

ANCHORAGE ELECTION COMMISSION
REPORT OF CANVASS - REVISED
TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
REVIEW OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 26, 2021

Members of the Anchorage Election Commission attended Logic and Accuracy Testing on March 3, 2022, and several members attended a variety of election worker trainings and visited the Election Center in February and March.

On April 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., the Anchorage Election Commission was scheduled and did meet in the Public Session of Canvass at the MOA Election Center. At the meeting, the Commission voted on which ballot envelopes would be rejected. The Commission continued the meeting until Monday, April 25 to discuss several complaints, and met again at 1:00 p.m. on April 26, 2022, to revise the number of rejected ballot envelopes based on the final canvass, as well as to continue the discussion on several complaints. The Commission's response to the complaints is not available at the time of the report is summarized after the summary of the rejected ballot envelopes. The following ballot envelopes were rejected for the following reasons:

Rejected Envelopes

• Duplicate – Voter voted mailed ballot and at AVC	8
• Empty Ballot Return Envelope or contained other materials	5
• Ballot Returned without Return Envelope (unable to ID voter)	14
• Voter Failed to Provide Identifying Information	1
• Voter Is Inactive	1
• Electronic Ballot Not Applied For	0
• Multiple Ballots in One Envelope	1
• Registered Outside the MOA	24
• Voter Does Not Meet Certification Requirements	1
• Voter Returned Ballot Envelope & Asked to Be Removed from Voter Roll	1
• Voter Registered Too Late	8
• Ballot Received Too Late (After Polls Closed at AVC, Dropbox, & via email)	6
• Ballot Return Envelope Postmarked after Election Day	411
• No Postmark and Received after Election Day	2
• Unclear Postmark with Additional Information from USPS	0
• Voter Not Registered	6
• Voter is Deceased	0
• Inadequate Witnessing	0
• Voter Failed to Sign Ballot Return Envelope	45
• No Signature Match on Ballot Return Envelope	692
• No Reference Signature	14
• Ballot Hand Delivered After Election Day	0
• Ballot Vote by Someone Other than Voter	3
• No ID Provided at Time of Voting	0
• Household Signature, not resolved	0
• Ballot Voted by Person Using Power of Attorney	5
• Previous Election Ballot Envelope Received	5

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- Other

16

Total Rejected Envelopes

1269

Notice of Ballot Rejection: The Municipal Clerk's Office will be sending a notice of ballot rejection to each of the individual voters whose ballot was rejected as required by AMC 28.85.010G.

Discussion with law enforcement: The Commission has requested a small number of ballot envelopes to be held for a discussion with law enforcement for possible election offenses.

Addendum to Canvassing Report unanimously adopted by Commission:


The Election Commission takes complaints seriously, especially the report that the USPS may not have timely delivered all of the ballots entrusted to it for voters in the Sand Lake/Jewel Lake area. With information available to us through April 25 we have been unable to do a statistical analysis of historical voting to get a better idea about this report and, if true, how many voters it impacted.

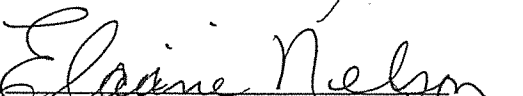
After reviewing this complaint, as well as four other complaints observers maintain after their consideration of responses by the MOA Election Team, we conclude that any mistakes made or other informalities are unintentional are fairly minor, and alleged failures of the Election Team to comply with provisions of law are unlikely to change the outcomes of any of the candidate races or issue on the ballot.

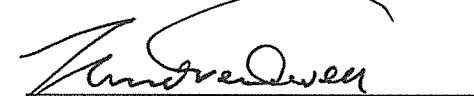
The Election Commission plans to provide further comments about this election to the Anchorage Assembly and Mayor after we see additional voting data. We will also offer suggestion for further safeguards, including changes to the Municipal Code, to protect the integrity of voting in MOA elections delivered by ballots mailed to registered voters.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2021.


Glennis Ireland, Chair


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