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**Subject:** Re: Central Counting Station Judge  
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Gentlemen,

Please see my response to Mr. Saidi's letter. This is my response, I am giving you first view before sending it to Mr. Saidi, Ms. Cremin and Ms. Hughs.

I have been receiving numerous concerns from candidate poll watchers anticipating issues and adversarial interactions during this election. (No complaints or charges have been issued against the current Commissioner Court Appointed Central Count Judge) Their complaints stem from past election conduct as early as the last primary election, not being given the opportunity to perform their job adequately and properly. I have tried to reach your office and have exhausted all my options to remedy these concerns in an amicable way for both of us, without much success. Meanwhile, these concerns have now reached to the Secretary of State Office and the Republican Party Executive Committee for their interventions. I know that there are two sides to every story and I am not casting any accusations or making judgment on your office and your staff. However, I believe that these concerns have reached to a point that if we do not address them now, they could potentially end up once again with personality clashes and another lawsuit (is this a threat? It sounds like if you don't comply with this request, a lawsuit is being planned. This looks a lot like coercion of a public servant. This is a violation of Sec 36.03 (a)(1) of the Criminal Statue and is Class A misdemeanor. It would also appear to be a threat of blackmail towards the county with offering to pursue a lawsuit if the Mr. Saidi's request isn't met. This could be considered improper influence (Sec. 36.04) also a Class A misdemeanor.), which would not be beneficial to anyone. I believe that it is incumbent upon both of us to resolve these concerns now before general election on November 3rd, and I believe the best and fastest course of action would be to nominate a new Central Counting Station Judge. The Texas Election Code 32.002 ((c) *The presiding judge and alternate presiding judge must be affiliated or aligned with different political parties, subject to this subsection. Before July of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(1) applies or before August of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(2) applies, the county chair of a political party whose candidate for governor received the highest or second highest number of votes in the county in the most recent gubernatorial general election shall submit in writing to the commissioners court a list of names of persons in order of preference for each precinct who are eligible for appointment as an election judge. The county chair may supplement the list of names of persons until the 20th day before a general election or the 15th day before a special election in case an appointed election judge becomes unable to serve. The commissioners court shall appoint the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the highest number of votes in the precinct as the presiding judge and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the second highest number of votes in the precinct as the alternate presiding judge. If the candidates for governor of two political parties received the same number of votes in the precinct, the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list*

submitted by the party whose candidate for governor received the highest number of votes in the county shall be appointed as the presiding judge and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted by the party whose candidate for governor received the second highest number of votes in the county shall be appointed as the alternate presiding judge. The commissioners court may reject the list if the persons whose names are submitted on the list are determined not to meet the applicable eligibility requirements. (c-1) For purposes of this subsection, the county chair shall provide a list of names of persons eligible for appointment as election judges. Judges of countywide polling places established under Section 43.007 must be appointed from the list of names of persons submitted by the county chair in compliance with Subsection (c) except that in appointing a person from the list the commissioners court shall apportion the number of judges in direct proportion to the percentage of precincts located in each county commissioners precinct won by each party in the last gubernatorial election, the commissioners court is not required to make the appointments based on specific polling locations or precincts, a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge is not required to serve in a polling place located in the precinct in which the judge resides, and more than one presiding judge or alternate presiding judge may be selected from the same precinct to serve in polling places not located in the precinct in which the judges reside. The county chairs may submit, and the commissioners court may preapprove, the appointment of more presiding judges or alternate presiding judges than necessary to fill available positions. The county clerk may select an individual whose appointment was preapproved by the commissioners court to fill a vacancy in a position that was held by an individual from the same political party. Other than a judge's party affiliation, nothing in this subsection precludes a county clerk from placing an election officer at a countywide polling place based on the need for services at that location. (d) **The county clerk, after making a reasonable effort to consult with the party chair of the appropriate political party or parties, shall submit to the commissioners court a list of names of persons eligible for appointment as presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for each precinct in which an appointment is not made under Subsection (c). The commissioners court shall appoint an eligible person from the list who is affiliated or aligned with the appropriate party, if available. )** and Election Advisory No.2017-04, **(In counties with a population of 500,000 or less, before August of each year, the county chairs of the political parties whose candidate for governor received the highest and second highest number of votes in the county in the 2014 gubernatorial election must submit a list to commissioners court naming persons in order of preference who are eligible for appointment as a presiding or alternate judge in each county election precinct and as a central counting station presiding judge and alternate judge and who are affiliated or aligned with the county chair's political party. (32.002 & 127.005(e)). The list of the county chair of the political party whose candidate for governor received the highest number of votes in the county in the 2014 gubernatorial election must contain the name of a person eligible for appointment as the early voting ballot board presiding judge. (87.002(b)). Lists submitted by mail must be postmarked by July 31, 2017 in order for them to be considered timely-filed).** allows us (and me) to do just that, and as such I am submitting Ms. Jennifer Waite as the election judge for that position. I am asking for your understanding and cooperation to process this nominee urgently – hopefully through the Commissioners Court on Monday 26th– and let me know if further information is needed. Ms. Jennifer Waite can be reached at 830.992-0003, crosbygardens@yahoo.com. I will make sure she receives the proper training and instructions as needed. **How many elections has Mr. Saiidi worked in or conducted? Our records show that he has not worked any county elections since the inception of this office, and he certainly has not worked in the Central Count Station. How can he train someone on a position if he himself hasn't had the experience working in that**

position? We operate an optical scanning tabulation equipment to count our ballots, the M650. The currently appointed Central Count Judge is my most qualified operator of this equipment. A dedicated piece of equipment that is highly sensitive to operate. The tabulation supervisor under the direct supervision of the current Central Count Judge. Should you choose to replace your currently appointed Central Count Judge, please be aware the M650 will not be available to count ballots as there will be no operator qualified to operate the machine according to the Secretary of State's election standards reporting. This would result in all ballots being hand counted, which would be a very long and expensive cost for the Gillespie County taxpayers to incur.

When was Mr. Saiidi placed in charge of training poll workers and precinct judges? This is not a Primary Election, which is conducted by the individual parties. The General Election is ordered by the Commissioners Court thus it is conducted by the County Elections Office. It would appear that Mr. Saiidi and the Fredericksburg Tea Party are trying to commandeer this election from the county. It would appear that Mr. Saiidi and the Fredericksburg Tea Party are working together engaging in conduct that could appear to be a criminal conspiracy to commit voter fraud on over 1,500 constituents by placing Ms. Jennifer Waite as the Central Count Judge. Her personal views towards the Democratic Party have been posted on social media (Facebook – Fredericksburg Rants & Raves group) by her own hand. This type of bigotry is NOT what should represent Gillespie County. Please see attached paperwork.

Sincerely,

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Good morning Anissa

I know you are very busy with on-going election, but there is a serious issue that requires your attention urgently. I tried several times to reach you w/o success, so I resorted to this correspondence. I am hoping for your cooperation and understanding to help resolve the stated concerns.

Contact me anytime to discuss- love to hear from you.

Thanks ...  
Mo Saïdi, Chair  
GCRepublican Party