

Lawrence Singer Watcher Notes 10-20-2012

Reported to Clerk's main office at 10:00 am as a watcher for Issue Committee, Committee to Pay City Council Members for 52 Meetings . I was told UOCAVA ballots were going to be printed from the computer. Clerk Hall present and had me and other Watchers observe from reception area, approximately eight feet from the screen. But screen was turned so all I was able to see was the back of computer terminal and display. My request to see the screen was denied by Hillary Hall.

Hillary Hall refused to allow Watchers to view computer screen displaying the returned UOCAVA ballots, even though these voters had signed waivers of their rights to a secret and Watchers sworn in not to disclose any voter's choices.

Clerk Hall refused to answer question how email ballots were secured till today.

Hall said they were starting with ballots received starting with October 11th.

I noted a discrepancy because on October 16 the UOCAVA log showed no ballots "returned" since September 25th. Clerk Hall refused to explain this discrepancy and account for the UOCAVA ballots from September 25th through October 11th.

In summary, I could not fulfill my duties to witness and verify anything meaningful in the UOCAVA ballot receipt, logging, security, storage or printing processes. Although the ballots may not be duplicated or counted for a few days, numerous opportunities for error and irregularities are not under needed scrutiny because of these restrictions.