

The Salt Lake Tribune

Potential electioneering by San Juan County clerk adds controversy to already heated special election

October 23, 2019

“Last week, ACLU poll monitors at early voting locations discovered copies of a letter to the editor of the San Juan Record newspaper outlining support for Proposition 10, a ballot initiative that would form a study committee to recommend changes to the county’s form of government.”

San Juan County May Have Failed To Notify Navajo Residents About Election, ACLU Says
October 17, 2019



“But the county may have failed to adequately notify Navajo voters about it, according to Niki Venugopal, a voting outreach coordinator with the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah.

Venugopal visited communities in San Juan County on the Navajo Nation earlier this month to determine whether the county has violated a legal settlement it made with the ACLU last year.”



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Questions arise over November 5 election
October 29, 2019

“In recent weeks, ACLU of Utah poll monitors spotted documents at polling locations that advocate a position that voters should vote in favor of the ballot proposition. The polling locations are in Bluff, Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley.”



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ACLU OF UTAH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Immigrants' Rights
- Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality
- Privacy and Technology
- Racial Justice
- LGBTQ Rights
- Participatory Democracy

OUR 2019 VICTORIES INCLUDED...

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

In April, the ACLU of Utah Foundation joined with the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah to file a lawsuit in federal court to block H.B. 136—the state’s 18-week abortion ban. Our legal team quickly **secured a preliminary injunction to stop the abortion ban from taking effect**—becoming one of eight states to block unconstitutional abortion restrictions from becoming law in 2019.

VOTING RIGHTS

During the 2019 election, we dispatched poll monitors to three voting locations in San Juan County to observe and implement the legal settlement we reached to provide better translation and language assistance for Navajo-speaking voters. By being on the ground, our teams were able to **identify and resolve several critical barriers to voting** to ensure a smoother election.

PRIVACY & TECHNOLOGY

During the 2019 Legislative session, the ACLU of Utah worked with lawmakers to pass H.B. 57, **the first law in the nation to require law enforcement to obtain a search warrant to access data stored by a third-party**, like a shared drive or cloud-based server. Building on that success, our legal and policy teams are working on upcoming legislation to restrict the use of facial recognition scanning and analysis by law enforcement agencies.

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