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Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 11:15 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (WA-SOS-20-2118)

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Mr. Evers,

We have completed our search and found these additional records for you.

Please let me know if I have misunderstood your request asap.

Let me know if you need anything else, otherwise, I am closing this request today.

Regards,

Brenda Galarza

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From: Executive - Secretary of State <secretaryofstate@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:47 PM EDT
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: CNN query on DeJoy call with secretaries of state

From: Alvarez, Priscilla [mailto:Priscilla.Alvarez@cnn.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Executive - Secretary of State <secretaryofstate@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: CNN query on DeJoy call with secretaries of state

Good morning,

I'm a reporter at CNN. I understand that Postmaster General DeJoy was hosting a call with secretaries of state today and was wondering if your office participated. If so, are you available to briefly chat about the call? I can also be reached at 703-939-0219.

Thank you,

Priscilla

Priscilla Alvarez
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From: Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:56 AM EDT
To: Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>
CC: Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Milhofer, John <jmilhofer@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>; Dodd, Stacy <sdodd@sso.org>
Subject: NASS Communications: NASS Elections Committee: Call Reminder at 2:30PM ET with US Postmaster General DeJoy
Attachment(s): "NASS Weekly Elections Committee Call - 9/17/2020"

Good Afternoon Communications Directors,

I know you received the below Elections Committee with Postmaster DeJoy reminder email from Leslie last night. **I wanted to add that this call is not being recorded and is not open to the press.** I plan to issue a short NASS summary statement sometime after the meeting, similar to the statement we put out after the initial, smaller [August 27 call](#). As always, your Secretary is welcome to do any press they sit fit before or after the meeting. My only ask is that if NASS is mentioned, it is mentioned in a bipartisan/nonpartisan tone.

Thank you,

Maria Benson

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Cc: Dodd, Stacy <sdodd@sso.org>; Milhofer, John <jmilhofer@sso.org>; Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>
Subject: NASS Elections Committee: Call Reminder for Tomorrow at 2:30PM ET with US Postmaster General DeJoy, Reminder - NASS Tech Talk Tomorrow at 4PM ET
Importance: High

Dear NASS Elections Committee, IT Directors and Communications Directors:

NASS Elections Committee Call Reminder at 2:30 PM ET– with US Postmaster General DeJoy

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We look forward to "seeing" you tomorrow.

Best,
Leslie

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Subject: NASS Weekly Elections Committee Call - 9/17/2020

Location: GoToMeeting

Start: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:30 PM EDT

End: Thursday, September 17, 2020 3:30 PM EDT

Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: None

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Required Attendees: Dodd, Stacy <sdodd@sso.org>; Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Milhofer, John <jmilhofer@sso.org>; Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>

NASS Weekly Elections Committee Call - 9/17/2020

Thu, Sep 17, 2020 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (EDT)

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Subject: NASS Tech Talk - September 2020

Location: Go To Meeting

Start: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, September 17, 2020 5:00 PM EDT

Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: None

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Required Attendees: Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>

Optional Attendees: Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Dodd, Stacy <sdodd@sso.org>; Milhofer, John <jmilhofer@sso.org>; Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>

NASS Tech Talk - September 2020

Thu, Sep 17, 2020 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (EDT)

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Location: GoToMeeting

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End: Thursday, September 17, 2020 3:30 PM EDT

Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: None

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Required Attendees: Dodd, Stacy <sdodd@sso.org>; Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Milhofer, John <jmilhofer@sso.org>; Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>

NASS Weekly Elections Committee Call - 9/17/2020

Thu, Sep 17, 2020 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (EDT)

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From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:13 PM EDT
To: Bruggeman, Lucien C. <Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>
Subject: RE: abc news

Hi Lucien,

Apologies this is late. Secretary Wyman would like to offer the following statement:

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Kylee Zabel

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Secretary of State

Tom Wyman



From: Bruggeman, Lucien C. [mailto:Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: abc news

Hey there, sorry for the double email, but it sounds like this call has concluded. According to USPS, DeJoy said it was his "intent" to share the mailer with state officials before distributing, but failed to do so. He said he "will do better next time." Was there any pushback? How does that sit with Secretary Wyman?

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Bruggeman, Lucien C.
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: abc news

Hi Kylee - hope you're well. I'm working on a story about the informational postcard mailers sent out to residents with general guidance for absentee voting. Would you mind sharing Secretary Wyman's thoughts on the mailer? Other states have said it could confuse voters, as the guidance conflicts with many state rules for mail-in voting.

Also, do you all have any planned meetings or calls with the Postal Service coming up? If so, do you plan to confront him about this subject?

Thanks!
Luc

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News

From: Bruggeman, Lucien C.
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: abc news

Thanks, Kylee – much appreciated.

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Zabel, Kylee [<mailto:kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Bruggeman, Lucien C. <Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>
Subject: RE: abc news

Hi Luc,

The Secretary did receive a letter. I've asked our Public Records team to send you a copy.

Kylee Zabel

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From: Bruggeman, Lucien C. [<mailto:Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: abc news

Hi Kylee --

We just wrote this piece on a few states that received a letter from the USPS warning them about their absentee voting deadlines:

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mail-voting-rules-key-swing-states-leave-ballots/story?id=72374784>

Did Secretary Wyman receive a similar letter? If so, would you all be willing to share it?

Thanks!
Luc

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ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Bruggeman, Lucien C.
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: abc news

Sure thing. I'm at 651-494-4870. Thanks again for coordinating.

Luc

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Zabel, Kylee [<mailto:kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Bruggeman, Lucien C. <Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>
Subject: Re: abc news

Just in case her current appointment runs a couple of minutes over, it may be best if we call you. What's the best number?

-Kylee

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2020, at 11:57 AM, Bruggeman, Lucien C. <Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com> wrote:

Hi there, no sweat! I'd love to hop on a call with her at 12:45pm PT. Thanks! Is there a number I can call?

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Zabel, Kylee [<mailto:kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Bruggeman, Lucien C. <Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>
Subject: RE: abc news

Hi Luc,

Apologies I missed your call – I'm tied up in a few meetings this morning.

Secretary Wyman could do 12:45 or 1 p.m. PST today. Would that work?

Thanks!

Kylee Zabel

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From: Bruggeman, Lucien C. [<mailto:Lucien.C.Bruggeman@abc.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: abc news

Hi Kylee –

I'm a reporter with ABC News. We're following up on some reporting in the Washington Post about the upcoming election and some procedural changes that could create obstacles in November:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/postal-service-backlog-sparks-worries-that-ballot-delivery-could-be-delayed-in-november/2020/07/30/cb19f1f4-d1d0-11ea-8d32-1ebf4e9d8e0d_story.html

Maria Benson with the NASS suggested I reach out to you to set up a brief phone interview with Secretary Wyman this afternoon? I'd be interested in hearing her thoughts. If easier, feel free to have her call my cell phone at her convenience: 651-494-4870.

Thanks!

Luc

Lucien Bruggeman
ABC News
651-494-4870

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:18 PM EDT
To: Michael, Brian <BMichael@king5.com>
Subject: RE: Question from KING

Hi Brian,

Apologies this is late. Here's the statement NASS issued: <https://www.nass.org/node/2018>

Secretary Wyman would like to offer the following statement:

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From: Michael, Brian [mailto:BMichael@king5.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from KING

Thank you

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Michael, Brian <BMichael@king5.com>
Subject: RE: Question from KING

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Hi Brian,

Yes, Secretary Wyman is participating in a call with Postmaster DeJoy. The call is coordinated by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). I do not have more details at this time, but information about a prior call a small group of NASS members participated in is here: <https://www.nass.org/node/1980>

NASS will be issuing a brief statement after the call, which I'm happy to pass along to you. Of course, I'll pass along any statement the Secretary releases, as well.

Kylee Zabel

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From: Michael, Brian [<mailto:BMichael@king5.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:50 AM

To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>

Subject: Question from KING

Hi,

Is Secretary Wyman participating in a conference call today with the Postmaster General?

If so, can you share some details?

Thanks,

Brian Michael
Assignment Editor
bmichael@king5.com



From: Zach Montellaro <zmontellaro@politico.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:32 PM EDT
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reaching out about USPS call

Awesome! (631) 204-8310.

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Zach Montellaro <zmontellaro@politico.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out about USPS call

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Great, she'll call at 2:15 PT. What's the best number for her to reach you?

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From: Zach Montellaro [<mailto:zmontellaro@politico.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reaching out about USPS call

Hello! Would love to grab the secretary then, even if it is just for five minutes. Really appreciate you all squeezing me in.

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Zach Montellaro <zmontellaro@politico.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out about USPS call

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Hi Zach,

Yes, Secretary Wyman will be on the call today. Her main focus will be the postcard and ways to improve communication moving forward.

I could get you a call with the Secretary at 2:15 p.m. PT today, but it would need to be a literal 5 minute interview. She's booked up all day today. If that time does not work, I'd be happy to follow up with a brief written statement as soon as we're able.

Thank you!
-Kylee

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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: Reaching out about USPS call

Hi Kylee,

This is Zach from POLITICO. Hoping you're having a good Wednesday! I'm reaching out about the call secretaries of state are having tomorrow with Postmaster General DeJoy that The Times reported on.

Wanted to reach out to see if y'all were sharing any more details about what Secretary Wyman plans on raising -- I saw she told the fine folks over at The Times about the postcard, but is there any other issues she anticipates raising?

Also, would love to talk to the secretary or someone from the office after the call tomorrow for how y'all think it went!

Zach

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:14 PM EDT
To: Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) <andy.sullivan@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: RE: USPS call

Hi Andy,

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From: Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) [mailto:andy.sullivan@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: USPS call

Hi Kylee,

I understand USPS Postmaster DeJoy just held a call with secretaries of state – I'd love to get your reaction if possible. Thanks!

From: Zabel, Kylee <kylee.zabel@sos.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:30 PM
To: Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) <andy.sullivan@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Public Records <publicrecords@sos.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters News query -- inaccurate USPS mailer on voting by mail

Hi Andy,

We learned of the mailer after they had already entered the mail stream, and they arrived in Washington mailboxes and P.O. boxes this weekend, starting on Friday, Sept. 11. As such, our first action item was to communicate to Washingtonians that they do not need to request a mail-in ballot.

Lori Augino, who serves as our state Elections Director and the president of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), sent the attached letter to USPS, as well.

No further action is planned at this time.

Kylee Zabel

Communications Director

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From: Sullivan, Andy R. (Reuters) [<mailto:andy.sullivan@thomsonreuters.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:42 AM

To: Communications <communications@sos.wa.gov>

Subject: Reuters News query -- inaccurate USPS mailer on voting by mail

Hi folks,

I see your news release from Friday clarifying that WA voters don't need to request a mail in ballot, as the USPS says in a mailer.

Colorado says they asked USPS to delay sending the mailer in that state, but USPS refused. They're suing to prevent its distribution.

Can you tell me whether your office has also asked USPS not to send out the notice in your state?

Has this created confusion among voters in your state?

Are you planning any further action?

Thank you,

Andy Sullivan

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