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KANE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RESPONDS TO NINE ELECTION DAY COMPLAINTS

St. Charles, Ill. - Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Kane County's General Election Complaint Hotline received nine complaints during last Tuesday's election day voting. The State's Attorney's Office remains committed to addressing any further concerns raised.

On election day, assistant state's attorneys (ASAs) visited each polling place in the County to ensure compliance with the Illinois Election Code and to advise election judges of their availability to provide legal assistance as necessary.

Of the nine complaints, almost half were related to electioneering activity, with the remainder comprising a range of concerns.

One caller complained about an election judge promoting political material. The State's Attorney's Office responded by informing the polling place's head election judge of the incident.

One polling place called to report issues of electioneering within a campaign free zone and of a voter refusing to remove campaign clothing. ASAs responded to the polling place, by which time one of the issues had already concluded. The ASAs discussed electioneering laws with those remaining and resolved the situation.

A third caller reported being asked to remove a campaign t-shirt within a polling place. ASAs informed the caller of laws regarding electioneering.

A fourth caller asked about laws regarding the distribution of election material at polling places. ASAs explained electioneering laws and campaign free zone requirements with the caller.

A fifth caller complained that election judges were wearing lanyards listing political party affiliations. ASAs informed the caller that the lanyards were issued in order to notify voters that there were election judges of both parties present in each polling location.

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A sixth caller complained that they were required to fill out their party affiliation upon completing their ballot application. ASAs contacted the election judges at that polling place and confirmed their understanding that no such party affiliation was required during a general election.

A seventh caller, a poll watcher, complained alleging disparate treatment by election judges of poll watchers of different political parties. ASAs reached out to the election judges at the polling place and discussed poll watchers' rights and responsibilities.

An eighth caller said that she had heard a race was missing from some ballots. ASAs confirmed with the election authority that the voters whose names and addresses were provided did, in fact, have the race on those ballots. The same caller also complained that one voting machine had been out of order and was closed down. The election authority confirmed that the voting machine had been repaired and confirmed that no ballots were invalidated or affected by the outage.

A final complaint was made by two voters about being required to show identification in order to vote. ASAs spoke with election judges and reminded them that identification is not required in order to vote.

State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser said: "I commend our office's assistant state's attorneys for their diligent efforts to field and respond to all complaints received on the election day hotline. In addition, I would like to thank the Kane County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies for being proactive on election day and offering valuable support across the county. My office remains committed to addressing any additional concerns brought to our attention."

Individuals with questions about election rules or voting access can go to the Kane County Clerk's website at <https://clerk.kanecountyil.gov/Elections>.

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