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RULES GOVERNING CONDUCT OF POLL OBSERVERS

1. These Rules apply to groups or individuals who contend that they have the right to observe and offer assistance to voters at polling locations (“Observers”). The Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections does not take a position on the lawfulness of this practice and reserves the right to deny these groups and individuals any special status should it come to light that these groups and individuals are not operating lawfully.
2. These rules do not apply to official poll watchers. Poll watchers are governed by State law.
3. Observers must remain at least 25 feet from voters who are in line waiting to vote at all times unless a voter requests assistance from an Observer.
4. Observers may not speak to voters who are in line waiting to vote unless a voter requests assistance or speaks to the Observer. Observers may hold signs offering assistance.
5. Nothing in these rules should be interpreted to restrain the rights of Observers from conducting exit polls pursuant Georgia law or from exercising the rights of any other citizen.
6. The sole purpose of these rules is to protect voters. Voters come to the polls to vote and should at all times be allowed to do so free from harassment or influence.

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2020.

Mike Kaplan

MIKE KAPLAN, CHAIR
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