

Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections – In Specific Regard to Electronic Elections Systems

Whereas, Washington State voters have a right to reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, elections officials in Washington State have a legal duty and an ethical obligation to provide publicly- verifiable information to Washington State voters so that they are able to pursue and attain reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, the use of electronic voting/tallying systems and mandatory vote-by-mail elections is relatively new, and Washington State has essentially pioneered these systems and their processes in the United States; and

Whereas, the ability to tailor and tamper with election tabulation data appears to be built into the software and firmware of each electronic tabulation system (e.g. the “weighted race feature” and manual adjudication), as well as into the operational interface used by elections officials; and

Whereas, numerous instances of election-tabulation irregularities related specifically to the use of electronic tabulation systems (which are similar in form and function to the systems used in Washington State), have been reported across the country, including irregularities that appear to be related to functions of the system’s software/firmware itself as well as irregularities that are alleged to be unintentional errors made by elections officials while they are using the machines; and

Whereas, Washington State voters are not currently permitted to examine or audit the software, firmware, or data logs of these electronic tabulation systems; and

Whereas, appeals to Washington State courts for the ability to run independent audits have been refused out of hand; and

Whereas, independent audits are being rejected by Washington State officials under the guise of being necessary to protect proprietary information, despite

the industry standard for such audits commonly including a requirement for the auditor(s) to sign a non-disclosure agreement to protect proprietary information; and

Whereas, these circumstances and reports have significantly and negatively impacted voter confidence in the integrity of Washington State's elections.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the King County Republican Party (KCGOP), calls for an immediate and independent audit of Washington State's elections systems' software and firmware in order to obtain, and provide to the public, verifiable evidence that Washington State's electronic voting and tabulation systems, and the processes they employ, are secure and have integrity; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP calls for the use of regular, independent audits of our elections systems that include full analyses of each electronic voting system's software and firmware to help verify no inappropriate code or manipulative algorithms are imbedded in the infrastructure; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP calls for a full analysis of each electronic voting system's data-logs to identify and guard against any inappropriate or unlawful use of the system; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will support all policies, and legislation that help facilitate government transparency and accountability concerning Washington State elections systems, and that strive to protect the ability of Washington State voters to seek out assurance of election integrity by making such evidence publicly available; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will oppose any policies, and legislation that seek to impair or hinder government accountability and transparency and the ability of Washington State voters to seek out assurance of election integrity by limiting or prohibiting public access to relevant information and evidence; and

Be it finally resolved, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as Republican leadership in Washington State, to help provide Washington State voters with assurance of election security and integrity, by holding to the above resolutions and by advocating for transparency by way of

making all information concerning Washington State's elections processes available to the public for the purpose of their assurance through its verification.

Respectfully submitted by the King County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee

Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections – In Specific Regard to Mail-In Voting

Whereas, Washington State voters have a right to reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, elections officials in Washington State have a legal duty and an ethical obligation to provide publicly-verifiable information to Washington State voters so that they are able to pursue and attain reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, the use of mail-in balloting is relatively untested, immature in its checks and balances, and lacks the verifiable chain of custody that is well-established in our country's in-person, on-election-day voting systems; and

Whereas, Washington State currently conducts elections using a process that essentially excludes and prohibits all forms of voting other than through the use of a mailed out ballot; and

Whereas, National Change of Address records appear to indicate significant failures of county auditors in Washington State to maintain accurate and up-to-date records of address for Washington State residents; and

Whereas, no county official overseeing our election can verify that each mailed out ballot reaches its intended recipient; and

Whereas, no county official overseeing our elections can verify that each returned ballot was filled out by its designated recipient; and

Whereas, the current use of ballot security sleeves, as opposed to the sealed security envelopes used in the past, do not prevent elections officials from being able to see and/or tamper with ballots during ballot processing; and

Whereas, there are credible reports of partisan operatives in other states taking mail-in ballots of registered voters, and steaming open the envelopes in order to replace a voter's legitimate ballot with a fraudulent ballot before resealing the fraudulent ballot in the original, legally signed envelope; and

Whereas, these circumstances and reports have significantly and negatively impacted voter confidence in the integrity of Washington State's elections.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the King County Republican Party (KCGOP) calls for the immediate cessation of using unsolicited, mailed out ballots and self-printed ballots; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP calls for Washington State elections to be conducted using primarily in-person voting (with verification of valid voter ID required), and for mail-in voting to only be allowed for a legally registered voter after that individual has had a direct request for a mailed out ballot granted by the appropriate elections official (i.e., "absentee ballot"); and

Be it further resolved, that so long as unsolicited, mail-in voting continues to be permitted in Washington State, KCGOP calls for all state and county address databases to be audited and purged immediately prior to each and every Washington State election in order to help ensure each election ballot is only mailed to the verified, correct, and current address of its designated recipient; and

Be it finally resolved, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as GOP leadership in Washington State, to help provide Washington State voters with assurance of election security and integrity, by holding to the above resolutions and by advocating for transparency by way of making all information concerning Washington State's elections processes available to the public for the purpose of their assurance through its verification.

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Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections – In Specific Regard to Voter Registration and Non-Citizens

Whereas, Washington State voters have a right to reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, elections officials in Washington State have a legal duty and an ethical obligation to provide publicly-verifiable information to Washington State voters so that they are able to pursue and attain reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

Whereas, Washington State is home to many legal immigrants, and has now also been declared a “sanctuary state for illegal aliens; and

Whereas, despite Washington State law allowing drivers’ licenses to be issued to non-citizens for more than two decades now, the Office of the Secretary of State has never run an audit of the state voter registration database to identify and remove non-citizens who are inappropriately or unlawfully registered; and

Whereas, Washington State’s Department of Licensing (DOL) now has the authority and capability to automatically register to vote any person applying for a Washington State drivers’ license or Identicard through their agency, and does so without requiring any verification that an applicant is a citizen of the United States; and

Whereas, Washington State’s Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) now has the authority and capability to automatically register to vote any person applying to receive services through their agency, and does so without requiring any verification that an applicant is a citizen of the United States; and

Whereas, any Washington State driver's license, and Identocard are now considered legal identification in Washington State for the use in registering to vote; and

Whereas, thousands of non-citizens (namely, legal immigrants working diligently toward their citizenship), are now confirmed to have been registered to vote without their knowledge or consent and many have unexpectedly receive ballots for recent Washington State elections; and

Whereas, some non-citizens (namely, legal immigrants), have had Washington State ballots cast fraudulently in their names without their knowledge or consent; and

Whereas, data and statistics from the Federal E-Verify database, the USCIS S.A.V.E. database, and the US Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship & Immigration Data Repository, while not perfect or comprehensive, are accessible to state agencies/officials (or available upon request), and can be used to assess Washington State's voter roll integrity and to query the voter database to identify non-citizens who have been improperly and unlawfully registered to vote; and

Whereas, in accordance with RCW 29A.08.125 and 52 US Code §21083, the Washington State's Office of Secretary of State has both the duty to maintain a voter registration database that is designed to screen for non-citizens, and the authority to use available federal or state agency databases to do so, yet has never run an audit of Washington State's voter registration database to remove non-citizens; and

Whereas, these circumstances and reports have not only significantly and negatively impacted voter confidence in the integrity of Washington State's elections, but also have the ability to put the citizenship eligibility of many legal immigrants in jeopardy when someone else fraudulently casts a ballot in their name.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the King County Republican Party (KCGOP) calls for the immediate cessation of automatic and same-day voter registration, and for the Department of Licensing and the Department of Social and Health

Services to be prohibited from registering voters or having access to voter registration data; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP, in accordance with the provisions and stipulations in RCW 29A.08.125 and 52 US Code §21083, calls for Washington State's Office of the Secretary of State to use any available state, or federal database to assist with running a comprehensive audit to query Washington State's voter registration database for the names of non-citizens for the purpose of their immediate removal; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will strongly support all Washington State policies, and legislation that strive to protect non-citizens from intentionally or accidentally registering to vote, and from being registered to vote without their knowledge and consent; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will support Washington State policies, and legislation that seek to require and provide any reasonably necessary financial assistance for citizen-verified identification for voter registration; and

Be it finally resolved, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as with Republican leadership in Washington State, to help provide Washington State voters with assurance of election security and integrity, by holding to the above resolutions and by advocating for transparency by way of making all information concerning Washington State's election processes available to the public for the purpose of their assurance through its verification.

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