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Subject: FW: good luck tomorrow & a thought for later
Date: Aug 10, 2020 at 10:59:51 AM
To: EL DL Website Group ELDLWebsiteGroup@wisconsin.gov

Hi Website Team.

Passing this along for consideration. I wasn't aware that elections.wi.gov was the first return on google for absentee. Something we can look at after tomorrow to get ready for November!

Thanks!

Meagan

From: Noah Praetz <noah@electionsgroup.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:28 AM

To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: good luck tomorrow & a thought for later

Hope you are well. You're my hero. Good luck tomorrow.

We are working with a couple cities. And got thinking about mail applications. And I

Noticed something. To file away for later...

I you all have notably tried to route traffic to the site

myvote.wisconsin.gov, Google is still sending a lot of searches to the older page, <https://elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee>, which prioritizes the paper application for a mail ballot.

For instance, searching with the terms Wisconsin vote by mail apply gives that as the first link.

Wondering if it's easy or worth editing that page by inserting a header "Request an Absentee Ballot Online" as the second section after "Who Can Apply" with a simple sentence "The easiest and fastest way to apply is online, by going to

myvote.wi.gov and clicking 'Vote Absentee'."

Forgive my nosing around y'all's business....

Look forward to catching up soon...

Noah

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From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov
Subject: November Election Preparedness Questions- Reply Requested
Date: Aug 17, 2020 at 12:00:41 PM
To: Kris Teske Kris.Teske@greenbaywi.gov
Cc: Clerk - Kim Wayte (kimwa@greenbaywi.gov)
kimwa@greenbaywi.gov, Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS
Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Clerk Teske-

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me this morning. I appreciate your time immensely knowing it is following a very busy week! As we discussed, we have received a number of questions from both Congressional Committee members and from WEC Commission members about Green Bay's preparations for the November election. I expect that Green Bay will have an impressive list of updates and improvements to your process that you plan to provide for your Commission, Council, and/or voters. We appreciate all the many changes that have had to be made this year to accommodate unprecedented voter behavior, absentee volume, and the incorporation of public safety practices.

We also recognize the important partnership between our agencies and dependencies on state systems such as WisVote and MyVote to facilitate elections at the municipal level. Likewise, we are also embarking on analyzing areas of improvement and working to develop efficiencies and implement changes to benefit our municipal partners ahead of the November election. To offer transparency into the changes and improvements the state will be making ahead of November, WEC staff will be creating a very comprehensive report outlining 20+ program areas and what we are doing to prepare for November. I have attached an outline of our report sections, which we will be producing next week and issuing to our Commission on August 21 in anticipation of their September 1 meeting where we will present the report publically. We will also be using the report to respond to congressional inquiries. I have attached a letter we received from the Committee on House Administration. In our November Preparedness Plan document we plan to address the questions asked in this letter as well as provide information on all of our other preparations. The letter also asks questions pertinent to Green Bay and other Wisconsin municipalities. It is our hope that you have a written plan that you can provide which answers these questions.

We ask that you please provide any report on November election preparations that you may already have that answers the following questions. If such a report does not yet exist, we have been directed by the Chair of our Commission to collect answers from Green Bay to the following questions. Your report/answers will then be included as part of our preparedness report to the Commission and posted for the public. To meet the Commission material deadline and the response deadline outlined in the Congressional letter we ask that you please provide your election preparedness plan and/or answers to the following questions by August 20.

We ask that you please any documentation you may already have that answers the following questions or that you please provide answers to the following questions by the end of the day, August 20. Further, we ask that you if you haven't done so already, that you please let us know if you will be able to comply with this request, and what form your reply will take by 5:00pm on August 17.

The questions include:

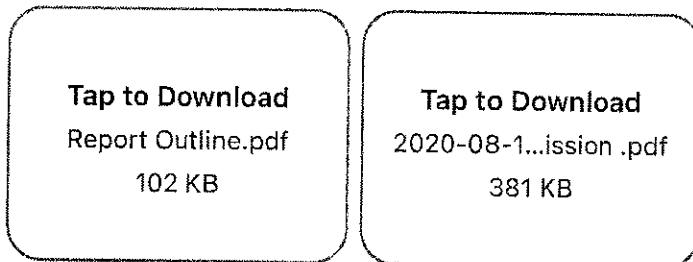
1. Please provide a detailed narrative on any changes Green Bay is making to absentee by mail, including answers to the following questions:
 - a. What measures are being adopted to ensure ballots are sent in accordance with statutory timelines? This includes fulfilling the deadline of sending ballots by the 47th day prior to the election and then filling subsequent requests within 24 hours.
 - b. What internal processes or chain of custody procedures are in place to ensure all ballots requested by voters are issued? Please describe any third-party mailing vendors involved in the process. If there are not vendors, please describe the process from the time a request is received in your office until the time that a ballot hits the mail stream.
 - c. What measures are being take to identify previous issues with mail vendors and to implement a fix to address issues?
 - d. If a problem is identified (voters not receiving their ballots, ballots not tracking) what will be done to identify the issue and the ensure it's not a result of an internal workflow error?
 - e. How is Green Bay coordinating with the USPS ahead of November?
 - f. Where will Green Bay voters be able to drop off their absentee ballots on election day?
 - g. Will Green Bay voters be able to drop off their absentee ballots at polling places on election day? What will be the process for getting those ballots to central count?

- h. Will there be drop boxes or other drop off opportunities for voters?
 - i. What steps has Green Bay taken to tell voters about absentee opportunities, requirements, and deadlines?
2. Please provide a detailed narrative on Green Bay's plans for in-person absentee ahead of the November Election, including answers to the following questions:
- a. What dates and hours will in-person absentee be offered?
 - b. How many locations will be offered?
 - c. Will there be drive-thru, curbside, or drop off opportunities available?
 - d. Will there be any drive-thru or alternative options available?
3. Please provide a detailed narrative on Green Bay's plan for in-person polling places on Election Day, November 3, including answers to the following questions:
- a. How many polling places will Green Bay have on November 3?
 - b. What changes were made to polling locations to ensure social distancing can be maintained or to accommodate other CDC recommendations?
 - c. How was the decision reached on how many polling places Green Bay will have in November?
 - d. What considerations were weighed in terms of number of polling places and locations?
 - e. Will there be any drive thru or alternative methods available?
 - f. What line management or mitigation efforts will be used at your polling places to avoid long wait times for voters?
 - g. What poll worker recruitment efforts is Green Bay embarking in to prepare for November? What contingency plans does Green Bay have for a lack of poll workers on election day or emergency needs?
4. Please provide a detailed narrative on preparations Green Bay is making to Central Count ahead of November 3, including answers to the following questions:
- a. What process/personnel changes are being made?
 - b. What security measure are in place or being changed at central count to ensure that only authorized personnel have access to the ballot.
 - c. What changes are being made to accommodate larger numbers of absentee ballots being returned on election day? With the process change because of the larger volume of absentees that are likely to be returned on election day?
5. Please provide a detailed narrative on preparations the City of Green Bay is making for November 3, including answers to the following questions:
- a. Communications plans? How will Green Bay communicate their preparation

- efforts to the public? How will issues on election day, during absentee, etc be communicated?
- b. What changes have been made to MEC staff training? Chief inspector or election inspector training?
 - c. How will Green Bay communicate and changes to poll locations? To voter? To the state and other parties who rely on the data to populate polling place look up tools?
 - d. Given the larger volume of absentee ballots, will you be able to process all of your absentee ballots on election night? If you believe tallying will extend beyond election night, what is you plan for processing absentees that may span over multiple days?

Thank you for your attention to this after what has been an incredibly busy week! We appreciate your commitment to elections and appreciate the time needed to answer these questions. Transparency in elections is paramount. We look forward to highlighting the many preparations and changes Green Bay is making to prepare alongside our report to show that Wisconsin is ready for the November 3 election! If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,
Meagan
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission
[\(608\) 266-8175](tel:6082668175)



From: CTCL keegan@techandcivillife.org
Subject: Free CTCL trainings on cybersecurity & Facebook
Date: Aug 18, 2020 at 8:02:41 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

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Upcoming Webinar: Engaging Voters on Facebook

CTCL is partnering with Facebook to help election officials understand and incorporate best practices to strengthen their voter outreach on Facebook. This free webinar will focus on both new and existing tools available to help election officials amplify voter education efforts and establish their Facebook pages as trusted sources of election information.

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- Understand how Facebook tools can support election officials' outreach
- Amplify important messages to voters with the new voting alerts
- Learn how to apply social media best practices to new tools

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CTCL Launches Rural Grants Program

The pandemic brings extra challenges and extra costs to election administration. CTCL recently provided five Wisconsin cities a total of \$6.3 million for implementing a safe, inclusive, and secure election in November, and now we're launching a similar grants program for rural jurisdictions.

"Smaller, rural jurisdictions are often overlooked in the national election landscape and in the media, but remain crucial to our democracy," explains Tiana Epps-

Johnson, CTCL's Executive Director. "Like their metropolitan counterparts, rural jurisdictions are facing the unprecedented challenge of administering safe and secure elections and must provide healthy voting options to their communities this year."

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Subject: Elections Communications Assistance with CTCL
Date: Aug 25, 2020 at 1:41:38 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov

Hi Meagan,

I'm Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein, the Wisconsin State Lead for the National Vote at Home Institute. You may have already spoken with Amber McReynolds or Hillary Hall; we're working with the Center for Technology and Civic Life to provide free election assistance to Wisconsin municipalities.

Do you have 30 minutes to talk in the next week? I'd like to meet you and discuss how we might work together to help the election run smoothly.

We've created a [Communications Toolkit](#) and are creating a Wisconsin-specific version with appropriate language about voter ID and signature records. It's a groundbreaking resource that uses behavioral science insights from our partners at ideas42 to help you connect with communities and get voters the information they need about voting in November. We know it's tough for cash-strapped election offices to build out a comprehensive communications plan, design compelling visuals and develop messaging documents. That's why we created it with templated communications plans, social media graphics, print ads, fliers, posters and other visuals.

Are there any times in the next week that would be good for us to speak about how we can help you and the Wisconsin Elections Commission? Mornings and early afternoons are generally best for me but I'm happy to be flexible around your schedule.

Looking forward to speaking,
Michael

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Subject: Election tech support from U.S. Digital Response
Date: Aug 26, 2020 at 8:00:28 AM
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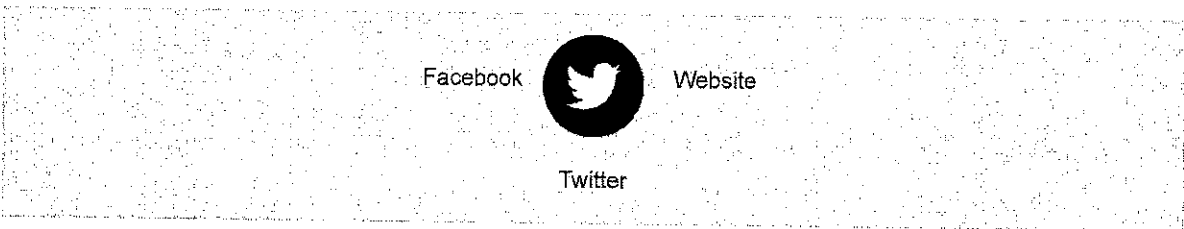
Every community depends on their local election office to lead a voting process that is secure and inclusive. But too often election officials must spend their limited resources struggling against outdated technology, all while facing a steadily growing list of responsibilities that include equipping voting locations for all sorts of contingencies, virtually training poll workers, and educating voters about their options to safely participate in elections. Time is every local election office's most precious resource right now.

If your election office needs support troubleshooting technology, streamlining your workflows, updating your website, or anything else, we encourage you to contact the U.S. Digital Response Elections team. They're 100% free, non-partisan, and provide fast, high-quality solutions to fit your needs on a tight timeline.

Led by Robin Carnahan (former Missouri Secretary of State and former Co-Chair of both the Elections and Securities Committees of the National Association of

Secretaries of State), the [US Digital Response Elections team](#) is a group of entirely pro-bono, senior technologists who are available to help with any technical need elections offices are facing, and are already doing so with a wide-variety of counties. They have [existing offerings](#) for [VBM applications](#), [poll worker recruitment](#), [local election office websites](#), [elections support tools](#), and a number of other initiatives, and they can also build something custom to suit your needs. CTCL has already successfully partnered with them on various projects, and highly recommends reaching out to them with any need you may have.

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Date: Aug 28, 2020 at 10:55:20 AM
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Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein michael@voteathome.org, Hillary Hall
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All in all, they have essentially made my life much easier with the absolutely free technical assistance they are offering.

Claire

Claire Woodall-Vogg

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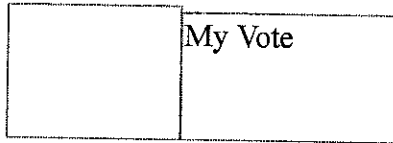
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Green Bay, Madison, Racine, and Kenosha-

Passing along a recommendation and resource from Milwaukee. Just wanted you to be aware in case you thought this might be a group you are interested in working with or learning more about. Claire in Milwaukee okayed me sending this along, and it sounds like you should reach out to Michael at michael@voteathome.org if you are interested in learning more.

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From: **Celestine Jeffreys** Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: **Addendum to Green Bay's November Preparation Plan**
Date: **Aug 31, 2020 at 4:17:25 PM**
To: **Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS** Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov
Cc: **Eric Genrich** Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov

Dear Mr. Rydecki,

Thank you for allowing us to submit an addendum to our November Preparation Plan. In June, we worked with Ms. Vicky Selkove, City of Racine, to create a safe voting plan for the November election. This plan was part of a larger grant request to the Center for Tech and Civic Life, for which we were awarded over one million dollars.

Attached is our portion of the submitted plan. We have been working diligently to increase outreach and to improve voter education. We have acquired equipment to help us process ballots more quickly, and we have engaged and trained new poll workers. We are excited to employ three temporary positions called *voter navigators*, who will assist voters and clerk's office staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Regards,

Celestine Jeffreys

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Do we want to set up a meeting? Thoughts about who would be involved?

From: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:09 PM
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Cc: Hillary Hall <hillary@voteathome.org>
Subject: Re: Introduction to Vote At Home

Meagan, Reid, Richard,

I wanted to follow up: do you want to schedule a time to talk about how we can support the WEC and Wisconsin cities?

We have some time at 9 AM either Thursday morning or Friday morning if that would work. Otherwise, our calendars are more open next week if that's better.

Thanks,

Michael

On Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 1:42 PM Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein
<michael@voteathome.org> wrote:

Thank you, Claire! Good to meet you, Meagan, Reid, and Richard.

We already have meetings scheduled about working with Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, Racine, Eau Claire, Wauwatosa but are certainly interested in other jurisdictions, as well.

We're working on a Wisconsin-specific version of our communications toolkit with language about voter ID and absentee witness requirements informed by behavioral science. It would be great to do Zoom trainings for clerks about communications/voter education, operational planning, and could also facilitate sessions on more technical issues like curing absentee ballots, signature verification, etc.

Do you have any time to talk next week about how we can support your work? Right now, it looks like Monday morning, Wednesday, or Friday morning are probably best for us but we can work around your schedules.

Michael

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Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein

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Absolutely! They should reach out to Michael and I am happy to provide a reference. They are extremely respectful of time, are not "selling" anything, and have incredible resources.

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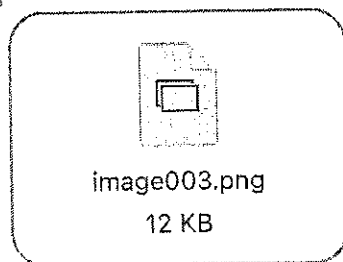
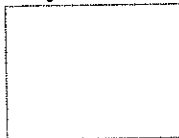
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547D80F@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: RE: confirming receipt of the addendum from Green Bay
Date: Sep 1, 2020 at 8:07:51 AM
To: 'Celestine Jeffreys' Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov

Ms. Jeffreys,

Thanks for the message. I sent confirmation yesterday evening which is attached to this message. My apologies if this message did not come through. I can also confirm that your addendum has been provided to the Commissioners in advance of today's meeting.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

Assistant Administrator

Wisconsin Elections Commission

212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608)261-2015

From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 8:04 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: confirming receipt of the addendum from Green Bay

Mr. Rydecki,

I'm just confirming that you received the document I'd sent yesterday. Can you just send me a note?

Thanks!!

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From: Rachel Lefsky, NVAHI rachel@voteathome.org
Subject: Following Up FW: You're Invited: Operations toolkit demo
Date: Sep 2, 2020 at 10:30:33 AM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov

[View the email in your browser](#)

Hi Meagan,

I am following up on this email from Hillary because I want to make sure you are able to make it to our Operations Toolkit Demo next week on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 3:00 PM ET.

We're inviting elections officials like you from around the country to make sure you have all the tools and resources you need to make election day a success.

[Check out Hillary's email and you can RSVP for our webinar by clicking here.](#)

As always, we are here to help, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Thanks, and see you next week!

Rachel Lefsky
Communications Fellow
National Vote at Home Institute

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Hillary Hall <info@voteathome.org>
Date: Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 11:07 AM
Subject: You're Invited: Operations toolkit demo
To: <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>

VOTE  **HOME**

Dear Meagan,

Election Day is 66 days away! Here at the National Vote at Home Institute, we are acutely aware that operational pressures and voter education efforts are ramping up in your office, especially as more voters than ever plan to vote safely at home this November.

We are working with states and jurisdictions across the country to support your work, and we're excited to invite you to an **interactive demo of our operations tools: the vote-by-mail calculator and the polling place planner**, designed to help election officials consider staffing, space and other resource needs for both vote-by-mail and in-person voting.

Vote at Home Election Operations Tools Demo

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

REGISTER HERE

At this presentation, we will walk through both tools, sharing tips and tricks to get the most out of these resources and ensure your voting processes run smoothly. Please visit our [new website](#) to access the tools, along with many other resources from NVAHI and partners on vote at home best practices.

Thank you for joining us to make sure every American can vote in a secure, safe, accessible and equitable election this fall. Please don't hesitate to reach out to [Rachel Lefsky](#) if you have any questions or would like more targeted guidance for your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Hillary Hall

Senior Advisor to State and Local Election Officials

National Vote at Home Institute



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From: Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov
Subject: RE: Introduction to Vote At Home
Date: Sep 2, 2020 at 4:42:56 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov,
Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

We probably do. Just a question of when. Maybe later next week?

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

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From: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Date: 9/1/20 7:12 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS" <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>, "Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS" <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Introduction to Vote At Home

Do we want to set up a meeting? Thoughts about who would be involved?

From: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hillary Hall <hillary@voteathome.org>
Subject: Re: Introduction to Vote At Home
Meagan, Reid, Richard,

I wanted to follow up: do you want to schedule a time to talk about how we can support the WEC and Wisconsin cities?

We have some time at 9 AM either Thursday morning or Friday morning if that would work. Otherwise, our calendars are more open next week if that's better.

Thanks,

Michael

| On Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 1:42 PM Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein
| <michael@voteathome.org> wrote:

Thank you, Claire! Good to meet you, Meagan, Reid, and Richard.

We already have meetings scheduled about working with Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, Racine, Eau Claire, Wauwatosa but are certainly interested in other jurisdictions, as well. We're working on a Wisconsin-specific version of our communications toolkit with language about voter ID and absentee witness requirements informed by behavioral science. It would be great to do Zoom trainings for clerks about communications/voter education, operational planning, and could also facilitate sessions on more technical issues like curing absentee ballots, signature verification, etc.

Do you have any time to talk next week about how we can support your work? Right now, it looks like Monday morning, Wednesday, or Friday morning are probably best for us but we can work around your schedules.

Michael

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Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein

State Lead for Wisconsin (Leadership Now Fellow)

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From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>

Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:01 PM

To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>, Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>, Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>, Hillary Hall <hillary@voteathome.org>

Subject: RE: Introduction to Vote At Home

Absolutely! They should reach out to Michael and I am happy to provide a reference. They are extremely respectful of time, are not "selling" anything, and have incredible resources.

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:01 AM

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Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>; Hillary Hall <hillary@voteathome.org>

Subject: RE: Introduction to Vote At Home

Thank you for sending along Claire. Would we be able to send your email to other large to medium-large jurisdictions to let them know about the resource and your experience? If other jurisdictions are interested, who should they reach out to at Vote at Home?
Meagan

From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>; Hillary Hall <hillary@voteathome.org>

Subject: Introduction to Vote At Home

Hi Meagan, Richard, and Reid,

I just wanted to reach out and connect you with Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein and Hillary Hall from the Vote at Home Institute in case you think other clerks or the WEC staff would find working with them useful.

I have been working with Hillary since early May. She was a tremendous resource in helping me decide to seek out a vendor to automate our absentee assembly process, as well as selecting drop boxes early on that were secure and met all of the requirements the WEC put forth last week.

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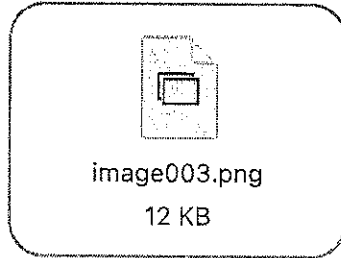
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547D80F@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: RE: Video on Online Registration

Date: Sep 22, 2020 at 8:54:19 AM

To: 'Celestine Jeffreys' Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov

Cc: 'Shelby Edlebeck' Shelby.Edlebeck@greenbaywi.gov

Celestine,

Thanks for the question. Let me check to see what we have for voter registration purposes and get back to you. I am not sure if we have anything that will be useful for you, but I can check as I know the team is working on some additional materials right now.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

Assistant Administrator

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From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:36 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Shelby Edlebeck <Shelby.Edlebeck@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: Video on Online Registration

Richard,

Thank for the link to the videos. They're really great for absentee ballots.

However, we're looking for a video which would instruct voters how to **register** online.

Do you have that?

Celestine

Celestine Jeffreys

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Office of the Mayor
920.448.3006

From: Oberle, Ann F - ELECTIONS Ann.Oberle@wisconsin.gov
Subject: FW: [BULK] Fw: Voter registration for exonoree with no felony record

Date: Sep 28, 2020 at 12:52:51 PM

To: Hanson, Brianna R - ELECTIONS brianna.hanson@wisconsin.gov,
Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov,
Brennan, Patrick T - ELECTIONS PatrickT.Brennan@wisconsin.gov,
Kitts, Jodi - ELECTIONS Jodi.Kitts@wisconsin.gov

I am forwarding this email forwarded to me from Tony. The MyVote status of Not Registered – Felon is confusing to voters and clerks. In light of Barbara Beckert's (sp?) emails to WEC and DOC, do we want to have a conversation about this issue and consider a better way to display this. I get calls and emails like Tony's all the time, and I have a feeling we are going to get many more up until election day.

Ann

From: Bridges, Tony - ELECTIONS <Tony.Bridges@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Oberle, Ann F - ELECTIONS <Ann.Oberle@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: [BULK] Fw: Voter registration for exonoree with no felony record

From: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Bridges, Tony - ELECTIONS <Tony.Bridges@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: [BULK] Fw: Voter registration for exonoree with no felony record

Hi Tony,

Attached is the gentleman that we just spoke on with the City of Green Bay.

Thank you,

Kim Wayte

Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk/Treasurer

Room 106

[100 N Jefferson St](#)

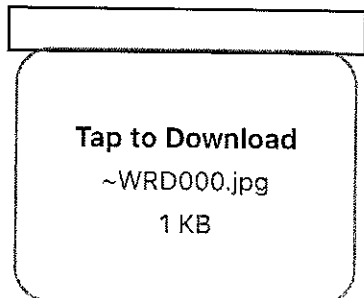
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From: Jaime Fuge [<mailto:clerkinquiries@greenbaywi.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: [BULK] Fw: Voter registration for exonoree with no felony record

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Jaime Fuge

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From: vicolator1@gmail.com

Date: September 26, 2020, 1:22 PM CDT

Subject: Voter registration for exonoree with no felony record

To: clerk@greenbaywi.gov

I'm attempting to register for voting online and it's stating that I'm a felon.

I'm not a felon. I had a felony which was exonerated and I have a clean record.

How do I get this corrected so that I can register to vote? Please advise. My name is Victor Immanuel Kondos dob 5-27-1970. Thank you!

Dueterbeck, Melodie

From: CTCL <keegan@techandciviclife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS
Subject: Election resources for safe elections

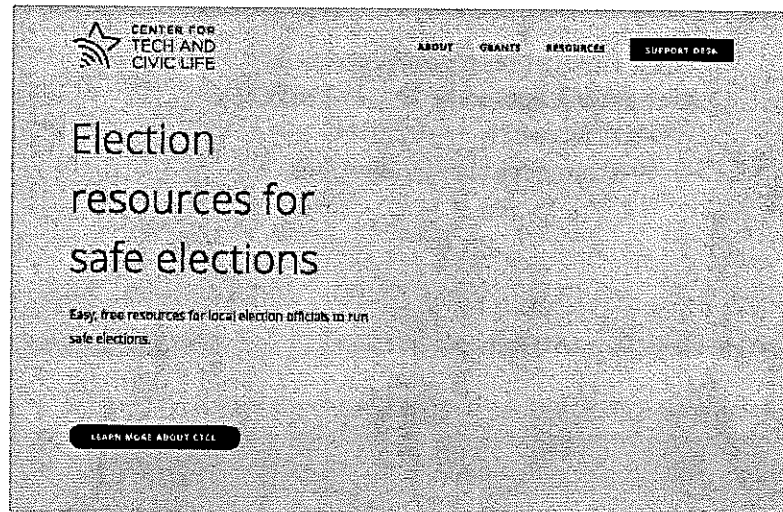
Election resources, Vote Early Day, and Operation Vote Safe

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Election resources for safe elections

We're thrilled to launch a new website, resources.techandciviclife.org, a collection of free, curated, and practical election resources for safe elections!



ALL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATION IN-PERSON VOTING POLL WORKERS MAIL / ABSENTEE VOTING DROP BOXES

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The Elections Office
Public health Document
- ▼  **2020 healthy polling place guidebook**
The Elections Office
Public health Document
- ▼  **Implementing public health guidelines for voting locations**
Center for Tech and Civic Life
Public health Video

Why this website, and why now? Many of you are receiving funding from the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grants. We've heard from grantee jurisdictions that there are so many resources, recommendations, and tools available that it can be difficult to quickly locate what you need. Right now, 34 days before the election, time is the most important resource! That's why we curated the most relevant, actionable material on 6 topics:

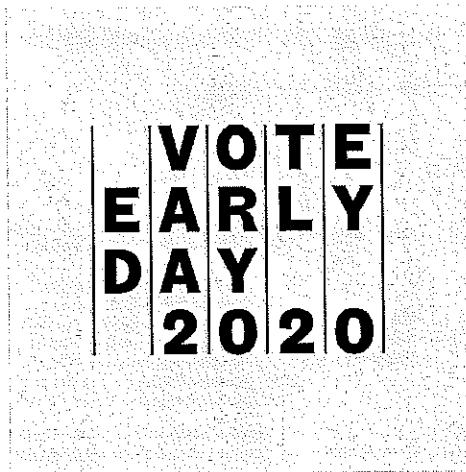
- Public health
- Communication
- In-person voting
- Poll workers
- Mail / absentee voting
- Drop boxes

If you still can't find what you're looking for, the website also includes a dedicated [Elections IT Support Desk](#) to field technical questions, large and small.

[Visit Election Resources](#)

Celebrating Vote Early Day

Mark your calendars — [Vote Early Day is Saturday, October 24th](#). Vote Early Day is the first holiday designed to help all eligible voters learn about their voting options and celebrate the act of voting early.



Make sure your election office is ready for this new civic holiday by:

- Requesting your [Vote Early Day swag](#) including stickers, pins, and posters by October 1st
- Preparing for [Vote Early Day events](#) at early voting sites and dropboxes
- Using the [Vote Early Day digital toolkit](#) to engage your community

Operation Vote Safe

Business for America would like to invite election officials to join their Operation Vote Safe (OVS) initiative, mobilizing the business community to provide assistance to state and local election officials who are short on resources. The OVS website features an Action Map where election officials can identify election-related needs that businesses and individuals can fulfill, such as poll workers, PPE, other supplies and equipment (ballot drop boxes, plexiglass barriers), facilities, and more. Business for America is coordinating a number of large donations from businesses. Smaller quantities of PPE may be contributed via an online marketplace and shipped directly to election officials.

To see the Action Map and PPE marketplace, and to read how businesses are taking part, please visit operationvotesafe.org. If you'd like to have your election needs added to the map and possibly receive assistance, please complete the [Request Support](#) form on the OVS website.

**Operation Vote Safe
Dashboard of State
Election Officials' Needs**

Led by Business for America
in partnership with Kearney



Our goals

- Bring visibility to your needs via a **data visualization dashboard**
- Give **corporations and individuals** ways to offer support and scale impact



What we need to support you

1. Nature of support and quantity (if applicable) needed for **at least 1 category**:
 - Election Workers by County
 - Supplies & Equipment (e.g., masks, sneeze guards, drop boxes)
 - Data can be visualized for up to 5 sub-categories
 - Facilities (e.g., polling locations, drop box locations)
2. At least **~25%** of your state's counties are represented in the data set
3. Updated data on a **weekly or biweekly** basis



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- Publish dashboard for access to the **public** across partner websites
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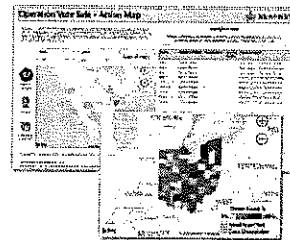
How Will This Dashboard Help My State / County?

- **Immediate view** of current **election resource needs** across the state / country
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- **One-stop shop** for **individuals** interested in poll working positions
- **Easy-to-leverage dashboard** for **marketing** across your state/county's website and social media platforms

Check out the
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website [here](#)



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From: **Celestine Jeffreys** Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: **RE: Designated Drop Box Collection Team**
Date: **Oct 1, 2020 at 9:24:53 AM**
To: **Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS** Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Richard,
That's great info about the drop box collector, thanks!! Makes it easier for us to assign.
I will ask our city attorney; I started with you. I'll let you know what Attorney Chavez says.
Thanks!!
Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 7:29 AM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: Designated Drop Box Collection Team
Celestine,

That term means staff designated by the municipal clerk's office to regularly collect absentee ballots from any drop boxes the municipality is using for the election. They should be trained on collection procedures, including any chain of custody procedures that are being used.

In addition, I am still trying to track down some more information regarding the emancipated high school student. I was informed by someone in state government familiar with the emancipation process in WI that the state does not have a process like other states. The outstanding question I need answered is whether emancipated individuals are provided by the State with a substitute guardian who could meet the poll worker sign off requirement. Does your city attorney have any thoughts on this situation?
Best,

Richard Rydecki
Assistant Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission
212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: [\(608\)261-2015](tel:(608)261-2015)

From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Designated Drop Box Collection Team

Richard,
Can you tell me what the WEC means by a "designated drop box collection team"? This is found in the attached document.
Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

From: Aquene Freechild afreechild@citizen.org
Subject: quick conversation re: livestreaming absentee ballot central counts
Date: Oct 19, 2020 at 7:59:45 AM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov,
Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein michael@voteathome.org, Erin Grunze
erin@votingrightslab.org

Dear Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Rydecki,

I hope you are both doing well, I appreciate your leadership in this extremely hectic time for election officials.

You've done great work getting both pandemic response and election security funds to localities and requiring important security improvements.

I am writing to request a brief meeting to discuss livestreaming the central count and/or post-election audits, with myself, Erin Grunze of Voting Rights Lab and Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein Wisconsin state lead for Vote at Home.

As you know, livestreaming the processing of absentee ballots as well as post-election audits is a best practice used in Colorado, Kentucky and California, among other states. In a year when there is more confusion and disinformation about elections -- despite the ongoing work of election officials -- we believe encouraging officials to livestream would:

- provide transparency and counter disinformation about the fate and processing of absentee ballots
- prevent unsafe crowding in central count municipalities for election workers

We'd like to hear your thoughts on this topic and if this is something WEC might consider encouraging for clerks who are interested.

Set up should be fairly easy for clerks with reliable IT support, but there is some assistance available to those who need it as well.

Do let us know if there is a time one or both of you might be free to meet in the coming week to ten days.

I know it's a hectic time, I think 15-20 minutes should be sufficient.

Thanks for all you do,

Aquene Freechild (she/hers)

Campaign Co-Director, Democracy Is For People Campaign

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From: Kris Teske Kris.Teske@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: Poll Workers
Date: Oct 19, 2020 at 1:00:46 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov,
Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

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Thank you,

Kris Teske, WCMC

Green Bay City Clerk

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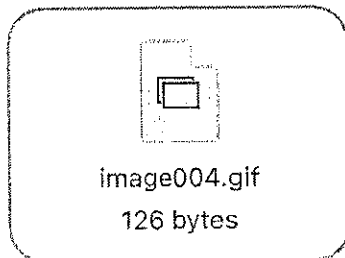
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Subject: RE: Poll Workers

Date: Oct 19, 2020 at 1:07:42 PM

To: 'Kris Teske' Kris.Teske@greenbaywi.gov, Wolfe, Meagan -
ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov



Kris,

Thanks for letting us know what is being said about your poll worker need. I did forward your message to our staff working on the poll worker recruitment project, but I will check with them to make sure the numbers we have for you are accurate. I will follow up with you on this once I have more information.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

Assistant Administrator

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Phone: (608)261-2015

From: Kris Teske <Kris.Teske@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:01 PM

To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H -
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From: Aquene Freechild afreechild@citizen.org
Subject: RE: quick conversation re: livestreaming absentee ballot
central counts

Date: Oct 22, 2020 at 1:05:11 PM

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Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein michael@voteathome.org, Erin Grunze
erin@votingrightslab.org

Thank you for your speedy response. It's great to have someone so invested and knowledgeable about security at the helm in Wisconsin.

Quick question – wondering if you've been successful in getting the 9 counties that had been leaving their ES&S central count systems online in between election days to end that practice?

An ally reached out to Milwaukee County about this recently, and they just said they were working with the WEC – but it wasn't clear if this particular issue had been addressed. Is the sense that those systems need to be online for early vote at the end of each night? I would hope it's just briefly rather than all the time.

One of original researchers who found the systems on the public internet is willing to hop the phone if there are counties/IT staff that would like to hear it from the horse's mouth. I suppose it could be possible to assemble a group call if that made sense, though I'd have to check back with the researcher.

I was planning to reach out to counties, but wanted to check in with you first.

We are encouraging all localities we have contact information for, to heed the CISA/FBI warning about chaining by asking their IT folks to make sure their software is up to date and patched even on systems not directly related to voting machines. Just explaining that chaining is just breaking into one system/email/ account in order to get access to others, I think is helpful.

We're also encouraging them to use 2 factor on both work and personal email. I was a concerned that almost none of the Clerks I spoke with seemed to know if they had 2FA set up on any accounts outside of WisVote, or even that having two passwords on other software was something to be thinking about. They certainly know about 2FA in relation to WisVote thanks to your team's hard work.

My apologies for not raising this earlier.

Thanks for all you do,

Aquene Freechild (she/hers)

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From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 9:20 AM

To: Aquene Freechild <afreechild@citizen.org>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS

<Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>; Erin Grunze <erin@votingrightslab.org>

Subject: RE: quick conversation re: livestreaming absentee ballot central counts

Thanks for the note. I would suggest that you reach out directly to the central count jurisdictions about this, there aren't many of them and you can find the list here: <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/guidance/central-count-absentee>

There's no one size fits all approach, and I think there are a lot of other resource considerations for streaming that some of the jurisdictions may not have. I know when we livestreamed our recall petition review in 2012 it resulted in hundreds of questions from the public who didn't understand what they were seeing (or making allegation of seeing something) meaning we needed to staff a response center to have staff who could answer these questions. When you live stream something the additional transparency is great, but you are also inviting a more broad viewership from an audience that may not understand what they are seeing, and there is no narration with a livestream, like there would be when viewing in-person, which can lead to misunderstandings. I think that's very important consideration or it can actually lead to more confusion. It's a balance- like everything!

Ultimately, it's each municipality's choice, so I think it makes the most sense for you to reach out to them directly so they can weigh their options. I know some of the large central count locations are already planning to do this.

Take care,

Meagan

From: Aquene Freechild <afreechild@citizen.org>

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 7:59 AM

To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>; Erin Grunze <erin@votingrightslab.org>

Subject: quick conversation re: livestreaming absentee ballot central counts

Dear Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Rydecki,

I hope you are both doing well, I appreciate your leadership in this extremely hectic time for election officials.

You've done great work getting both pandemic response and election security funds to

localities and requiring important security improvements.

I am writing to request a brief meeting to discuss livestreaming the central count and/or post-election audits, with myself, Erin Grunze of Voting Rights Lab and Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein Wisconsin state lead for Vote at Home.

As you know, livestreaming the processing of absentee ballots as well as post-election audits is a best practice used in Colorado, Kentucky and California, among other states. In a year when there is more confusion and disinformation about elections -- despite the ongoing work of election officials -- we believe encouraging officials to livestream would:

- provide transparency and counter disinformation about the fate and processing of absentee ballots
- prevent unsafe crowding in central count municipalities for election workers

We'd like to hear your thoughts on this topic and if this is something WEC might consider encouraging for clerks who are interested.

Set up should be fairly easy for clerks with reliable IT support, but there is some assistance available to those who need it as well.

Do let us know if there is a time one or both of you might be free to meet in the coming week to ten days.

I know it's a hectic time, I think 15-20 minutes should be sufficient.

Thanks for all you do,

Aquene Freechild (she/hers)

Campaign Co-Director, Democracy Is For People Campaign

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From: **Celestine Jeffreys** Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: RE: clarification
Date: Oct 22, 2020 at 1:34:54 PM
To: **Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS** Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Thank you so much, I appreciate your attention to my questions in these incredibly busy days!

Celestine Jeffreys



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From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
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Cc: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: clarification

Hi Celestine,

Please see my answers below. Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

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Madison, WI 53703
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Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:11 AM
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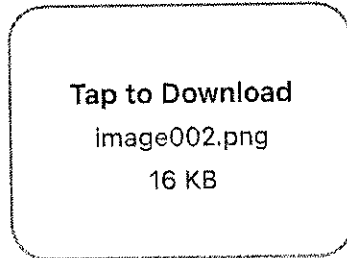
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Date: Oct 22, 2020 at 4:03:39 PM
To: **Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS** Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Richard,
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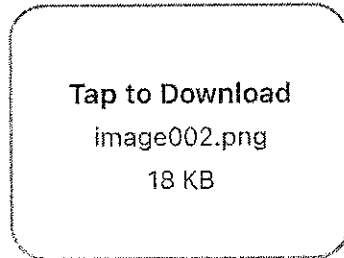
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location from City Hall to another location due to social distance concerns?

Thank you,



Diana Ellenbecker

Finance Director / Comptroller, City of Green Bay

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Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 4:17 PM

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Cc: Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: Central Count

Kris,

Thanks for the message. We will review your question get back to you with a response.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

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Thank you,

Kris Teske, WCMC

Green Bay City Clerk

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Cc: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Vanessa Chavez
<Vanessa.Chavez@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: Central Count

Hi Richard and Megan,

In Kris Teske's absence, can you please include me on any e-mails in your response to her questions of whether or not the City of Green Bay at this time can still move central count location from City Hall to another location due to social distance concerns?

Thank you,

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I am available right now as well.

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<Vanessa.Chavez@greenbaywi.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS
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Subject: RE: Central Count

Ok great!

If you have conference number and you want me to join in, please share.

Thank you,

Diana

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Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:06 PM
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Subject: RE: Central Count

Thanks Diana, we are actually on the phone with the Mayor now.

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Subject: RE: Central Count

Yes, I am available anytime this afternoon. Would you like me to include the Mayor in this discussion as he is one of the driving forces for this potential change?

Thank you,

Diana

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS [<mailto:Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>]

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To: Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>

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Subject: RE: Central Count

Hi Diana-

Would you have a few minutes this afternoon for a quick call with us?

Let me know if there is a good time and we can send a call in number.

Thank you!

Meagan

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 2:40 PM

To: Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>

Cc: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Vanessa Chavez <Vanessa.Chavez@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: Central Count

Thanks Diane-

I have been working on a response to you all day, but keep getting interrupted :) Bottom line is we believe that municipalities do have flexibility to change the location of central count. But I will send you a more complete explanation, for your records, this evening.

Meagan

From: Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 2:35 PM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe,

Mason Street)

- Former Sears Building, parking lot of Green Bay Plaza (803 S. Military Ave.)
- McAuliffe Park (405 Kristy Lee Court)
- Guns Road across from Green Bay EA building (2256 W Main Street)
- One in front and one behind Green Bay City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street)

Thanks again, Richard!

Eric

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From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:41 AM

To: Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Cc: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: WEC Contact Today?

Mayor Genrich,

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547D80F@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: RE: WEC Contact Today?

Date: Oct 24, 2020 at 10:38:14 AM

To: 'Kim Wayte' Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov

Hi Kim,

Ann Oberle should be giving you a call in a bit as I just spoke with her and let her know to call you.

Best,

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From: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:33 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>; Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: WEC Contact Today?

Hi,

This is Kim, I can be reached at 920-448-3058. That is my direct line. If someone can please call to help with the report that I am looking for, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Kim Wayte

Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk/Treasurer

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Date: Oct 24, 2020 at 12:33:56 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Perfect. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2020, at 12:14 PM, Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS
<Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Mayor Genrich,

The active voter count for the City of Green Bay as of a minute ago is: 55,961. We post updated absentee statistics each morning on this page of our website, including the same municipal breakdown I sent you for Green Bay this morning: <https://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/statistics>. You have to scroll down to the Absentee Voting Statistics section and open the report for the particular day you are looking for. I entered all of the drop box and in-person absentee information for the city and confirmed it is now live on MyVote. Feel free to review it and let me know if we need any edits.

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From: Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:34 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: WEC Contact Today?

This is great, Richard. Do you also track the registered voter number? Is there any way I could get this auto-generated for me at the end of every day, or could I just consult the WEC website? Also trying to lighten the load for clerk staff.

From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:08 AM

To: Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: RE: WEC Contact Today?

Mayor Genrich,

Here are the aggregate absentee numbers we have for the City of Green Bay as of this morning:

Municipality	Requests	Ballots issued	Ballots returned	In-person absentee ballots issued
CITY OF GREEN BAY - BROWN COUNTY	28658	28615	21558	2505

Please note the in-person absentee totals are also accounted for in the other columns, and are a breakout from those totals. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. I will let you know when I have the other data entered for you and you can test it out.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

Assistant Administrator

Wisconsin Elections Commission

212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608)261-2015

From: Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:56 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: WEC Contact Today?

And if you could just get me that aggregate info on absentee voting I can use that for a social media post.

Really appreciate all your support.

Eric

From: Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:54 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Amaad Rivera

<Amaad.Rivera@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: Re: WEC Contact Today?

Here's the in-person absentee info: <https://greenbaywi.gov/655/Election-Information>

And drop box locations:

- Frontage Road across from Festival Foods Green Bay West ([2250 West](#))

From: Celestine Jeffreys Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: RE: 3 more for credentials
Date: Oct 26, 2020 at 10:11:00 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Thank you, Richard. I'm just waiting for the clerk's office. I think they're just a bit swamped. I appreciate, so much, your help!

Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: 3 more for credentials

Hi Celestine,

Let me know if you still need assistance with these credentials. If it helps, an electronic signature will work on the form I sent and that field is configured for that purpose.

Best,

Richard Rydecki
Assistant Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission
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Madison, WI 53703
Phone: (608)261-2015

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Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:00 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: 3 more for credentials

Thanks, Richard!

I will get this to you as soon as the Deputy Clerk signs it.

Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>; Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>; Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: 3 more for credentials

Hi Celestine,

In order to get everyone credentials, we need the attached form filled out. The form has space for four individuals so you may need to use two if you need five additional sets of credentials. Once you have this information filled out, I can work with our Help Desk to get

these created ASAP.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

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Phone: (608)261-2015

From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>

Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:05 AM

To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>; Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Diana Ellenbecker

<Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>; Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>

Subject: 3 more for credentials

Melissa Schmitz for chief inspector

Robert Wozniak for wisvote

Karen Seas for wisvote

Thank you!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Celestine Jeffreys Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: FW: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893
Date: Oct 27, 2020 at 11:20:24 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov
Cc: Melissa Schmitz Melissa.Schmitz@greenbaywi.gov, Kim Wayte
Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov, Diana Ellenbecker
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Thanks!!

Celestine Jeffreys
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Office of the Mayor
920.448.3006

-----Original Message-----

From: sharpsscans@greenbaywi.gov <sharpsscans@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893

Reply to: sharpescans@greenbaywi.gov <sharpescans@greenbaywi.gov> Device
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Location: Econ Development - 33893

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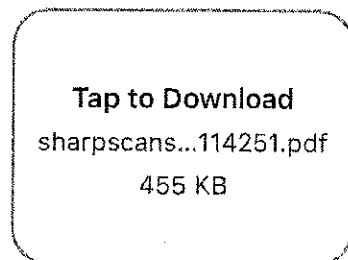
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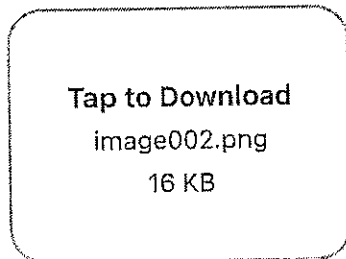
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From: Celestine Jeffreys Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: RE: the credentials, today?
Date: Oct 27, 2020 at 3:22:10 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Thank you so much!

Celestine Jeffreys



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From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: the credentials, today?

Hi Celestine,

I sent this over to our Help Desk so hopefully they can get them done ASAP. I will let you know when they are done.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

Assistant Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission
212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: [\(608\)261-2015](tel:(608)261-2015)

From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the credentials, today?

Hello, Richard!

Thank you again for your assistance. Can we get those credentials for WisVote today?

Celestine Jeffreys



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Wisconsin Elections Commission
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Phone: (608)261-2015

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Cc: Melissa Schmitz <Melissa.Schmitz@greenbaywi.gov>; Kim Wayte
<Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Diana Ellenbecker
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893

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547D80F@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: RE: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893
Date: Oct 28, 2020 at 8:32:57 AM
To: 'Celestine Jeffreys' Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov

Yes, you can use the same form you used access to WV. Thanks!

Best,

Richard Rydecki
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Phone: (608)261-2015

-----Original Message-----

From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893

I see the form. Thanks!!

Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

-----Original Message-----

From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Cc: Melissa Schmitz <Melissa.Schmitz@greenbaywi.gov>; Kim Wayte <Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov>; Diana Ellenbecker <Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov>; Jaime Fuge <Jaime.Fuge@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: Scanned image from City of Green Bay - 33893

Hi Celestine,

My apologies for the confusion but we need a signed form to get Melissa credentials for the learning center as well. If you can get me that form, I can work on expediting credentials for her.

Please note that Chief Inspector Training is also available on the agency website here: <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/education-training/baseline-cit>. The differences between this version and the one on the learning center are that this version is slightly less interactive and the progress of the trainee cannot be tracked and they are not issued badges when they complete each section of the training. Otherwise, the content is nearly identical.

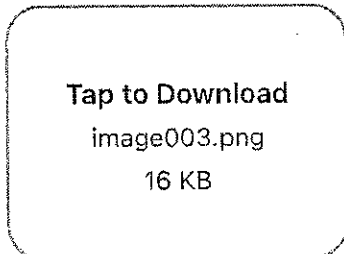
Let me know how you would like to proceed and I can assist.

Best,

From: Celestine Jeffreys Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: RE: Urgent question
Date: Oct 28, 2020 at 11:22:17 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

Perfect, thanks!!

Celestine Jeffreys



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From: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent question

Celestine,

There is no problem with using multiple machine types at central count. Both of the machines you listed are certified for use in Wisconsin elections. You may have to ask the vendor about how you will need to aggregate and report results from the different memory sticks. The DS450 does not have any results transmission features, so results from those machines will have to be hand delivered to the county.

Let me know if this does not make sense or if you have any additional questions.

Best,

Richard Rydecki

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From: Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Urgent question

Importance: High

Good morning, Richard!

I'm sure you receive many urgent emails.

We have a question about using different ES&S machines. We've obtained one DS450 for central count. We lease DS200s from Brown County and have given those assigned to us back to the county for their use.

Can we use both styles of machines, simultaneously, at central count? Is there something in the law that prevents us from using two different machines? Is this a matter of industry

standards or best practices?

Thank you so much!!

Celestine Jeffreys

Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

City of Green Bay

From: **Celestine Jeffreys** Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov
Subject: **Meeting with Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Rydecki, WEC--CONFIRMED**
Date: **Oct 30, 2020 at 11:23:22 AM**
To: **Eric Genrich** Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov, **Diana Ellenbecker**
Diana.Ellenbecker@greenbaywi.gov, **Vanessa Chavez**
Vanessa.Chavez@greenbaywi.gov, **Joseph Faulds**
Joseph.Faulds@greenbaywi.gov, **Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS**
Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov, **Kim Wayte**
Kim.Wayte@greenbaywi.gov
Cc: **Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS** Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov,
Witecha, James - ELECTIONS james.witecha@wisconsin.gov

Celestine Jeffreys is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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From: Juno, Sandy L. <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Judnic, Nathan - ELECTIONS <Nathan.Judnic@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: C-Green Bay Central Count concerns
Importance: High

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Sandy Juno
Sandy Juno
Brown County Clerk
305 E. Walnut St., Room 120
Green Bay, WI 54301
920.819.9046 mobile
920.448.4021 office

From: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <michael@voteathome.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Juno, Sandy L. <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>

Hi Sandy, thanks for the email. We've had several conversations with Green Bay leading up to today and are aware that they were going to be using consultants from some outside groups today. We've discussed the roles these individuals were going to be assigned and told them that while there is nothing that would prohibit the City of from using these individuals, the inspectors and the absentee board of canvassers working the location are the individuals that are to be making decisions, not the consultants. I have talked to Kim, the Deputy Clerk who was going to reach out to the central count folks and reinforce this guidance.

I would certainly like to be made aware of issues or decisions that have been "tainted" at the central count, I'm not 100% sure what you mean. As far as grant money, etc., I'm again interested if there are issues or decision that have been made that you think we should look into. I'm only really aware of the recent litigation related to grants given to municipalities which included Green Bay, Milwaukee, Madison and a couple others, but I was under the impression that case was dismissed and the US Supreme Court chose not to take it up prior to the election.

Let me know if there is anything else I can help with on this.

Thanks
Nate

Nathan W. Judnic

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Dueterbeck, Melodie

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Thank you,
Michael

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Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein

State Lead for Wisconsin (Leadership Now Fellow)
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(310) 980-2872
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Date: Nov 3, 2020 at 1:03:01 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov,
Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov

FYI.

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State Lead for Wisconsin (Leadership Now Fellow)

National Vote at Home Institute

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Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 5:51 PM
To: EL Administration <Elec.Admin@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Rydecki, Richard H - ELECTIONS <Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov>; Oberle, Ann F - ELECTIONS <Ann.Oberle@wisconsin.gov>; Juno, Sandy L. <Sandy.Juno@browncountywi.gov>; Garcia, Julio J. <Julio.Garcia@browncountywi.gov>
Subject: City of Green Bay Central Count Delay
Importance: High

Good Evening,

Our office contacted the City of Green Bay about an hour ago to check the status of their Central Count. At that time we were informed that the City has run into some issues, unclear what issues exactly were, and that at around 4pm the city had only tabulated 7,000 absentees. As of this morning, the city had over 31,000 absentees returned, which would mean that approximately 24,000 ballots are yet to be run. Based on this information, it seems safe to assume that Brown County will not have all results posted until very late/early tomorrow morning, as we await the City of Green Bay's results.

Thank You.

Justin W. Schmit
Chief Deputy County Clerk, Brown County
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Importance: High

Good Evening,

Our office contacted the City of Green Bay about an hour ago to check the status of their Central Count. At that time we were informed that the City has run into some issues, unclear what issues exactly were, and that at around 4pm the city had only tabulated 7,000 absentees. As of this morning, the city had over 31,000 absentees returned, which would mean that approximately 24,000 ballots are yet to be run. Based on this information, it seems safe to assume that Brown County will not have all results posted until very late/early tomorrow morning, as we await the City of Green Bay's results.

Thank You.

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William,

Per your request I have provided the email thread below from Brown County Clerk Sandy Juno and our office. As Attorney Judnic outlines in his response, we had a number of calls with the city clerk's office in Green Bay leading up to the election to ensure they had the support and resources necessary to be successful on election day. Administrator Wolfe and I initiated several calls whose purpose was to confirm that the clerk's office felt like they were still in charge of running both central count and polling places on election day after we heard secondhand concerns that other entities were intervening in the planning process. Each time, we were assured by clerk's staff that they were leading these efforts and that the deputy clerk was overseeing the polling places for election day and her colleague was supervising central count. We asked them specifically about any concerns they had about decision making and feeling that they were not involved in making these decisions. The only instance they expressed concern about was when the City decided to move the central count operation to a different facility prior to election day due to setup and space concerns that would have made it difficult for observers to see the entire ballot processing from one observation area. The previous facility would have had ballots being processed on multiple floors and they ended up choosing a different facility after concerns were raised from observer groups about that setup. We were assured on several other occasions that the clerk's staff was running the election and that the consultants were there to provide feedback and suggestions but were not the ultimate decision makers.

Let me know if you have any other questions and I will be happy to assist.

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