone was not working on election night. It was never hooked up. ABC should not pay for the phone. (Reporter used local ABC affiliate telephone.)

. Parker - Pct. 2, Box A
  - Results were not available until 5 a.m. Wed.
  - Absentee votes were counted first (5000 absentee ballots) and counting not completed before midnight.
  - Write-in's were hand-counted. (There were 9 write-in's on the ballot.)

. Randall 06
  - Results were not available until 8 a.m. Wed.
  - Computer kept breaking. New computer had to be obtained.

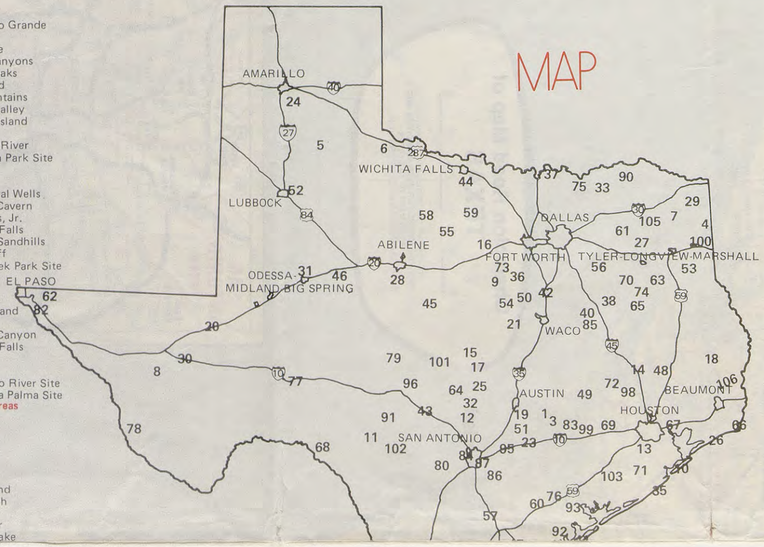
. Travis 143
  - Partials without absentee were available by midnight. However, 25% voted absentee. The results, including absentee totals, were not available for two days, until late Thursday afternoon.
  - This precinct was the slowest to give results in both the general election and the primary.

State Parks

1. Bastrop
2. Bentsen-Rio Grande
3. Buescher
4. Caddo Lake
5. Caprock Canyons
6. Copper Breaks
7. Daingerfield
8. Davis Mountains
9. Dinosaur Valley
10. Galveston Island
11. Garner
*12. Guadalupe River
*13. Hale Ranch Park Site
14. Huntsville
15. Inks Lake
16. Lake Mineral Wells
17. Longhorn Cavern
18. Martin Dies, Jr.
19. McKinney Falls
20. Monahans Sandhills
21. Mother Neff
*106. Village Creek Park Site
22. Mustang Island
23. Palmetto
24. Palo Duro Canyon
25. Pedernales Falls
26. Sea Rim
27. Tyler
*96. South Llano River Site
*97. Resaca de la Palma Site

State Recreation Areas

28. Abilene
29. Atlanta
30. Balmorhea
31. Big Spring
32. Blanco
33. Bonham
34. Brazos Island
35. Bryan Beach
36. Cleburne
37. Eisenhower
38. Fairfield Lake



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- • FACILITIES NOT OPERATED BY PARKS AND WILDLIFE
- •• SITES ARE NOT OFFICIALLY NAMED
- ○ PERMITTED BUT FACILITIES NOT PROVIDED
- ● FACILITIES OR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ACTIVITY

A	AUDITORIUM	R	RENTAL HORSES
B	BOATS FOR RENT	S	RECREATION HALL
C	GROUP CAMP	X	OPEN SHELTERS
CT	CHEMICAL TOILETS	GB	GROUP BARRACKS
D	SCENIC DRIVE		
G	GOLF		
H	GROUP HALL		
L	TEXAS LONGHORN HERD		
M	MINIATURE GOLF		
P	GROUP PICNIC		

For information on those park facilities accessible to and usable by the handicapped, ask for our park brochure on handicapped facilities.

STATE RECREATION AREAS		ACREAGE	CAMPING	SCREENED SHELTERS	GROUP FACILITY	CAMPSITES ELEC/SEWAGE	CAMPSITES WATER/ELEC	RESTROOMS	SHOWERS	CABINS	PICNICKING	GROCERIES	FISHING	SWIMMING	WATER SKIING	BOAT RAMP	MUSEUM AND/OR EXHIBIT	HISTORIC STRUCTURE	DAY USE ONLY	GROUP TRAILER	TRAILER DUMP STATION	NATURE/HIKING TRAILS	MISCELLANEOUS
ABILENE		621	●	●	P			●	●	●		●			●						●	●		L
ARROYO COLORADO**		687	AREA PRESENTLY CLOSED TO PUBLIC																					
ATLANTA		1,475	●			●	●	●	●		●		○	○	○	●					●	●	●	P
BALMORHEA	(SAN SOLOMON SPRINGS COURTS)	46	●					●	●		●			●							●			
BIG SPRING		370						●			●							●		●		●	D	
BLANCO		105	●	●	P	●			●	●	●		○	○										
BONHAM		261	●		GB			●	●	●	●		●	●							●			BP
BRAZOS ISLAND*	UNDEVELOPED GULF BEACH	217	○								○		○	○										
BRYAN BEACH	UNDEVELOPED GULF BEACH	878	○								○		○	○										
CLEBURNE		529	●	●	GB	●	●	●	●		●	●	○	●		●					●			
EISENHOWER	MARINA	457	●	●	S	●	●	●	●		●		●	○	○	●					●	●	●	
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FALCON	AIRSTRIP	573	●	●	H	●	●	●	●		●		○	○	○	●					●			
FORT PARKER		1,485	●	●	GB			●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●			
GOOSE ISLAND		307	●		H			●	●	●	●		●	●	○	●					●			H
JEFF DAVIS*		38																						
KERRVILLE		517	●	●	H	●	●	●	●		●		○	○		●					●			
LAKE ARROWHEAD		524	●		P			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●					●			
LAKE BOB SANDLIN**		258	AREA PRESENTLY CLOSED TO PUBLIC																					
LAKE BROWNWOOD		537	●	●	C	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●					●			
LAKE COLORADO CITY		500	●					●	●	●	●		●	●	○	●					●			
LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI		365	●	●	P	●	●	●	●		●		●	○	○	●					●			
LAKE LIVINGSTON		635	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●					●	●		
LAKE SOMERVILLE		5,200	●		P			●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●	●	●	
LAKE WHITNEY	AIRSTRIPS	955	●	●	C	●	●	●	●		●		○	●	○	●								
LOCKHART		264	●		H	●	●	●	●		●			●										G
MACKENZIE*		542						●			●													
MARTIN CREEK PARK SITE**		216									●	●	○	○	○	●			●					
MERIDIAN		502	●	●	C	●	●	●	●		●		○	○		●					●	●		
PALMETTO BEND**		575	AREA PRESENTLY CLOSED TO PUBLIC																					
POSSUM KINGDOM		1,529	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●					●			LB
PURTIS CREEK PARK SITE**		1,533	AREA PRESENTLY CLOSED TO PUBLIC																					
TIPS*		31									●		○											

RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE USE OF
TEXAS STATE PARKS, HISTORIC SITES, SCIENTIFIC AREAS AND FORTS INCLUDING ENCOMPASSED WATERS WITH
THE INCORPORATION OF RELATED LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS

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(A full text of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission on September 15, 1972 and revised September 1, 1975 is available on request)

ENFORCEMENT

1.02 **PENALTIES.** The penalty for violation of a rule or regulation shall be as follows:
(a) For a first conviction a fine not to exceed $25.00;
(b) For a second conviction for violation of the same rule or regulation by the same person during a six month period, a fine not to exceed $50.00;
(c) For a third or subsequent conviction for violation of the same rule or regulation by the same individual during a one-year period, a fine not to exceed $200.00.
Penalties for violation of legislative enactments shall be as provided by law.

1.03 **ENFORCEMENT.** These regulations may be enforced by any peace officer of this State (Sec. 13.109, Parks and Wildlife Code), including duly appointed employees of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department designated as peace officers by authority of Sec. 11.019, Parks and Wildlife Code. A citation may be issued by these officers for violation of a regulation.

1.04 **REMOVAL.** As authorized by Sec. 13.108, Parks and Wildlife Code, any person causing, contributing to, or directly or indirectly responsible for disruptive, destructive, or violent conduct endangering the health, safety, or lives of persons, animals, or property may be removed from a Unit of the State Park System for a period up to forty-eight (48) hours; a person may be enjoined from re-entry for a longer period for cause shown by a court of competent jurisdiction. Before removal, a person shall be placed on notice of this fact by the Park Superintendent or his subordinate and given an opportunity to correct his or her conduct.

GENERAL

2.01 No person shall enter without paying the entrance fee.
2.02 No person shall use any facility without paying the user fee; and no person shall use any facility except for the purpose for which it is designated.
2.03 No hunting is permitted.
2.04 No flowers, trees, shrubs, dead or downed wood, or plants shall be picked, cut, broken, burned, or injured;
2.05 No person shall take or remove any rock, earth, coal, slate, or mineral of any kind without the consent of the Park Superintendent.
2.06 No person without a permit from the State Antiquities Committee shall willfully injure, disfigure, remove or destroy any archeological landmark or site or deface any American Indian or aboriginal painting.
2.07 No person shall take or remove, willfully injure, or destroy any State property, or cut, mark, or paint on any building, rock, or other property.
2.08 No person shall dump or deposit refuse.
2.09 No fires are permitted except in camp stoves or designated fireplaces.
2.10 Pets are permitted on leash of 6 feet or less only; pets are not permitted in public buildings, in the waters of swimming areas or in the enclosed portion of such areas; special restrictions on keeping pets during the night; horses, stock poultry, or other livestock, except as otherwise specified are prohibited; any dangerous or disturbing pets or other animals are prohibited.
2.11 Firearms and other dangerous arms are prohibited; exceptions.
2.12 Fireworks and explosives are prohibited.
2.13 No unauthorized person shall enter or be present during posted closing hours.
2.14 Disorderly conduct is prohibited.
2.15 No person or group of persons shall conduct an assembly or public demonstration except by written permission.
2.16 Public nudity or public disrobing is prohibited.
2.17 No person shall enter a posted prohibited area.
2.18 No alcoholic beverages may be sold or publicly consumed in State parks.
2.19 Soliciting, selling or peddling food, merchandise, or services is prohibited except by written permission.
2.20 Horseback riding is permitted in designated areas only.
2.21 Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
2.22 Adults are responsible for the conduct of minors under their supervision.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC

3.01 Vehicle operation shall not exceed 20 m.p.h. in picnic, camping, or other developed areas; and shall not exceed 30 m.p.h. in other areas, unless otherwise indicated.
3.02 Vehicle operation shall be confined only to designated and authorized roads, parking areas and other areas so designated for vehicle operation.
3.03 Parking is permitted only in authorized or designated areas.
3.04 Operation of motor bikes, mini-bikes, and trail bikes, is permitted only in strict compliance with Rules and Regulations established for said operation, including location, time, safety standards and all State laws.
3.05 No vehicles permitted on trails or pathways except by authority of the Park Superintendent for maintenance purposes.
3.06 No nighttime vehicular traffic permitted after closing hours except that of a necessary or emergency nature.

CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT USE

4.01 Overnight camping (including shelters) shall be by permit only, and in designated areas only.
4.02 **TIME LIMITS.** Continuous occupancy by the same person or persons of any camping facility is limited to 14 consecutive calendar days. When a person has used the overnight facilities in a park for any period of time greater than seven (7) consecutive days and then voluntarily vacates or is required to vacate the facilities, he may not use the overnight camping facilities in the same park again until a time period has elapsed between his date of departure and date of re-entry which must include a minimum time from 2:00 p.m. Friday until 2:00 p.m. Sunday.
4.03 Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to stay overnight unless accompanied by parent or legal guardian, or with their written permission, or in a group supervised by a responsible adult.
4.04 Radios, phonographs, television sets and musical instruments will not be played between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. in the sleeping quarters or campgrounds; and no person shall disturb the peace and quiet of others in such areas during such hours.
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4.06 The number of guests occupying a cabin shall not exceed designated maximum occupancy.
4.07 Only persons authorized to use overnight facilities are permitted in the park overnight.
4.08 Unattended camping and other personal equipment is prohibited.

WATER SPORTS

5.01 All provisions of the State boating and water safety laws apply to park lakes and waters.
5.02 Swimming will be permitted only in designated areas and at designated times.
5.03 Boats 19 feet or longer and motors of 12 horsepower or more are not permitted on lakes having less than 225 surface acres; every boat shall carry a USCG approved life saving device for each person, and each child 12 years of age or under shall wear a USCG approved life saving device.
5.04 Water skiing is not permitted on lakes of less than 225 surface acres.
5.05 Mooring is permitted only in designated mooring areas during the nighttime.
5.06 Disposal of solid waste into the waters is prohibited.

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1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

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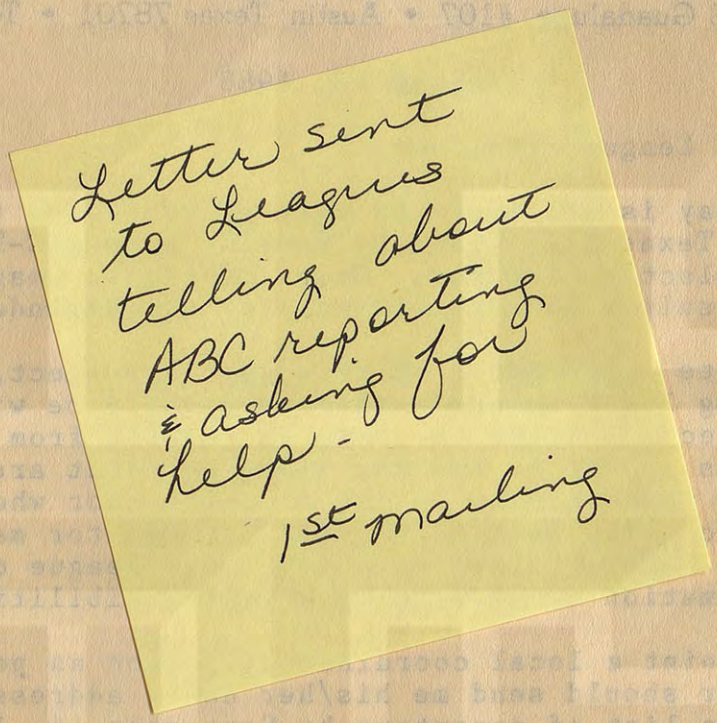
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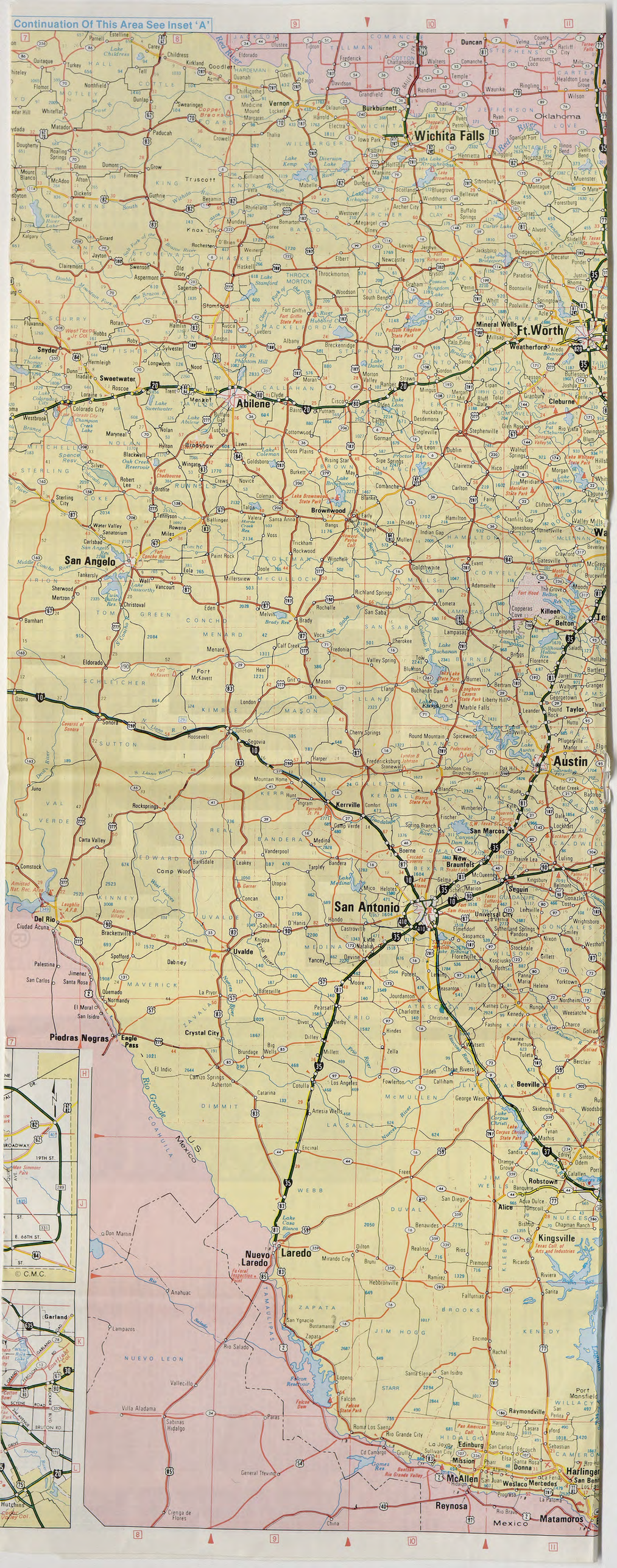
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Burkburnett
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Johnson City
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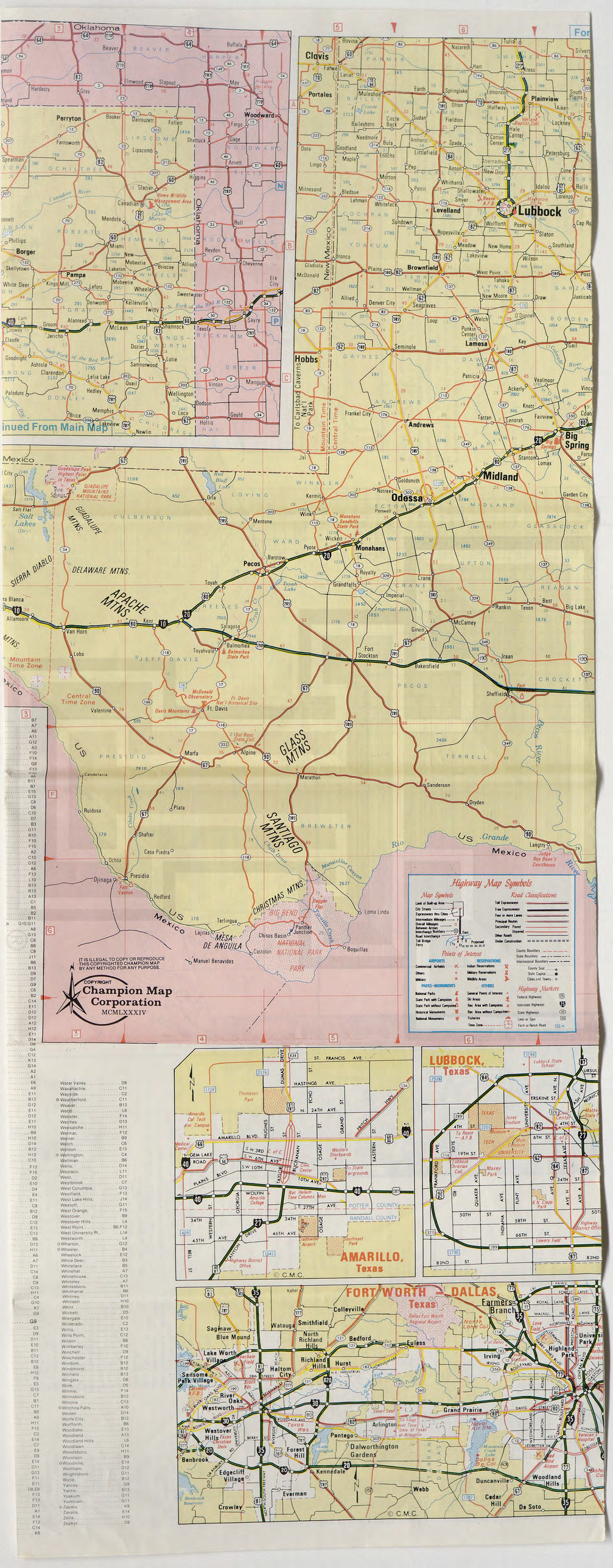

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City Streets
Expressways thru Cities
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Road Classifications

Toll Expressways
Free Expressways
Four or more Lanes
Principal Routes
Secondary Paved
Unpaved
Other Roads
Under Construction

Points of Interest

AIRPORTS
Commercial Airfields
Others
Military

RESERVATIONS
Indian Reservations
Military Reservations
Wildlife Areas

PARKS-MONUMENTS
National Parks
State Park with Campsites
State Park without Campsites
Historical Monuments
National Monuments

OTHERS
General Points of Interest
Ski Areas
Rec. Area with Campsites
Rec. Area without Campsites
Fisheries
Time Zone

County Boundary
State Boundary
International Boundary
County Seat
State Capital
Cities and Towns

Highway Markers

Federal Highways
Interstate Highways
State Highways
Loop or Spur
Farm or Ranch Road

Waller Valley D8
Waxahachie C11
Wayside C2
Weatherford C11
Weaver B13
Webb L6
Webster F14
Weches D13
Weesatche H11
Weimar F12
Wellner B9
Welch C6
Weldon E13
Wellington C4
Wellman B6
Wells D14
Weslaco L11
West D11
Westbrook C7
West Columbia G13
Westfield F13
West Lake Hills J14
Westoff G11
West Orange F15
Westover B9
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West Point B6, F12
West University Pl. L14
Westworth L4
Wharton G12
Wheeler B4
Wheelock E12
White Deer B3
Whiteface B5
Whitefiat A7
Whitehouse C13
Whitney A7
Whitesboro B11
Whitharral B6
Whitney D11
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Wiergate E15
Wilderado C2
Willis E13
Wills Point C12
Wilson B6
Wimberley F10
Winchell D9
Wischester F12
Windom D6
Windthorst B10
Winfield B13
Wingate D6
Wink D5
Winnie F14
Winnsboro B13
Winona C13
Wichita Falls A10
Woden D14
Wolfe City B12
Wolfforth B6
Woodlake E13
Woodland A13
Woodland Hills L8
Woodlawn C14
Woodsboro H11
Woodson B9
Woodville E14
Wortham D12
Wrightsboro G11
Wylie D12
Wyncy G9
Yantis B13
Yoakum G11
Yorktown K11
Zapata K9
Zavalla E14
Zelia H10
Zephyr D9

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To: Local League Presidents
From: Diane Sheridan, President
Date: August 18, 1988

Re: Optional sharing formula for ABC Election Night Reporting

LWV-Texas is offering to share with local Leagues a percentage of the income they bring in by participating in ABC Election Night Reporting.

ABC reporting works like this. ABC contracts with LWV-Texas (and other states Leagues throughout the country) to report the election returns in races and precincts of ABC's choice. ABC pays LWV-Texas $25 per key precinct reported from a tabulation center and $40 per precinct reported from an individual source. They pay a fee and expenses for a state coordinator. The coordinator for the November 1988 election is Gail Roache, a member of the LWV-Bay Area. ABC also pays specified expenses for reporters, or will donate that reimbursement to the state League if the reporter submits a voucher and so requests.

The LWV-Texas coordinator asks local Leagues in areas where ABC wants results reported to help the state League by finding reporters. Where there are no local Leagues, the state coordinator finds the reporters herself.

The boards of Leagues that are asked to cover precincts should decide whether they can afford to donate 100% of the proceeds of their reporting to the state League, or whether they wish to keep 15% of the income derived from the precincts they cover.

ABC reporting brings in a substantial amount of income for the state League, which helps slow increases in Per Member Payments, which in turn helps local Leagues limit dues increases. In other words, your generosity serves the needs of your own League as well as the state League.

If your League needs the income, we hope your League will take advantage of the sharing formula. If you can afford not to participate, your generosity is most appreciated.

If your reporters need to have their expenses reimbursed, they should feel free to request this. If they can afford to donate expenses, they can help the state League by submitting their voucher with a request that reimbursement for their expenses be made to the state League.

The LWV-Texas board sincerely appreciates the help local Leagues and League members and friends provide by participating in ABC reporting. We have budgeted $5300 net income from this project this budget year.

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◎ San Diego J10
Sandy Point G13
San Felipe F13
◎ Sanford B2
Sanger H11
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San Juan L11
San Marcos F10
San Perlita K11
◎ San Saba E10
Sansome Park Village K4
Santa Anna D9
Santa Elena L10
Santa Rosa L11
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Sealy F12
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◎ Seymour B9
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Sheffield E6
Shelbyville E15
Shepherd F14
Sheridan G12
Sherman B12
Sherwood E7
Shinner G11
Shiro E13
◎ Sierra Blanca E3
Silsbee E15
Silver D8
◎ Silverton A7
Simms B14
Singleton E13
◎ Sinton J11
Sipe Springs E10
Sivells Bend A11
Skellytown B3
Skidmore H11
Slaton B7
Slidell B11
Slocum D13
Smiley G11
Smithfield K5
Smithland B14
Smithville F11
Smyer B6
◎ Snyder C7
Socorro D1
Somerville E11
◎ Sonora E7
Sour Lake F14
South Bend B9
South Houston L15
Southland A5
South Plains B6
Spade A5
Spanish Fort B13
Speaks B13
◎ Spearman A4
Spicewood E10
Splendora F14
Spofford H8
Spring F14
Spring Branch J13
Springlake B6
Springtown B11
Spur C7
Spurger E14
Stafford G13
Stamford C9
◎ Stanton D6
◎ Stephenville D10
◎ Sterling City D7
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Stockdale G10
Stoneburg B13
Stonewall F11
Stowell F14
◎ Stratford A3
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Streetman E12
Sudan B6
Sugar Land G13
Sullivan City L10
Sulphur Bluff B14
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Summer B12
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Swearingen E13
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◎ Sweetwater C8
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Taylor F12
Teague E12
Tehuacana D12
Telephone B13
Tellerner C14
Temple E11
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Terrell Hills K12
Texas City G14
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Thalia B13
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Tynan H9
Twitty C11
Universal City G10
University Park K6
Uno B13
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Valentine E3
Valera D12
Valley Mills E11
Valley Spring E11
Valley View B11
Van C14
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Vancourt E7
Vanderbilt H12
Vanderpool F8
Van Horn E5
Van Vleck F14
Vealmoor C6
Vega A7
◎ Venus B12
Vera D13
◎ Vernon B9
◎ Victoria G12
Vidor E15
Vigo Park B14
Village Mills E14
Vincent C6
Voca D13
Voss F10
Waelder G11
◎ Waco E12
Wadsworth H12
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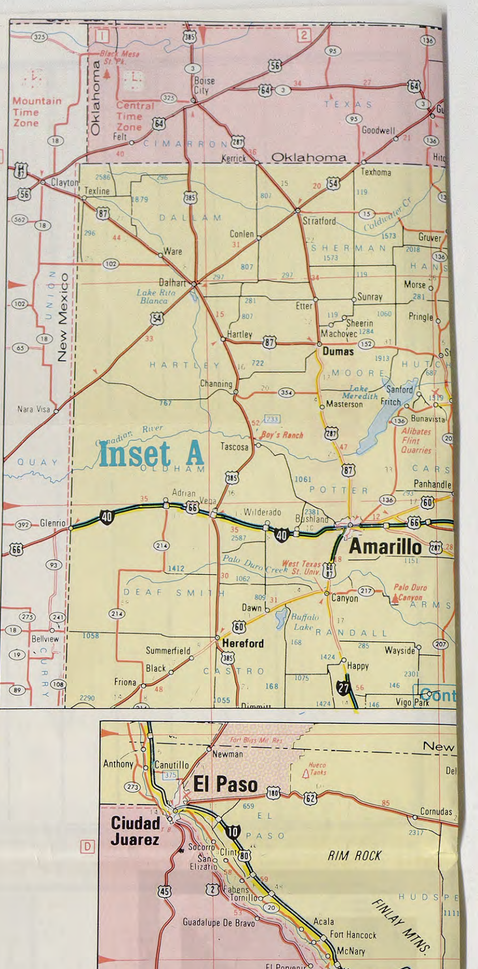

The sharing formula is for Leagues only, not for individuals. It applies only to those Leagues which help us by finding reporters when we ask you to do so. The amount to be shared will be equal to 15% of the income derived from the precincts your League actually covers. If your League is asked to find four reporters, and all four of the reporters successfully make their calls to ABC on election night, the state League will tally the income derived from your work and send you 15% of what we receive from ABC for your work, if you ask for it. (See enclosed request form.) For example, if your four calls included one tabulation center at $25 and three key precincts at $40 each (total = $145), your 15% share would be $21.75.

Thank you so very much for your help with election night reporting. The credibility of the reporting of election night returns is enhanced by the fact that reliable League members around the country are the first in key precincts to find out the results and report them so that the news media can share them with the public.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN SHARING PROGRAM FOR ABC-TV REPORTING

Please return this form by November 1 if you want to participate in the sharing program.

Name of League _____

Person making request for sharing _____

Title _____

Precincts (or tabulation centers) for which we found reporters at the request of LWV-Texas:

_____ County, Precinct _____

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(List additional info on separate sheet if necessary.)

Return to:

Gail Roache
LWV-Texas ABC Coordinator
15514 St. Cloud
Houston TX 77062
713/480-0430

8/88

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #107 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel.512/472-1100

To: Local League Coordinator, ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

From: Gail Roache, LWV-Texas Coordinator
15514 St. Cloud
Houston, TX 77062
(713) 480-0430 CALL COLLECT (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day)

Date: August 18, 1988

Re: ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting - November 1988 Election

Once again on election night volunteers from the League of Women Voters of Texas will report results of selected races to ABC from key precincts throughout the state. ABC contracts with the LWV for this project because League members have proven to be very dependable and accurate. This contract is a major source of income for LWV-Texas; therefore, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. LWV-Texas is offering to share a percentage of the income as we did for the March 1988 Primary. (See enclosed Optional Sharing Formula memo.)

On the attached Key Precinct Report Form(s) are the precinct(s) that are in your League's area. Your job as coordinator is to select individual reporters for each key precinct or tabulation center assigned to your League. You may serve as a reporter if you wish. Send the completed list of reporters to me no later than Friday, September 16, 1988. Each reporter will receive a kit containing a handbook, forms to be used, and other information about this project.

A few Leagues are being assigned precincts that are not in their immediate community. If you are the coordinator for one of these Leagues, I would appreciate your help in finding reporters for outlying precincts that are in your area. I thought you or your League members would be more likely than me to know people who would be willing to be reporters in these small towns. If this becomes impossible, please let me know. The precincts are chosen by ABC to be representative of Texas. Some of them may seem like unlikely places; however, they are all important and must all be reported.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1988 (election night) each reporter will go to the assigned polling place, obtain the final count on the selected races, and phone immediately to the ABC computer center in New York (these calls are taken by League members). In most cases, this will be within 30 minutes after the polls close. Since time is of such importance, it in necessary that the reporters be very dependable people. A reporter should select a teammate to go with her/him on election night, especially if the polling place is some distance from home.

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The reporter's expenses can be paid by ABC (mileage, child care). If the precinct is such a distance that it conflicts with the dinner hour, the reporter and teammate may eat out as part of the incurred expenses. We only ask that reporters eat a modest meal because we do not wish to abuse this benefit. An expense voucher will be sent in the reporter's kit. The reporter can submit a voucher asking that the reimbursement be made to LWV-Texas. Rather than not submitting a voucher for expenses, reporters are encouraged by both ABC and LWV-Texas to make this additional contribution to the state league.

You will need to ask the County Clerk for the name of the election judge in each precinct, so that the reporters can contact the judge in their precinct. Keep in touch with the reporters to make sure they are on schedule. After the election, you will be responsible for seeing that expense vouchers and handbooks are returned to me by each reporter.

Previous volunteers and new members may be good sources of recruits. Also try League members who live near the precinct, or friends of members who might like to help out. Reporters do not have to be League members, but they should be dependable people. If you are having trouble finding recruits among the members of your League, you might try what previous coordinators have found successful: finding reporters through other reliable, well-established community organizations, churches, synagogues, and boards of realtors. Participants in this project in the past have found the work most interesting.

The following is a rough idea of what key precinct reporters will be expected to do. All reporters will receive a kit explaining these procedures in more detail.

- Chose a teammate.

- Call the precinct judge prior to the election to introduce themselves and explain the project. Confirm the location of the polling place or tabulation center.

- Go to the polling place well ahead of election night in order to obtain the phone number of the closest telephone and permission to use it.

- Go to the assigned polling place on election night, obtain the final count on the selected races and immediately phone the ABC computer center in New York.

- Fill out an expense voucher and return it along with the reporter's handbook to the state coordinator.

If you have any questions please call me. ABC has provided a phone in my home where I can be reached at any time between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Call collect (713) 480-0430.

Thank you for your cooperation on this project.

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ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORT FORM

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 16, 1988
Keep one copy for your files

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15514 St. Cloud
Houston, TX 77062
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Local Coordinator:
(may also be a reporter)

_____
Name Local League

_____
Address City Zip

_____
Area Code Home Phone Number Work Phone Number

County _____

Precinct#	Address	Previous Reporter	Reporter's Name, Address, Phone
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PRECINCT ASSIGNMENTS

LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	PRECINCTS			CONTACTED
	NAME & PHONE NUMBER	ABC CODE	PRECINCT NO	CITY	

TELEPHONE LOG - ABC-TV KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

DATE	TIME	PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS/LEAGUE	REASON CALLED	CALL RETURNED

ABC NEWS
47 West 66th Street New York, New York 10023-6290 (212) 887-7777

October 5, 1988

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15514 St. Cloud
Houston, Texas 77062

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At your suggestion I have composed a letter to all Texas reporters, explaining what they must do and citing some election code. You can choose to send the letter to reporters in a separate mailing or give them instructions on the phone. However, to make up a mock conversation with election officials for the reporters to use, does not work very well because the reporter does not respond to the specific problems of individual precinct judges if he or she has a script.

As you know and we have discovered in our phone conversations with county officials since the primary, we cannot emphasize enough how important it is for each and every reporter to contact the proper election official of the precinct to which he or she is assigned **two weeks** before the election. That is the only way the reporter will be able to get results at the poll place in Texas.

We are still having phone problems in many areas in Texas. Please emphasize to each reporter that he or she must fin a phone before election day that will be accessible. Reporters must try to dial the toll free 800 number from the phone before election day because we have discovered that the 800 number will not work on some phones in some counties in Texas.

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