



Municipality of Anchorage

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Office of the Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 23, 2022

TO: John Henry, Observer

FROM: Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk *BAJ*
Dee Ennis, Observer Liaison

SUBJECT: Observer Complaint re Telephone Use at Election Center

Thank you for your complaint dated April 5, 2022. You state that you observed another observer ("Observer #2") taking pictures with his cellphone in front of the adjudication screens. "It was obvious he was hiding what he was doing." An Observer Liaison spoke with Observer #2, and the observer left shortly thereafter. Per the Observer Liaison, Observer #2 denied emphatically that he was taking pictures.

A day or so later, the Observer Liaison again spoke with Observer #2, which resulted in a heated response from Observer #2 and a complaint filed by Observer #2.

With respect to this complaint, Observer #2 is on notice that taking pictures anywhere in a designated area in the Election Center is prohibited. Should he engage in prohibited use of cell phone in the future, Election staff may take steps up to and including removing him from the Election Center.

This incident demonstrates why the cell phone use rules need to be continually and clearly stated and why observers should not have cell phones in the yellow brick areas both in terms of enforcement and confidentiality.

C: Ralph Duerre, Observer Liaison
Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk - Elections
Observer Contacts for other campaigns



Municipality of Anchorage
April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election
Complaint Form

OBSERVER INFORMATION	Date <u>4/5/2022</u>
	Printed Name Of Observer <u>JOHN M. HENRY</u>
	Name Of Candidate Or Organization/Group Representing <u>RANDY SULTE</u>

COMPLAINT	SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLAINT, INCLUDING ELECTION OFFICIAL NAME, IF APPLICABLE: <u>I OBSERVED NIAL WILLIAMS TAKING PHOTOS OF BARBERA + JAMIE WHILE THEY WERE TALKING IN FRONT OF ADJUDICATION SCREENS. HE WAS PULLING HIS PHONE OUT FROM BEHIND HIS CLIPBOARD + TAKING PICTURES. IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WAS HIDING WHAT HE WAS DOING. I SAW RALPH TALKING TO NIAL SHORTLY AFTER NIAL LEFT THE ELECTION CENTER.</u>
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SIGNATURES	Signature of Observer <u>John M. Henry</u>	Date Submitted <u>4/7/2022</u>
	Signature of Municipal Clerk or Designee	Date Received