



PRESS RELEASE

Justice Department to Conduct Election Monitoring in Florida and Wyoming Primary Elections

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Today, the Civil Rights Division is monitoring polling sites in Florida and Wyoming for the states' primary elections to ensure transparency, ballot security, and compliance with federal law.

"Election monitoring is an ongoing priority for this office," said Assistant Attorney General Harmeet K. Dhillon of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "Nondiscriminatory monitoring ensures all elections remain free, fair, and accessible to all."

The DOJ, through the Civil Rights Division, enforces federal voting laws which protect the voting rights of all eligible citizens. The DOJ regularly deploys staff to monitor compliance with federal civil rights laws in communities across the country, as it previously did in Florida and Wyoming in 2022.

The DOJ is monitoring polls in Miami-Dade County, Florida, with approximately four Civil Rights Division attorneys and in Laramie County, Wyoming, with two Civil Rights Division attorneys. Thus far the DOJ has deployed over 75 monitors across five states and over 200 polling locations this primary season. By comparison, during the 2022 midterms the DOJ sent monitors to nine states.

This monitoring initiative is aimed at promoting transparency and an open flow of communication between poll observers and election monitors. The Civil Rights Division's Voting Section enforces various federal statutes that protect the right to vote, including the

Voting Rights Act, National Voter Registration Act, Help America Vote Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Civil Rights Acts.

From now through the general election on Nov. 3, Civil Rights Division personnel will be available to receive questions and complaints from the public related to federal voting rights laws. If you have a question or complaint or would like to request election monitoring in a particular jurisdiction, please contact the Voting Section at VEM@usdoj.gov.

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