



## 2016 Nebraska Election Protection Program

**Summary:** The Election Protection Program is the nation's largest voter protection and education program in the Nation's history. It consists of over 100 local, state, and national partners. Nebraskans for Civic Reform (NCR), in partnership with the National Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law runs the Nebraska Election Protection Program. NCR recruits volunteers and conducts the election protection program in Nebraska. NCR's goal is to ensure that every eligible voter receives a ballot, receives the correct information, and is not intimidated from voting on Election Day.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** NCR seeks individuals to volunteer as non-partisan election observers. Observers act in a passive role, monitoring elections and the polling places, reporting back to NCR their observations, particularly instances of concern. As part of their observations, election observers gather data on how elections are ran from one county to the next and record any irregularities or differing treatment of voters based on geography. This information is shared with local county election officials and state election officials to identify areas of success and improvement and pursue future legislative initiatives to improve the voter's experience.

### **Description of Data Collected:**

- Accessibility of polling location
- Availability of election materials for voters with disabilities
- Average wait times, voter flow, and sufficiency of voting booths
- Offer and distribution of provisional ballots
- Voter check-in process and challenges of voter registration

**Volunteer Commitment:** NCR asks those interested in volunteering to contact our director of voting rights with questions or sign up online. Volunteer shifts can be all day or a few hours, NCR just asks that election observer volunteers commit to at least two hours. (Alternate volunteer opportunities may be available for those with limited availability). All volunteers are required to attend a one-hour training.

Register to Volunteer by email at [elections@nereform.org](mailto:elections@nereform.org), by phone at (402) 904-5191, or online at [www.nereform.org/know-your-rights](http://www.nereform.org/know-your-rights)