

Rationale for an Audit of the Riverside County 2022 Elections

1. **WE HAVE A RIGHT TO HONEST ELECTIONS:** It is a recognized civil right in the United States for every citizen to have free and fair elections. “And the right of suffrage can be denied by a debasement or dilution of the weight of a citizen’s vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise.” (Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S, 533[1964])
2. **DUTY OF ELECTION OFFICIALS TO OBEY THE LAW:** It is the affirmative duty of our election officials to comply with all Federal and State laws governing administration and procedure of our elections, thereby guaranteeing our elections are accurate and free from distortion or manipulation. “Congress seeks ... to guard the election of members of Congress against any possible unfairness by compelling ... everyone concerned in holding the election to a strict and scrupulous observance of every duty devolved upon him while so engaged... The evil intent consists in disobedience to the law.” (In Re Coy, 127 U.S. 731 [1888])
3. **FEDERAL ELECTION LAW:** Our constitutional system of representative government only works when the worth of honest ballots is not diluted by invalid ballots procured by corruption, and assuring accuracy can only be achieved through fealty to those laws governing the following four tenets of an election:
 - a. The Voter Rolls Must be Accurate (National Voter Registration Act, 1993)
 - b. Votes Counted Must Be From Eligible Voters (U.S Constitution, 14th Amendment)
 - c. The Number of Votes Counted Must Equal the Number of Voters Who Voted (Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses, 2017)
 - d. There Can Be No More Than One in 125,000 Ballots in Error by the Voting System (Help America Vote Act, 2002) The likelihood of voting system errors affecting the outcome is “exceptionally rare even in the closest of elections.”
4. **CERTIFICATION:** Certification of an election that varies from the law is an abridgement of our civil rights. In the 2022 election, it is provable that our voter rolls were not accurate and the number of votes counted were thousands more than the number of voters who voted. The 2022 election did not meet the requirements of the law and should not have been certified.
5. **NEED FOR AN AUDIT OF THE 2022 ELECTIONS:** Therefore we believe an independent audit needs to be done of our 2022 elections to restore integrity to our voting system and prevent unlawful certifications in future elections.
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