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Subject: 2022 Election Questions & Record Requests

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Municipal Clerk Jones, Clerk Heinz, and the Anchorage Election Commission.

Throughout the course of the 2022 Regular Municipal Election, the Mayor's Office fielded widespread questions and concerns related to the voting process. To create and foster an environment of additional trust and integrity for future Municipal Elections, I would like clarification and answers to the concerns below raised by constituents and observers in the last election.

To further promote integrity and confidence in the election process, my administration is willing to pay for and perform a technical litmus test and forensic audit of the election technology. This would be at no cost to the Clerk's Office or the Assembly and would be conducted by a third-party, independent, and reputable technology company from out-of-state.

As this matter pertains to the sanctity of this election, I request the retention of all potential materials that may be responsive to these requests. I additionally request responses and copies of records, emails, documents, and other materials, if any, described below.

- 1. Observers informed the Office of the Mayor that an unscheduled, unannounced visit of a Dominion Voting Systems technician, or a third-party contractor for Dominion Voting Systems, occurred on April 19, 2022. Sign-in logs for the election center indicate a Mr. Whu Leung signed in at 8:58am and left at 2:20pm on April 19, 2022. During his visit, Mr. Leung appeared to open, connect cables to, insert USB sticks in, and/or edit software on the Dominion Voting Systems machine. This is prior to the certification of the election; ballots were still being accepted at this time.
 - a. Who did Mr. Leung work for? What was Mr. Leung doing at the election center on April

19? What duties was he performing?

- b. Were these duties requested by an election official?
- c. If so, who and why was this request made?
- d. Which MOA contract was Mr. Leung operating under?
- e. Mr. Leung was observed inserting USB flash sticks inside the Dominion Voting Systems tabulation machine. What was on these USB flash sticks?
- f. Why was a flash stick required to perform the technical work Mr. Leung was onsite for?
- g. Did the Municipal Clerk's Office conduct a background check or similar search of Mr. Leung before he was authorized to modify, edit, and tamper with critical voting infrastructure?
- 2. Observer complaint forms noted that campaigns have received complaints of ballots that did not arrive at homes across the Municipality. In a particular observer complaint, filed April 3, 2022, Deputy Clerk of Elections Jamie Heinz stated that election officials may have identified an isolated issue where ballot styles 1941 and 1944 arrived late or did not arrive at all. The observer complaint also acknowledges that additional ballots of styles 1941 and 1944 were sent to the Loussac Library to account for this potential issue.
 - a. Did the Municipal Clerk's Office maintain a log of all voters who reported not receiving a ballot?
 - b. Is the allegation of additional ballots styles 1941 and 1944 being delivered to the Loussac Library Vote Center true?
 - c. What did the Clerk's Office do to remedy the issue of reported ballots not being received?
- 3. Pursuant to AMC 28.40.020.C., "The municipal clerk shall cause an official ballot to be mailed to voters at least 21 days before the regular or special election day..." During the April 5, 2022, election, constituents, and voters called, emailed, and mailed the Office of the Mayor reporting ballots not arriving in their mailbox. Office of the Mayor staff directed and transferred all calls to the election hotline (907-243-8683) for further review and processing. Of those that called, many reported BallotTrax (available at AnchorageVotes.com) showed their ballots were mailed on or after 3/20/2022. Pursuant to AMC 28.40.020.C., 21 days before the regular election would have been March 15, 2022 (3/15/2022).
 - a. Were ballots mailed 21 days prior to April 5th pursuant to AMC 28.40.020.C.?
 - b. If so, why does BallotTrax show a date that would not be consistent with Municipal Code?
- 4. Multiple election observers and members of the public informed the Office of the Mayor that felt tip pens and/or dry erase pens were available inside of voting booths at the Loussac Library on April 5, 2022. Pursuant to 28.40.010.D.d., ballot forms are required to instruct voters use "black or blue ink."

- a. Is it the position of the Municipal Clerk's Office that a felt tip pen and dry erase pen would qualify as "black or blue ink"?
- b. Does using a felt tip pen or dry erase pen cause issues with scanning software in identifying a specific vote or bubble fill?
- 5. Observers have informed the Office of the Mayor that there were a higher number of USPS indicated "undeliverable" ballots in the 2022 Regular Municipal Election compared to the 2021 Regular Municipal Election, despite there being less ballots mailed out. Undeliverable being defined as a ballot mailed by USPS but returned to the Clerk's Office due to the address not being deliverable.
 - a. How many ballots were mailed but undelivered in the 2021 Municipal Regular Election?
 - b. How many ballots were mailed but undelivered in the 2022 Municipal Regular Election?
 - c. If the number of ballots undelivered in 2022 is greater than in 2021, how is this explained?

Additionally, to better inform my team as to the facts raised by these questions and responses, I now request a copy of all emails, text messages, Teams messages, voice messages, reference files, transitory files, ballots, and other records (together "materials") that relate to any aspect of any of the questions enumerated above. For purposes of this request, "records" have the meaning set forth in Anchorage Municipal Code 3.95.010. I additionally request all the following records:

- 1. All support and service access audit logs of administrative and/or technical work including scheduled and ad-hoc system upgrades and system security patching performed between July 1, 2021 and April 29, 2022 on the following systems and environments by any person, party, and/or contractor:
 - a. Dominion Voting Machines
 - b. Sorting Machine/Environment
 - c. Any other connected devices that are part of the above a. and b.
 - i. Network Circuits/Modems
 - ii. Network Switches, Hubs, or Routers
 - iii. Laptops, Tablets, and PCs
 - iv. External Drives and Storage Connections
- 2. Any and all contracts, use agreements, license agreements, and/or memorandum(s) of understanding between the Anchorage Assembly, Clerk's Office, and/or any election official in any capacity and Dominion Voting Systems and/or any subcontractor that provides support services to any Dominion Voting Systems machine Support services would include software/firmware support, installation services, physical hardware maintenance, or any service

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where a third party, non-MOA employee engages with any Dominion machine. The date range for this request is from January 1, 2017 to April 29, 2022.

3. Any and all communications, including but not limited to emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents with any employee of the election, including all additional email accounts not assigned to an employee (e.g. elections@anchorageak.gov) and any Dominion Voting Systems employee. This includes, but is not limited to contact with any MOA elections employee and/or email address and the following Dominion Employees:

John Poulos
Shelley Growden
Dana LaTour
Phil Schmidt
Any Dominion Voting Systems (Dominion) Employee

- 4. Any and all communications, including but not limited to emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents with any employee of the election and Resource Data Inc (RDI) between December 1, 2021 and April 29, 2022.
- 5. Any and all communications, including but not limited to emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents between Dominion Voting Systems and Resource Data Inc (RDI).
- 6. Any and all communications, including but not limited to emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents with any employee of the election and any additional third-party operating on behalf of Dominion Voting Systems and/or Resource Data Incorporated (RDI) between December 1, 2021 and April 29, 2022.
- 7. Any and all records and/or computer files of the USB flash stick inserted into the Dominion Voting Systems machine by Mr. Leung on April 19, 2022. We request the original flash stick is made available for inspection.
- 8. Any and all written records, transitory files, and reference files between February 1, 2022 and April 29, 2022, including but not limited to, emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents, written by or sent to the following persons and email:

Barbara Jones Jamie Heinz Jennifer Veneklasen Deitra Ennis

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Ralph Duerre
elections@anchorageak.gov
Any employee who works on election matters and/or with Jamie Heinz and Barbara Jones

If they include one or more of the following keywords or phrases:

Ballots not arriving
Ballots not delivered

Undelivered ballots

1941 1944

Sand Lake
Jewel Lake
Late ballots
Did not receive
Never received

Was not sent

USPS U.S.P.S

US Postal Service U.S. Postal Service

Post Office US Post Office U.S. Post Office Ballots stuck Ballots not mailed

9. Any and all email communications and calendar events between December 1, 2021 and April 29, 2022 to or from any of the following Municipal employees and any email with an @email.usps.gov or @usps.gov email domain:

Barbara Jones
Jamie Heinz
Jennifer Veneklasen
Deitra Ennis
Ralph Duerre
elections@anchorageak.gov
Any employee who works on election matters

- 10. Any and all call logs of the voter hotline, 907-243-8683, and any case management logs or records, transitory files, or reference files reported for each caller. If this request is not clear, I am happy to clarify the intention of this request.
- 11. Any and all submitted Adjudication Challenge Form(s), Ballot Not Properly Cast or Improperly Rejected Challenge Form(s), Signature Challenge Form(s), Voter Challenge Form(s), and Complaint Form(s) by any campaign between March 1, 2022 and April 29, 2022. Please also include all official responses for all submitted complaints.

12. Any and all written records, transitory files, and reference files between December 1, 2022 and April 29, 2022, including but not limited to, emails, text messages, Teams messages, handwritten communications, and/or documents, between the following Municipal employees and the ballot printing and/or mailing vendor of the ballots and ballot envelopes.

Barbara Jones
Jamie Heinz
Jennifer Veneklasen
Deitra Ennis
Ralph Duerre
elections@anchorageak.gov
Any employee who works on election matters

Because of the potential of significant public interest in these materials, I also request that a directive to preserve and retain any and all such materials be issued from your offices to all persons potentially having custody of any such responsive material. Please advise whether and when you issue such a directive; if you intend to issue an alternate directive; or if you decline this request. This includes, but is not limited to, all ballots in the 2022 Regular Municipal Election in the custody of the Municipal Clerk.

If you are unable or unwilling to respond to any portion of this request, please respond with particularity as to what material cannot, or will not, be timely produced, and the basis for such a denial.

Sincerely,

Dave Bronson, Mayor

Cc: Amy Demboski, City Manager

Alexis Johnson, Chief of Staff

Marc Dahl, IT Director

Patrick Bergt, Municipal Attorney

Dean Gates, Assembly Counsel

Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly Chair

Christopher Constant, Anchorage Assembly Vice Chair