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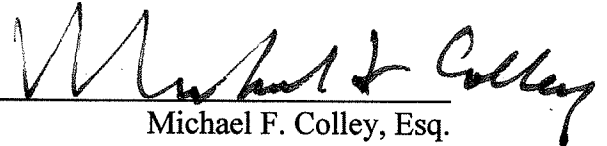
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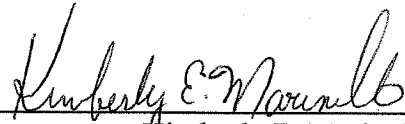
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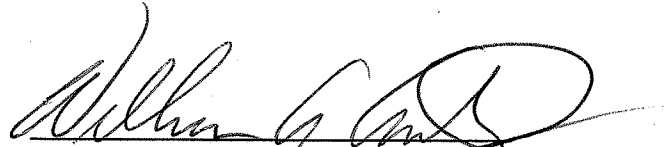
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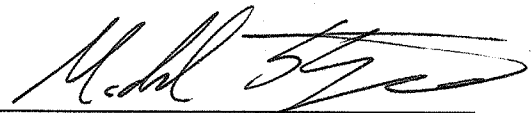


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7 Assistant County Prosecutor,

8 On behalf of the Board of Elections.

9 ALSO PRESENT:

10 Mr. Michael Stinziano, Director
11 Mr. Matthew Damschroder, Deputy Director
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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're going to call the meeting to order, then. And we'll have a roll call.

MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm here.

MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley is not available.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes. And I talked to Mr. Colley late last night. He sends his regrets that he was not able to make this meeting. He had some long-standing plans that he was not able to rearrange to meet today, given the late notice of the meeting, 24-hour notice of the meeting.

MR. STINZIANO: The first item on the agenda is the voting machine allocation. It is the director and deputy director's recommendation

1 that the Board allocate 4,639 ES&S iVotronic
2 voting machines, that's our entire stock, to all
3 the precincts.

4 We took into consideration the
5 Secretary of State's directive, the waiting line
6 study, when we created the allocation. Of note,
7 on the very last page, we are recommending that
8 we keep one machine at the warehouse and 13,
9 which are repair crews, on election day, and the
10 rest would be in the precincts.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thirteen -- restate
12 your last.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Thirteen would be with
14 the repair crews. They drive around.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, moving around.

16 MR. STINZIANO: Correct. And if a
17 machine goes down or they're unable to open one
18 on election morning, the repair crew would have
19 one to fill that place.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Do you know
21 how many there were last election?

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: In 2004, I think it
23 was 2,818 or 2,800 and something. It was low.

24 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: How many

1 repaired ones did they have?

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I'm sorry?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: How many
4 repair --

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Usually, it's
6 not -- the repair thing isn't so much an issue.
7 I think since we've had the iVotronic since the
8 beginning of 2006, I think we've had three
9 different ones go down on election day.

10 They have to be replaced on election
11 day. The votes aren't lost; they're still inside
12 the -- they're still saved on the three redundant
13 memories. That's why we have to have the one
14 machine at the warehouse, to switch out that
15 memory in event that that happens.

16 Again, I think -- I think it's been
17 less than a half dozen total machines over all
18 the elections that we've used now. So I think
19 the 13 is an appropriate number that has
20 safeguards in the event that something happens,
21 the unlikely event, really, statistically, if
22 something happens and make sure that we have
23 enough in the precincts for everyone to vote on
24 election day.

1 MR. STINZIANO: And in addition, the
2 deputy director and I would like to request that
3 at the close of voter registration on October 6th
4 we revisit the allocation to update it once we
5 have a better idea of voter registration numbers
6 as well as absentee applications.

7 So in areas where we feel there's a
8 high turnout of absentee applications and
9 ballots, we could then readjust the numbers if
10 needed.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Are
12 there questions?

13 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Well, you know,
14 we had a meeting that Mr. Chair, Michael and
15 Matt -- we had a public meeting where we pretty
16 much laid out what our allocation plan was, and I
17 knew that some groups got back with you guys with
18 some concerns and questions on the allocation of
19 it. Did we consider any of the input from those
20 groups in this allocation plan?

21 MR. STINZIANO: We did. I guess I
22 wasn't clear enough. But I wrapped that in as
23 part of the Secretary of State's directive where
24 she -- her first point of emphasis is

1 consideration of places that had waiting line
2 problems before.

3 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay.

4 MR. STINZIANO: So that wouldn't be
5 part of the Secretary of State's directive.

6 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay. So in
7 these new allocation, it includes those places
8 that had long waiting lines.

9 MR. STINZIANO: That we were made --

10 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Aware of.

11 MR. STINZIANO: -- aware of. Yeah.

12 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay. From
13 2004?

14 MR. STINZIANO: We understanding was,
15 the information we received from the groups was
16 '04, '05, '06 information.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay. All
18 right. So that's included.

19 MR. STINZIANO: Yes.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay.

21 MR. STINZIANO: We feel it's taken
22 into account, yes.

23 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay. And
24 based on what you just said earlier, we'll

1 revisit this after the close of registration.

2 MR. STINZIANO: We repress the
3 opportunity. We do feel it's worth publishing
4 the information, making it available on our
5 website now. And then when we have even better
6 numbers, if it needs to be adjusted, we can
7 adjust it at that time.

8 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Okay. How soon
9 after that, do you think?

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Well, I think the
11 Secretary of State directive calls on us to
12 reevaluate everything after the close of
13 registration. Obviously, that's pretty late in
14 the game after October the 6th in terms of making
15 any significant changes.

16 But I think there is an
17 intent -- well, there is a directive to follow
18 there, and it would be our intent to then, you
19 know, look at numbers in the event that, you
20 know, registration swells in a particular
21 precinct, that maybe the allocation approved
22 today might not be sufficient to handle that, to
23 be able to have some flexibility there.

24 So we'll be -- I think this -- we

