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MEDIA ADVISORY 5

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The Election Commission continues to verify the qualifications of the 6000 Questioned Ballots. Each name, address and date of registration must be compared to the State Voter Register. This process occurs at every election, but the numbers are significantly larger in this election.

After their review of Absentee and Questioned Ballots, the Election Commission shall meet in public session to declare which absentee and questioned ballots will be rejected and which shall be counted. Any person present at the public session of the Canvass may challenge the name of a questioned or absentee voter if he/she has good reason to suspect that the voter is not qualified to vote at the election, or the ballot has not been properly cast under the standards in section 28.80.040. The Canvass will be at 10 am on Friday, April 13.

The almost 55,000 votes counted on Election Night were the ballots that were successfully counted by the optical scanning machines at each precinct polling station on Election Day. That total count of the election will increase as the Unscanned Ballots, Questioned Ballots (roughly 6,000), Absentee in Person (4,489 through April 2), FAX (98), whatever returns from the over 3,000 Absentee Ballots mailed and the votes cast at the Airport and UAA Absentee Polling Places are counted.

We apologize to the community. We had sufficient ballots, but did not allocate enough of the ballots to the individual precincts, given the turnout and number people who voted outside of their precincts. The use of an outside payroll vendor was not a factor.

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