



**King County**

Department of Elections  
Julie Wise, Director

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Dear Chair Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out. The King County Republican Party is a key partner, and we welcome your feedback and concerns at all points in the process. This scenario highlighted areas for improvement to the way we troubleshoot technical issues during an active election, and how we ensure that all partners are kept informed and provided appropriate opportunity to observe in those less-than-ideal situations.

In light of this, our team is implementing several changes that we expect to have in place before the General 2023 Election. These include:

- Testing both the primary and backup tabulation servers at the official Logic & Accuracy test that is scheduled 26 days in advance of Election Day.
- Adding the standard mid-election Logic & Accuracy test to our observable opportunities calendar and notifications. This test is not required in law but is an additional checkpoint for our team to ensure the tabulation system is counting as it should be.
- Reviewing contingency plans to ensure that proactive notification of political parties and community partners is included in all relevant processes.

The team here at King County Elections is committed to transparency, accountability, and to continuous improvement. We will continue to look for ways to make our elections even more transparent and accessible for all voters and apologize for having fallen short of that standard in this instance.

Over the last several years, we have treasured your partnership as we have expanded our observer program significantly. From doubling the number of observers allowed on the ballot processing floor to increasing training opportunities for those wanting to observe at drop boxes, the energy, enthusiasm, and interest from you has only inspired us to push the envelope on what open and transparent elections can look like.

The King County Republican Party and their official observers are invited to join us for any and all future Logic & Accuracy tests. The official Logic & Accuracy test for the General 2023 Election will take place on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at King County Elections (919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057). The mid-election Logic & Accuracy test will take place on Monday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m. at our facility.

I look forward to discussing this more at our upcoming check in. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Wise, Director