

JOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS LIAISON COMMITTEE

the confederation of American organizations representing elections officials and voter registrars at all levels of government

11-9-06 TO: JEOLC Attendees (Past, Present & Future)
FROM: Doug Lewis

RE: Hotel Accomodations -- **ACTION REQUIRED NOW** **Hotel deadline: 12-15-06**

We have booked rooms for the nights of January 3- 6, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St, N.W., Washington, DC, for the next meeting of those elections and registration administrators who wish to be involved on a national level for Congressional liaison and activity with the Federal agencies affecting voter registration and elections at the local level. January 3 (Wednesday) is a travel day with the meeting beginning at 9 a.m.. Thursday, January 4 and continuing through 5 p.m. Friday, January 5. As we have done in the past, if necessary, we will continue the meetings on Saturday, January 6.

The discussion this year will be about both voter registration and elections administration. With control of the Congress shifting, both House and Senate, to the Democratic Party, we can expect to see a different emphasis from the past several years. Clearly, some of the Congressional bills that languished in the past will be strongly considered now. It looks like Congress intends to be very active in elections legislation. We will review all proposed bills up for consideration in 2007 and any previously introduced bills which may have any chance of success in the next two or three years. With two new studies by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on elections, it will be a full year.

Any election official, from city, county, or state level, who is a member of any of the following organizations is welcome to register (use of name here does not constitute endorsement by the organizations listed): NASS, NASED, IACREOT, NACRC, IIMC, NCSL, NACo, or The Election Center.

JEOLC is an intensive work session. It has led to better understanding of elections/registration matters for Congressional staffers and for Congressmen and Senators. The results of the efforts of the Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee have been significantly felt for the past 10 years on legislation.

Come to Washington to talk directly with Congressional staff about the new legislation. Additionally, we invite the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the Commissioners and staff of the Election Assistance Commission, the U.S. Justice Department and the GAO to present.

We have a limited number of rooms available per our contract at \$159/night plus tax. You must mention The Election Center to get the special rate (normal room rate is \$219/night). We have planned the meeting so that you can get cheaper airfares by staying over on a Saturday night. **We only arranged for a limited number of rooms to be held for our attendees and when they are gone, they are gone.** So do NOT delay...make your reservations today by calling the hotel at 888-663-7313 or 202-582-1234. You must have your reservations made no later than Dec.15...and even by then it may be too late to obtain a room at this price if our block fills within the next few days. Don't delay! The meeting cost per participant is \$279 and we must have your PAID reservations **in California no later than Dec. 20, 2006.** Send to The Election Center Conference Office, POB 965, Elk Grove, CA 95624. This fee is NON REFUNDABLE for any reason. The hotel expects to be paid its price for meeting rooms and refreshment guarantees no matter who shows up. Make checks payable to Election Center-JEOLC for \$279 per participant. **ANY application received after Dec 20 must pay \$379 per participant.**

Please make a separate form for EACH participant.

___ Yes I plan to attend the JEOLC legislative meeting in Washington on Jan. 4-6, 2007. Enclosed is my check for \$279. Fees are nonrefundable. We must have **your PAID reservation no later than December 20.** \$100 per participant higher after Dec. 20. The Election Center's Tax Information Number is 54-1578880, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization. For security purposes, you must have an EC badge to enter the meeting room, preparation for which can slow on site registrations.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Copy this form and give to others in your state association or national organization.

**Preliminary Agenda
JEOLC Meeting
January 4 & 5, 2007**

Grand Hyatt, 1000 H Street, NW Washington, D.C.

Potential Amendments to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and additional legislation
Meetings begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 pm both on Thursday and Friday.

Congressional Staff of both the Senate Rules Committee and House Administration are invited

- I. Voter Registration Issues
 - Implementation Issues with VR mandates
 - ID requirements of VR by Mail
 - Materials and translators for language minorities
 - Problems with VR & statewide VR databases
 - Discovered Problems
 - Driver's License or last four digits of Social Security Number
 - Use of Provisional Voting and application for VR
 - Statewide Voter Registration Database
 - Continuing Issues and Interpretations
 - Matching other state databases including DMV and social services
 - Registration of Military and Overseas voters
 - Longer registration: issues and concerns
 - Changes on dates allowed to register
 - Disability requirements for VR and voter information
 - Making VR sites accessible
 - Election Day Registration – The push for change
- II. Election Administration Issues
 - VR and elections administration – state and local issues and concerns
 - Voter ID – When is it appropriate? When does it discourage the voter? Administrative Issues.
 - Voting Accessibility
 - Voting for blind and disabled, what was successful and what was lacking
 - Making polling places accessible
 - Voting Equipment: Did elections serve the disabled?
 - Telephone Voting
 - Military and Overseas Issues
 - Acceptance of Applications including electronic formats
 - Distribution of ballots; continuing issues
 - Provisional Voting
 - Continuing Issues: Overuse? Time for checking to verify – states with too little time to qualify the ballots
 - How and when to count Provisional Votes: old precinct, new precinct, count countywide?
 - Election Day Registration – How it affects election administration
 - Voting Systems
 - New Election Assistance Commission Standards
 - Management Practices Guidelines – Development and Implementation
 - Voter Verified Paper – Is national law required or eminent?
 - Language Minority Issues and Problems – Translators and Instructions
 - Voter Education Issues – Reading and literacy problems
- III. Other issues

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