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Dear Director Wise,

I am writing on behalf of the King County Republican Party (KCGOP) to express our concerns regarding the recent election process conducted by King County Elections. We appreciate your communication dated August 9, 2023, which provided insight into the challenges faced during the election and the subsequent actions taken to address them. However, we must bring to your attention an issue that has raised concerns within our political party.

Our concern pertains to the lack of notification and observer participation during the Logic and Accuracy (L&A) test as outlined in the applicable laws and provisions of Washington State. According to WAC 434-335-330 and WAC 434-335-310 in accordance with RCW 29.A.12.130 it is a requirement that political parties are informed and given the opportunity to observe the Logic and Accuracy test as an essential part of ensuring the transparency and integrity of the election process.

It has come to our attention that, in this instance, the KCGOP was not notified of the Logic and Accuracy test, and observers from our party were not given the opportunity to witness the test proceedings. This omission raises questions about compliance with the provisions outlined in the aforementioned laws.

We understand that unforeseen challenges can arise during election processes, as was the case in this situation. However, it is essential to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and adherence to established legal frameworks in all aspects of the election process. We believe that involving political party observers in the Logic and Accuracy test is critical to maintaining public trust in the electoral system.

In light of these concerns, we kindly request that King County Elections undertake a review of the processes followed during the recent Logic and Accuracy test and provide clarification on the steps taken to ensure compliance with Washington State laws and provisions. Additionally, we respectfully request that our political party be afforded the opportunity to participate in future Logic and Accuracy tests as required by law.

We value the partnership between King County Elections and the King County Republican Party in upholding the democratic process and ensuring free and fair elections for all citizens. We trust that you share our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of transparency and integrity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response and a constructive resolution to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mathew Patrick Thomas

Chairman

King County Republican Party