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## **CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to our attention that the elections in Shasta County for the General Election of November 5, 2024 being administered by the Registrar of Voters for Shasta County, Thomas Toller, have been encountering equipment malfunctions when specifically reading the markings of candidate selections on the voter ballots. The malfunctions are specific to the machines being used to tabulate the vote counts as a result of overspray of ink on the ballots that were provided by RunBeck, the vendor contracted to print the ballots for the election. The overspray of ink, not visible to the naked eye but can be seen by the sensors of the ballot reader equipment, is causing mis-reads, skipped reads of the ballots thus producing because they unable to accurately “read” the ballot while being scanned. The untrustworthy reads of the ballots are requiring the ballots be adjudicated by hand to “new” ballots provided by RunBeck but unfortunately, the new ballots also have the overspray, so the problem has not been resolved. Citizens have observed employees of the Registrar of Voters manipulating ballots without any oversight in rooms set aside from public view along with repeated incidences of ballots that have been scanned that are not recording the votes marked by the voters.

The citizens of Shasta County have no confidence in the computation of the vote tallies of their votes using the election tabulators with the ballots provided by the Thomas Toller, Registrar of Voters to the citizens. Nor do the citizens have confidence in the adjudication process because all of the ballots have the initial problem, overspray of the ink. The citizens of Shasta County delivered a Cease and Desist letter on October 3, 2024 that included the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) language that clearly addresses the concern of untrustworthy tabulation results:

*“H.A.V.A. was designed to provide a “Zero Trust Model” for voting systems which includes transparency to address trust issues when using electronic voting machines. Although election fraud existed in individual local*

*racess, these widespread trust issues did not exist before electronic/mechanical machines. In addition, H.A.V.A. falls under the Civil Rights Act therefore, certifying inaccurate or non-compliant elections violates every citizen's Civil Rights when elections are not accurate, or election laws have been violated."*

We reiterate that the Boards Of Supervisors Have A Problem which is your Duty to Serve the People by ensuring that the results of their "Voice" to elect their leadership be protected. As stated in the Cease and Desist letter of October 3, 2024:

*"Each of you swore an oath to the United States Constitution and to the Constitution of the State of California. Both Constitutions guarantee citizens the right to have their vote accurately counted and to elect their representatives. Your oath is not to the government but to the Constitution and the people you represent. Certifying uncertifiable elections in a federal election can reach the level of treason. Do not assume just because county election officials have not been held accountable to this point that they will not be held accountable now and in the future. We pray those involved do not expose themselves or the County to this financial obligation."*

We respectfully demand that the County comply with both the California and federal Constitutions rather than following newly enacted and unconstitutional California laws.

First, the process must be transparent, and the counts must be verified.

Second, only eligible voters should be allowed to vote.

To meet these requirements, the county MUST implement hand counting protocols used in elections prior to the introduction of electronic devices. It was this Board that authorized the purchase of electronic devices for use for our election management system against the will of your constituents. According to the HAVA Act of 2002: *H.A.V.A. falls under the Civil Rights Act therefore, certifying inaccurate or non-compliant elections violates every citizen's Civil Rights when elections are not accurate, or election laws have been violated."*

We demand that the tabulation of the election of November 5, 2024 be conducted following the California Legislature Laws for "hand counting" to guarantee that the results are the authentic representation of the people's Vote and Voice. Your thoughtful consideration of the matters contained in this letter and the requirements of your oath to the United States' and California Constitutions are greatly appreciated.

The favor of a reply is also requested.

Yours truly,

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