

Crawford, Lolita

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George,

As we discussed earlier, I have some serious concerns about our reported provisional counts. A few days after our canvass, a temporary staff member asked to speak with me privately. She tearfully told me that when tabulating provisional ballots, she was directed by a BOE staff member to run some ballots a second time to get the ballot count number to match. She felt this was wrong and likely illegal. Another temporary staff member stated that they had heard the same instructions. I assured them both that this was unacceptable, and not how we operate. After this claim, we attempted to run all of the ballots again. When we completed this effort, we were short on the number of ballots cast. It was at this time that other temp staff members came forward stating that there was a tote of unopened and uncounted ballots present after everything was supposedly completed. We are short approximately 200 ballots and have searched everywhere on our floor and the basement. The regular staff member that was supervising the counting and tabulating operation did not provide any useful information, only stating that he didn't know what happened to them. Complicating the matter, that same staff member abruptly resigned on march 29th. His resignation document, given directly to HR, is attached. We discovered afterwards that his personal items had already been removed from his office.

We are continuing to search for the ballots and at the same time, attempting to recreate, as best we can, the entire process. Provisional ballot counts received from polling locations are verified during an election night audit and One-stop counts confirmed when supplies are returned on the last day so we should have a solid target number.

Please let me know if there is any other immediate action any of us need to take. We will keep everyone informed of our progress.

Regards,

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