

Do you know
someone who is...

Positive
Outgoing
Lively
Logical
Willing
Organized
Responsible
Knowledgeable
Energetic
Reliable

If so, encourage
them to sign up
to work as a
pollworker by:

- Contacting us at
(415) 554-4395 or
- Applying online at
sfelections.org/pw

If you are one of
our highly valued
veteran workers,
we want you back!

Send the enclosed
availability letter
back to us right
away!!!

Pollworker Post

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

WINTER 2010

The Way We Were

If you worked one of the elections in 2009, you probably remember that we had fewer polling places because California election law allows for up to six voting precincts to be “consolidated” into one precinct for local, special or consolidated elections, or statewide elections other than the direct primary, presidential primary or general election.

For the May 19, 2009 Election and the November 3, 2009 Election, 153 of San Francisco’s 561 voting precincts were consolidated and that’s why some of you were assigned to work at new voting locations instead of the sites you may have regularly worked in the past.

By consolidating precincts, we were able to eliminate many inaccessible and smaller polling sites and to reduce the cost of conducting the elections.



This same election law, however, requires the Department to separate these consolidated precincts for the upcoming June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election and the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election.

We’re going to have our hands full separating consolidated precincts! Not only will we need to locate an additional 153 polling places, our pollworker hiring goal will increase by nearly 40%!

We’ll need to bring many new volunteers on board to assist San Francisco voters on Election Day.

For the first time since the 2008 Presidential Election, the Pollworker Intake Office will open its doors to administer assessments, and sign up qualified new applicants for the always challenging and rewarding task of serving as a pollworker. We will begin hiring in the second week of April.

Lights, Camera, Action!

While we have not been nominated for a Best Training Video Oscar (yet!), we have received very positive feedback from our pollworkers about seeing procedures

and problem-solving brought to life on the big (ok, well, medium) screen. Prepare yourself to experience the latest creation coming your way for the June 2010 election

in glorious 2D stereo: the closing procedures! From the gong of 8:00 pm to packing up after the Deputy Sheriff’s pick-up, you’ll feel like you’re already there!

