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I thought I would report my observations and experiences of today after the court order.

1. Bi-partisan teams are performing signature verification. For the most part the process has slowed and I observed a more thorough process with one exception. One of the teams was still viewing screens, 4 voter signatures, in 2 to 3 seconds which cannot be providing an acceptable oversight. Other teams were doing a good job based on the system presented to them.
2. UOCAVA process is still be stonewalled. The watcher could not get any questions answered nor was she provided with someone who would answer her questions. The list of watcher guidelines provided by the SOS was presented, but the Clerk's office would not comply with providing the information. And with no election official with which to discuss issues, there was no way to receive any answers or meaningful information. Karen Christopher specifically ask for items, as listed on SOS guidelines, 3,4,5,6 and 7. The watcher "liaison" Mary Beth Schuh did not have any answers or explanations. Karen ask for an election official who could speak to the UOCAVA process and Mary Beth said, "File a CORA request" (anybody heard this one before?). Karen specifically spoke to the Court Order (by the way could someone send the actual order to us) that entitles watchers to access to the UOCAVA information. Mary Beth said she did not know anything about it. Mary Beth spoke to Kim and came back to Karen with the same answers. Karen requested a person and time tomorrow to address the questions that the watchers have the right to ask. Mary Beth's response was, "everyone is busy doing their job." Karen ask Mary Beth to advise her supervisor of the situation of no information being provided relative to the SOS guidelines. Karen was "brushed off" as Mary Beth said she was going off duty and there was no one available for the watcher. Karen continued to stand behind the counter with no effective transfer of information as the UOCAVA ballots were being processed. MORE DENIAL, MORE DELAY, STONEWALLING!

Now that everyone is pump up about the wonderful progress, I would like to relate significant observations that were made since last Thursday.

1. Thursday last week during ballot resolution, Karen observed the resolution teams, after both of them had made a determination on an over vote, being pressured by a supervisor to "give" the vote to Obama.
2. On Sunday during ballot resolution, Jim observed on both of the teams workstations during the same period of time, a vertical line from top to bottom of the ballot which potentially necessitated the ballot to be resolved. When the teams alerted the supervisor, he said please discontinue the resolution process on the batch and he would re-run the ballots through the scanner since the scanner may need to be cleaned. Please remember that no individual ballot can be identified and therefore the cast-vote-scan (CVR) cannot be audited to determine if those ballots were either double counted or not counted.
3. At the Lafayette Early Voting Polling location today, a watcher reported that ballots had been cast with "SAMPLE" written on them.

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