

This is what was posted on the door of the Manzano High School polling place last night.

District 21 Prec 298		
Howard	Mimi	
135	120	
Straight Party (SP)	52	76
John McCain/BO	119	141

Precinct 300		
Howard	46	60
SP	21	34
JM/BO	47	60

MHS totals Howard 181, Mimi 180

I stayed at Manzano all day except for about 45 minutes from about 07:30-08:15 when I was kicked off school grounds because the presiding judge Ann said APS had a policy that no campaigning was allowed on school grounds. I called the County Clerk and the Secretary of State & the County GOP HQ. I was able to get Alan Leonetti (GOP challenger) to personally visit and present the argument that the election handbook (state law) shows no exception for school policies. APS communications director Rigo Chavez eventually relented and said the handbook is correct and 100 feet away from the building was valid and the APS policy didn't apply on election day.

However, It was a fight all day, at all school locations just to get access and was too little too late. I was told by the presiding judges (at MHS) that the Bernco county training for all the pollworkers and officials in my District 21 were instructed NOT to allow any campaigning activity (brochures, signs, candidates) on school property as per APS school policy. My campaign workers were kicked off Grant Middle School, Hawthorne & McCollum Elementary School & other locations. One of my worker's vehicles with signs had his tires slashed at Grant Middle School.

I believe we were able to win MHS because I was eventually able to talk to people 100 feet from the polling place. About 30% of the people I spoke to were undecided about the State Rep position and I was able to make a difference by introducing or re-introducing myself and explaining two big issues for me (30 second elevator speech), 1. Home as Castle Doctrine to men (because of our increasing crime rate, home/car break-ins or 2. The need to bring accountability for reducing emergency/urgent care wait times. I heard horror stories all day long of people who suffered from not being able to get adequate medical attention in a timely manner. John Kinzer, (one of my workers) family friends died last week because of neglect while waiting in an emergency waiting room.

I had people who were staunch Obama supporters vote for me. I had people tell me that they were going to vote straight democrat but when they came out of the polls they said they changed their mind because of what I told them. It would have been better if I only had district 21 precincts at MHS. However, I had 2 precincts from district 20 at MHS also, so I had to talk to everyone because I didn't have enough time to find out for what district they were to vote. So I had my work cut out for me all day long. I handed out approximately, 500 pieces of literature throughout the day.

I believe being denied access to school property had a profound affect on the voting at the polls. We were only about 764 down at the polls out of 1890 total votes cast for the opposition. We had 1144 at the polls. We were heavily damaged by the two direct mail smear pieces and two slanderous ABQ journal articles that I believe were influential in early voting and absentee ballots. We didn't have any money for responding until the very

last week. Mimi had 1428 Absentee to our 725. Mimi had 2518 early voters to our 973. She clearly destroyed us in these two areas because we were unable to respond to all her negative campaigning.

At last count Mimi had sent out 8 direct mail pieces (2 hit & 6 ego pieces) to everyone in the district approximately 10,000 x 8 and we only sent an absentee postcard with no response and no other direct mail pieces. I did go to over 6,000 homes since March and various literature drops that covered most of the district a couple of times. At the end we dropped literature (response piece) door to door at 8 precincts. in 3 days, precincts 298 & 300 were part of that drop.

One voter, Beatrice Lopez of XXX Nakomis NE, ABQ 87123 was told that her change of address was not in the system and had to go to her previously registered location which was out of district for voting. This meant she would not be able to vote for me. No one told her that she could vote provisional ballot. When she went back inside to vote a provisional ballot as I suggested. She was told I was not on the ballot. (wonder how many others were told that?)

The presiding judge Ann, David Tourek, Jim Jacobson, David Thompson, of the New Mexico attorney generals office witnessed this event but David Tourek said they were not required to make write ups and were only observers. They were unwilling to go inside and get a sample ballot to verify the information. Ms. Lopez left totally frustrated after several hours of going back and forth from various locations without being able to vote for me.

I noticed that statewide most Republican candidates that worked hard were beaten about 65% to 35%. Those Republican candidates that didn't work as hard were beaten by about 75% to 25%. I was out spent (as of the last reporting cycle) \$60,000 to \$2,000 and viciously smeared without being able to respond so I think lost an extra few points in the process but winning at Manzano High School was vindication for me. It looked like we lost about 10-15% of our base (Republicans) who defected to the other side and another 10-15% of the base (Republicans) didn't vote at all. I'm not sure (I don't have all the numbers yet) but that is what it looks like in my area.

One of my biggest concerns involved the state GOP party sent out hit pieces (striking the first blow) against several state democrat candidates, namely my opposition. My question is, why punch a bully in the nose if you don't intend to stand up to that bully? No money was given by the state party to help us state candidates defend ourselves after throwing the first punch (on our behalf?)

That didn't help me and it only awakened a "sleeping monster" response from the other side. One from which I never recovered. After punching MY bully in the nose for me, the state party stood by doing nothing for several months leaving me alone and by myself to be pummeled at will by the opposition (my personal bully). I did hear something from a back room somewhere (via direct mail pieces) toward the end of the pummeling "hey bully and bystanders, we Republicans are smart people, vote the party" what kind of response was that?

It sure didn't help me and was a waste of money and resources.