

## King County Elections

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Almost forgot about this. Here's a link to Stefan Sharkansky's write up of his tour at the TEA earlier this week. <http://soundpolitics.com/archives/007499.html>

Overall, pretty evenhanded. This section might need response. I'll need to find out the process for running ballots through. - Natasha

Observers are not allowed in the tabulation room (I was allowed in, only because I had an escort). Observers may watch the tabulation through a window, but it is not possible to see all that much. Tabulators are accountable only to run a specific number of ballots per batch. There are few safeguards to prevent a tabulator from running the same ballot through the machine multiple times and skipping other ballots, inadvertently or otherwise. This does happen, as Republican observer Tim Borders discovered in the post-primary recount:

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