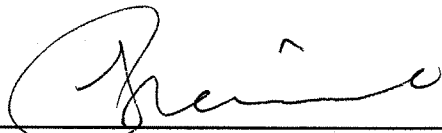


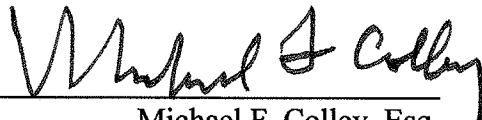
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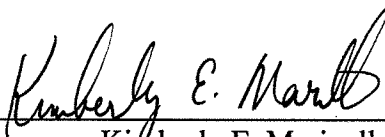
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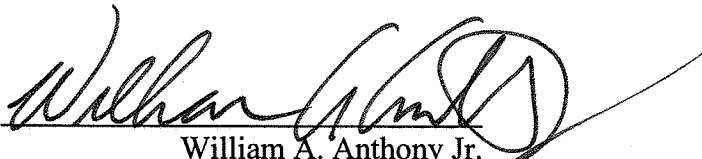
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1 ALSO PRESENT:

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Ms. Katherine Thomsen

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Mr. Eric Nickolas,

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Mr. Todd Wedekind

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1 inside for queuing but outside for  
2 parking. We were not able to handle the  
3 volume of people we had in the primary,  
4 let alone the people we expect for the  
5 fall. So moving to an offsite location,  
6 we believe, is desirable.

7 Staff has examined two different  
8 locations. The first is Vets Memorial.  
9 As we discussed at our previous meeting,  
10 there were a couple of questions about  
11 conflicts with time.

12 At this point Vets has worked  
13 out the details such that if we do choose  
14 to vote at Vets, we will not have to move  
15 our equipment at any time during the 35  
16 days of voting. From the time we set up  
17 until the time we tear down, we will be in  
18 that room and be able to secure it every  
19 night and not have to worry about tearing  
20 it down.

21 The charge for Vets is about  
22 \$30,000 for the rental of the space. And  
23 there is no charge for parking at all.

24 City Center -- I didn't grab the

1 stuff -- but the rental is about \$43,000  
2 for the space and they are also going to  
3 charge us for parking. We would also have  
4 to put T1 lines into City Center in order  
5 to have our computers there up on our  
6 network. That site is on the county  
7 network, so we don't have to worry about  
8 that.

9           There is a little bit of  
10 disagreement among Staff of what is the  
11 optimum location. Todd Wedekind, the  
12 manager of our absentee department, came  
13 back from vacation this afternoon so he  
14 could brief you on his views and answer  
15 any questions you might have.

16           I don't know if you guys want to  
17 ask Todd questions or ask Denny and I  
18 questions, but I think that's pretty much  
19 the facts.

20           MR. WHITE: I just have a follow  
21 up. I think both sites will work. As  
22 Matt pointed out and the commissioners  
23 both pointed out, going to the City Center  
24 will be a little more expensive.

1           My concern is that we catch a  
2 lot of grief when we move someone's point  
3 location on an election date just across  
4 the street or within a building or within  
5 the same facility. From door to door  
6 between where we have been voting early  
7 here to Vets is one mile. Plus there is  
8 the river barrier.

9           A lot of early voters are using  
10 public transportation or their two feet to  
11 get here. I am concerned about that.

12           I have voiced my concerns to the  
13 County Administrator and the Assistant  
14 County Administrator about the possible  
15 effect of going from here to a facility a  
16 mile away door to door, what type of  
17 effect that could have on voters who are  
18 used to coming here. It doesn't seem like  
19 a concern on their part, but I have voiced  
20 my opinion to them.

21           I think the county officials  
22 would rather see us at Vets. That's my  
23 position on it.

24           I have voiced my concern. Maybe

1 I am a little overly concerned because  
2 Matt and I and my staff are the ones that  
3 get the calls on crunch day. If we move  
4 somebody across the street they complain,  
5 or within one facility they still  
6 complain.

7 The distance of a mile could  
8 create some type of voter concerns on  
9 election day. So that's all I can do is  
10 voice my concern.

11 Matt and I are the ones that  
12 will get the calls and the Staff gets the  
13 calls if we do move locations. But also  
14 as Matt said, Todd, the manager in charge  
15 of our absentees, also has a concern.

16 But like I say, both  
17 facilities will work. And one fact we do  
18 know is that this facility here will not  
19 accommodate us any more because of the  
20 volume.

21 Todd, do you want to add  
22 anything?

23 MR. WEDEKIND: I agree with what  
24 Denny is saying. I think both facilities

1 would accommodate us.

2 I feel we would service the  
3 voters more appropriately if we were at  
4 City Center. I feel it will be more  
5 confusing for the voters to go to Vets  
6 Memorial.

7 It's not going to be somewhere  
8 where they can just pull up to the door  
9 and walk in. There are going to be  
10 several other events going on at the same  
11 time at Vets Memorial and there will be  
12 people all over the place. They are going  
13 to have to go through a walkway and  
14 upstairs. They are going to have to go  
15 around several different areas to get to  
16 the voting location.

17 The one I saw they were posing  
18 doesn't really have accommodations for  
19 electricity for us either. There will be  
20 cords all over the place.

21 City Center has plenty of room.  
22 There's room for people to line up and  
23 down all over the place. There's not a  
24 whole lot going on at the City Center.

1           The location that we picked is  
2 more secure and easier to maintain. I  
3 think we would really service the voters  
4 much better if we were to go to the City  
5 Center location.

6           I think it would be too  
7 confusing to go to Vets. That's my  
8 opinion. That's what I am worried about,  
9 the confusion at Vets Memorial, finding  
10 the location with all the other events  
11 going on. Being confusing to voters,  
12 that's my biggest concern.

13           MR. WHITE: I will just finish  
14 off by saying both facilities will work.  
15 All three commissioners are on the ballot  
16 this year. If they are not concerned  
17 about moving the voting place from here to  
18 a mile way, I don't really think the Board  
19 should get in a disagreement with the  
20 commissioners on this issue.

21           I think the commissioners want  
22 us at Vets. Both facilities will work.

23           MS. MARINELLO: Todd, I think  
24 they are going to be upset anyway just

