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Lyon County 2021 Election Concerns

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Dear Mr. Martin,

As chairman of the Lyon County Board of County Commissioners and chairman of the Lyon County Board of Canvassers, I submit concerns to you regarding the integrity and reliability of the Lyon County Election Process.

We are grateful that the U.S.D.#251 District 1, Position 4 total vote recount held today was conducted as an open meeting just like Election Day is conducted. We were concerned yesterday when Lyon County Election Office told us the recount would be a closed meeting. We appreciate that Kansas Open Meeting Act provision was upheld for the recount today (KSA 75-4317 and Kansas Election Standards chap III, pg. 24).

As the U.S.D. #251 District 1, Position 4 recount could be related to Lyon County election integrity questions that have gone unanswered, we submit to you our need to hear during the 4pm meeting 11/10/21 of Lyon County Board of Canvassers why there is a one vote discrepancy.

Why are the two Lyon County canvass totals discrepant? We request a public, detailed explanation as to why the Lyon County original canvass conducted at the voting places on November 2, 2021 showed an unofficial total for U.S.D. #251 District 1, Position 4 as 252 total votes cast, and yet at the Lyon County final canvass 11/9/21, the total for that same U.S.D. #251 District 1, Position 4 race was 251 total votes.

1). Please explain to us before certifying the official election results of the U.S.D. #251 District 1, Position 4 recount why there exists a one vote discrepancy between original canvass 11/2/21 and final canvass 11/9/21.

2). Please explain to us why K.S.A. #25-4610 was not accurately followed in the Lyon County 2021 Election regarding election machine pre test occurring "within five days" of November 2nd, 2021 election. Lyon County conducted pre test on October 26, 2021.

3). Please explain why K.S.A. #25-4610 was not accurately followed for election machine post test. The notice in Emporia Gazette said 9am on 11/10/21 and yet I was present at 9am for post test and was told by Election Office staff that the post test would commence at 10am 11/10/21. I waited.

4). Please explain why during the post test of election machines today, 11/10/21 that there were three extra ballot receipts. Lyon County Election Office staff reported that the test run batches must have gotten mixed up.

These four valid, reasonable questions deserve answers if the recount for U.S.D. #251 District 1, Position 4 can be certified as accurate and conducted with integrity.

Sincerely,
Melissa McAllister