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January 26, 2021

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

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Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. McMillan:

This is in further response to your California Public Records Act request submitted to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Registrar") on December 30, 2020, requesting certain records regarding the November 3, 2020 General Election, and forwarded to this office for response.

A copy of your request is attached for reference.

On January 11, 2021, our office informed you that the Registrar was extending the time to respond due to unusual circumstances, including the need to identify, locate, and collect potentially responsive records, and the need to review any records that may be located to determine if they can be disclosed.

Several requests seek records that contain confidential voter registration information, including voter history. Government Code section 6254.4 provides that "[t]he home address, telephone number, email address, precinct number, or other number specified by the Secretary of State for voter registration purposes, and prior registration information shown on the affidavit of registration is confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person, except pursuant to Section 2194 of the Elections Code." (Gov. Code § 6254.4(a).) The affidavit of voter registration information shall be confidential and not disclosed to the public for any personal, private or commercial purposes, but "[s]hall be provided with respect to any voter, subject to the provisions of Sections 2166, 2166.5, 2166.7, and 2188, to any candidate for federal, state, or local office, to any committee for or against any initiative or referendum measure for which legal publication is

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made, and to any person for election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes, or for governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State." (Elec. Code § 2194(a)(3).)

The procedure to obtain accessible voter information is outlined in Elections Code section 2188, as well as California Code of Regulations ("CCR"), title 1, section 19001, et seq., and permits any individual seeking this material to file an application with the Registrar. Applicants must provide their name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, any other specific information requested, including a statement of the intended use of the information requested. (Elec. Code § 2188(b).) Additionally, applicants must certify to the truth and accuracy of the application, under penalty of perjury, with their signature. (Elec. Code § 2188(c).) If you would like to apply for such information, please fill out the form on the Registrar's website at: https://lavote.net/docs/rcc/documents/purchase_app_voter-election-files.pdf?v=2.

Under the Public Records Act, the County has a duty to disclose records to the public to the extent the County understands the request, responsive records exist and can be located, and the information contained in the responsive records are not subject to, in whole or in part, legal exemptions from disclosure.

With respect to Request 44, for "documents reflecting the dates of certifications of information provided to the Secretary of State according to 2 CCR § 19086(b)" the Report of Registrations can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/statement-of-registration>.

With respect to Request 47, for "[a]ll certifications executed by any county election official for the November 3, 2020 General Election," the certification of the election results can be accessed at the following link: <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/150947.pdf>.

With respect to Request Nos. 53 through 63, you seek records regarding the use of voting systems during the November 3, 2020 General Election that were manufactured by Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. ("Dominion"), including documents containing terms used to describe features of a voting system offered by Dominion on communications including Dominion staff. The Registrar does not use Dominion and therefore, does not possess any records reflecting the use of such voting system during the November 3, 2020 General Election.

As to your remaining requests, please note that due to the current unprecedented situation stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, as reflected in

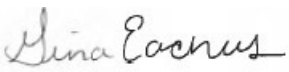
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Governor Newsom's and the County's Public Health Officer Orders ("Orders"), the typical record search cannot occur with regular pace. During the pendency of the social distancing mandates and the Orders, resource allocation has been altered accordingly to ensure that County residents receive essential services in a manner that protects public health and safety. As stated, Government Code section 6255 allows an agency to withhold a record by demonstrating that, "the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record." In this instance, additional time is needed to respond to your request for the aforementioned reasons. In light of the foregoing, our Office will work with the Registrar to locate and produce responsive non-exempt records and will provide you with a determination within 14 days, as to whether or not we are able to identify any disclosable public records. The County reserves its right to assert all applicable privileges/doctrines and exemptions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 974-1832. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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December 30, 2020

Via Email Delivery [voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov], First Class, and Certified Mail [7017 0660 0000 8263 7649] Return receipt requested

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P.O. Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024
(800) 815-2666

Re: General Election, November 3, 2020
Subject: **Demand for Inspection or Production of Public Records Numbers 1-63.**

Dear Mr. Logan:

On behalf of my client, who presently wishes to remain anonymous, I request inspection, copying and/or production of the documents set forth in the following requests in electronic format.

I demand inspection of these documents according to Article 1, Section 3 of the California Constitution and/or the California Public Records Act (Gov't. Code § 6250 et seq.)

Where we were able to do so, We have set forth the provisions of the specific provision of Title 2, California Code of Regulations. Thus, to the extent that there is any ambiguity in the request, your office will be guided by the preceding reference to the applicable regulation. If no such documents exist that were created in compliance with the regulation, please advise, individually to each request.

We request an estimate of the cost of the production, by specific request, to the extent that the total cost of production of the matters requested herein exceeds \$125.00.

The following requests are made for a journalistic, scholarly, political or governmental purpose, and such the information will not be used to sell a product or service. Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(f)(3).

If any portions of the records are exempted from disclosure, the non-exempt portions of relevant records are demanded. To the extent that an administrative appeal is available for refusal to provide these documents to me, please provide details for the means of such administrative appeal.

2 CCR § 19060(c)

(c) The Secretary of State shall maintain the official statewide voter registration system. County elections officials shall synchronize voter registration records in the county election management system with the statewide voter registration system and use the official statewide voter registration system to determine eligibility to vote

1. Provide those documents identifying, by date, time and means, all synchronization transmissions between the California Secretary of State and the county Registrar of Voters.

2. Provide those documents with the results of each synchronization transmission between the California Secretary of State and the county Registrar of Voters, by number of registrants confirmed as valid, and those that are identified as invalid.

2 CCR § 19061. Immediate Action Required.

Unless otherwise provided in state or federal statute, state or federal regulation, or a binding court decision, if a county elections official receives notification from a voter, the Secretary of State, another county, or a court requesting or directing a modification to a voter's registration record, the county elections official shall immediately take all reasonable actions to apply the modification or research and resolve the notification, including but not limited to, reviewing registration and voting history, reviewing source documents, matching signatures, or contacting the voter

directly. The notification shall be resolved no later than five (5) business days from receipt by the county elections official. The modification shall not be effective until the county elections official has submitted the update to the statewide voter registration system.

3. Provide those documents which reflect notifications from the Secretary of State requesting or directing modifications to a voter's registration record between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020.

4. Provide those documents that reflect, in summary form, the modifications to the voter registration record, by date, time, and by any unique voter registration number or name of voter, for those records modified between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064. County Security.

(c) Each county shall complete a security assessment of its election information system prior to a statewide primary election. The security assessment shall evaluate the:

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(2) Active management (inventory, tracking, and correction) of all software on the network so that only authorized software is installed and can execute, and unauthorized and unmanaged software is found and prevented from installation or execution.

5. Provide those documents identifying where, by geographic location, ballots were counted in the County between October 15, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

6. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting "Active management (inventory, tracking, and correction) of all software on the network so that only authorized software is installed and can execute" took place in compliance with 2 CCR § 19064(c)(2).

(3) Establishment, implementation, and active management (tracking, reporting, and correction) of the security configuration of laptops, servers, and workstations in order to prevent attackers from exploiting vulnerable services and settings.

7. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between

September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting “active management (tracking, reporting, and correction) of the security configuration of laptops, servers, and workstations in order to prevent attackers from exploiting vulnerable services and settings” took place in compliance with 2 CCR § 19064(c)(3).

2 CCR § 19064(c)(9) Active management (tracking, control, and correction) of the ongoing operational use of ports, protocols, and services on networked devices in order to minimize vulnerabilities available for attack.

8. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting “Active management (tracking, control, and correction) of the ongoing operational use of ports, protocols, and services on networked devices in order to minimize vulnerabilities available for attack” took place in compliance with 2 CCR § 19064(c)(9).

9. Provide the log files for all data traffic, including connection requests accepted and refused, between the county’s election information file and any other location between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(c)(15) Tracking, controlling, preventing, and correcting the security use of wireless local area networks, access points, and wireless client systems.

10. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting “Tracking, controlling, preventing, and correcting the security use of wireless local area networks, access points, and wireless client systems” which took place in compliance with 2 CCR § 19064(c)(15).

11. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting the inventory and identification of all wireless connections in the County’s ballot processing location.

12. Provide those documents, i.e., logs, narratives of inspection, created between September 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020 reflecting the inventory and identification of all wireless-capable devices in the County’s ballot processing location.

13. Provide those documents, identifying by serial number, MAC address, device, and location, and the custodian of, all wireless-capable devices in the County’s ballot processing location between November 2, 2020 and November 13, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(c)(19) Protection of the organization's information, by developing and implementing an incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight).

14. Provide those documents, reflecting any incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight) operational prior to October 15, 2020, which took place in compliance with 2 CCR § 19064(c)(19).

15. Provide those documents, reflecting training on any incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight) prior to October 15, 2020.

16. Provide those documents, reflecting roles on any incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight) prior to October 15, 2020.

17. Provide those documents, reflecting communications on any incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight) prior to October 15, 2020.

18. Provide those documents, reflecting management oversight on any incident response infrastructure (e.g., plans, defined roles, training, communications, and management oversight) prior to October 15, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064

(d) Each county and its EMS vendor shall take the following security measures to provide security for the county's EMS and election information system, as well as for environments that interface with the statewide voter registration system and/or contain statewide voter registration system data:

(1) At all times servers hosting county voter registration and election information systems including the county's EMS as well as any Secretary of State property, such as routers, shall be secured in a designated area away from public access. The designated area shall be secured with a method to determine the identity of each person that has accessed the designated area and unauthorized access to this designated area must be detectable

19. Provide those documents reflecting the identity of each person that has accessed the routers for the county's EMS and election information systems between October 15, 2020 and November 13, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(d)

(2) Only staff authorized by the county shall have physical access to servers hosting the county's EMS and election information system, including servers containing the county's EMS as well as any Secretary of State property, such as routers.

20. Provide those documents which identify all persons, not permanently employed by the County, who accessed servers or routers of the EMS and election information system between October 15, 2020 and November 14, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(d)

(3) The county's EMS and election information system shall only be accessible by persons authorized by the county.

21. Provide documents which identify all persons authorized by the county who accessed servers or routers of the EMS and election information system between October 15, 2020 and November 14, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(d)

(4) No peripheral devices (e.g., disks, flash drives, smartphones, etc.) shall be attached to Secretary of State property, such as routers, installed at the county.

22. Provide those documents which identify all persons with USB or "flash drives" that were allowed access to any location where votes were tallied or processed in the County.

2 CCR § 19064(d)

(12) Direct user access to the county's EMS and election information system shall require, at a minimum, single sign-on authentication. However, effective July 1, 2021, direct user access to the county's EMS and election information system shall require, at a minimum, two (2) sign-on authentications.

23. Provide those documents which identify all persons with sign-on authentication authorization as a direct user to the county's EMS and election information system between September 15, 2020 and December 1, 2020.

2 CCR § 19064(e)

(e) The county's EMS and election information system shall implement security log management, which includes the following:

(1) Log all systems and network devices with sufficient information collection.

(2) Securely store log files separately from the systems monitored, keep these files archived, and protect these files from unauthorized modification, access, or destruction.

(3) Use log monitoring tools to send real-time alerts and notifications.

(4) Utilize multiple synchronized United States-based time sources.

24. Provide the log files for the county's EMS and election information system with entries between September 15, 2020 and December 1, 2020.

25. Provide those documents or records reflecting a network topology plan or map referencing the devices attached each other device within the county's EMS and election information system.

26. Provide those documents or records reflecting the log monitoring tools used to send real-time alerts and notifications.

27. Provide the "real-time alerts and notifications", as referenced in 2 CCR 19064(e)(3) sent between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

2 CCR 19064(f) Counties shall regularly review log(s) for any errors, abnormal activities, and any system configuration changes.

28. Provide those documents or records reflecting review, at any time, of "any errors, abnormal activities, and any system configuration changes", identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

29. Provide those documents which reflect “any errors” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

30. Provide those documents which reflect “abnormal activities” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

31. Provide those documents which reflect “system configuration changes” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

2 CCR 19064. (g) Counties shall report detected unauthorized use, suspected breach, or denial of service attack on the county's EMS and election information system to the Secretary of State Elections Division Help Desk within 24 hours of discovery.

32. Provide those documents which reflect “unauthorized use” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

33. Provide those documents which reflect “suspected breach” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

34. Provide those documents which reflect “denial of service attack ” in the county's EMS and election information system identified between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020.

35. Provide those documents reflecting a report to the Secretary of State Elections Division Help Desk of a “detected unauthorized use, suspected breach, or denial of service attack” between September 1, 2020 through December 10, 2020, as required under 2 CCR 19064 (g).

2 CCR § 19079. State Death and Felony Status Records.

(d) Upon receipt of a notice of potential match, the county elections official shall determine whether the registration record matches a record of a deceased person or person who is currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony which renders that person ineligible to

vote in accordance with Section 19061. If a match is confirmed by the county elections official, the county elections official shall accept the potential match and that voter's record shall be cancelled.

(e) When the Secretary of State receives a record of a voter with a federal felony conviction which renders them ineligible to vote, the record shall be forwarded to the county elections official of the voter's county of residence. The county elections official shall process the record in accordance with Section 19061.

(f) County elections officials shall process county death records in accordance with Elections Code section 2205, and upon identifying a match with a voter's record shall submit any change in the registration record to the statewide voter registration system in accordance with Section 19061.

(g) County elections officials shall process county felony records in accordance with Elections Code section 2212, and upon identifying a match with a voter's record shall submit any change in the registration record to the statewide voter registration system in accordance with Section 19061.

36. All records reflecting change in registration status submitted to the statewide voter system by the county due to felony status processed between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

37. All records reflecting change in registration status submitted to the statewide voter system by the county due to federal felony status processed between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

38. All records reflecting change in registration status submitted to the statewide voter system by the county due to county death records reflecting voter to be deceased processed between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

39. All records reflecting the total cancellations directed by the Secretary of State processed by the county between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

40. All records reflecting searches of county felony records between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

41. All records reflecting searches of county death records between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

2 CCR § 19080. *DMV Change of Address Notification.*

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42. All records reflecting county searches of DMV Change of Address (DMV COA) between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

43. All records reflecting total submissions by changes in the registration record to the statewide voter registration system in accordance with Section 19061, between September 1, 2020, and November 10, 2020.

2 CCR § 19086. *Report of Registration.*

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44. Those documents reflecting the dates of certifications of information provided to the Secretary of State according to 2 CCR § 19086(b).

2 CCR § 19087. *Official List Extract.*

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45. Those documents reflecting the date of generation of the official list extract from the statewide voter registration system for the purpose of conducting the 2020 General Election.

46. Those documents reflecting the date of each subsequent or supplemental rosters, after the initial roster for the purpose of conducting the 2020 General Election.

2 CCR § 19098. *Certification of County Elections Official.*

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47. All certifications executed by any county election official for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

General Requests

48. The number of ballots determined by the county through adjudication for the November 3, 2020 election.

49. All ballots duplicated by the county through adjudication for the November 3, 2020 election.

50. Those documents that identify the records of ballots duplicated for the November 3, 2020 election.
51. Those documents that identify the records of ballots adjudicated for the November 3, 2020 election..
52. Those documents that identify the records of changes to ballots made for the November 3, 2020 election.
53. All correspondence, whether such correspondence occurred by physical letter, email, text message, with any person employed by or affiliated with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. between April 1, 2019 through December 10, 2020.
54. All correspondence, whether such correspondence occurred by physical letter, email, text message, with any person employed by or affiliated with the California Secretary of State's Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment between April 1, 2019 through December 10, 2020.
55. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Image Cast Remote 5.10".
56. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Image Cast Remote 5.10A".
57. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Image Cast Remote 5.2".
58. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Suite 5.10A".
59. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Suite 5.10".
60. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Suite 5.2".
61. All electronic documents containing the phrase " ImageCast Evolution 5.10.9.3".
62. All electronic documents containing the phrase " ImageCast ICX 5.10.11.11.".
63. All electronic documents containing the phrase "Eric Coomer"

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We request that records be produced, unaltered, except where a statutory privilege applies and in that event that the basis for the privilege be stated with sufficient information to address that in court.

Further,

1. That emails be provided in native format, i.e., an Outlook export file, with all header information intact.
2. That documents be provided in pdf format.
3. That data files be provided in Excel format, or comma-delimited format.

Respectfully yours,


/s/ Scott A. McMillan

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