

Subject: Public Information Request - (TX-COLLIN-24-0355)

Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 at 12:32:39 PM Eastern Daylight Time

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To: AO Records

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DW Jackson, PIO

Please click the following link to download your files:

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From: [Tara Schulte](#)
To: [Chris Hill](#)
Cc: [Debbie Lindstrom](#)
Subject: Election Integrity Follow-up/invitation
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 4:22:28 PM
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Good afternoon, Judge Hill,

I wanted to reach out and ask for a meeting with you and Debbie Lindstrom for next week to discuss any progress or update that has been made concerning the August 28th Election Integrity agenda item. I know you made a motion to look into another location for the election's office, a motion was made to remove the IDRAC8, and you agreed to advocate for sequentially numbered ballots among other items agreed upon.

I also would like to see if you had read our answers to the election office's response and if you had any feedback to offer? It is important to us and the Citizens that communication on this topic continue and like you mentioned in a previous email this was 2nd in importance to Public Safety, so we know it is important to you as well.

On another note, we would like for you to join us in celebrating our 1- year anniversary being established in Collin County. We will be kicking off our "Ignite The Church" series and will have a prayer and worship time at the Bella Donna Chapel. I will provide the link below for your convenience or just let me know if you would like to join us.

<https://cdf-collin-county.ticketleap.com/ignite-the-church-series/>

	<h2>IGNITE THE CHURCH SERIES</h2>
	<p>IGNITE THE CHURCH SERIES Please join Collin County Citizens Defending Freedom as we kick off our Ignite The Church Series. We will be praying for our County, our Nation, the upcoming elections, for Parental values in schools, and Freedom. We will invite leaders in cdf-collin-county.ticketleap.com</p>

Respectfully,
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From: [Debbie Lindstrom](#)
To: [Chris Hill](#); [Cheryl Williams](#); [Susan Fletcher](#); [Duncan Webb](#); [Darrell Hale](#)
Cc: [Tara Schulte](#)
Subject: Election Local Security Vulnerability
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Date: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:03:58 PM
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Forgot to include Debbie on this correspondence.

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To: dindstrom@ccdfusa.com; mikegrilz@gmail.com; mgrilz@yahoo.com; sayres@ccdfusa.com; avisn@yahoo.com; markbrugge@gmail.com; patriotlwbm@gmail.com; tschulte@ccdfusa.com
Subject: Follow Up
Date: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:50:02 PM
Attachments: [20210728 Getting the Facts Straight about Modems and Texas.pdf](#)
[20230909 Accurately counting paper ballots next to impossible \(thefacts.com\).pdf](#)
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Subject: Follow Up: Farmersville Rotary
Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:38:20 PM
Attachments: [Presentation.pdf](#)

Thank you for joining us today at Farmersville Rotary.

Please find today's presentation attached.

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From: [Tara Schulte](#)
To: [Chris Hill](#)
Cc: [Debbie Lindstrom](#)
Subject: Follow-up to Elections Meeting 3/20/2024
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024 12:24:10 PM
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Good Afternoon Judge Hill,

Thank you for meeting yesterday and collaborating on ways we can work toward improving confidence in our Election process. It was encouraging to hear your insights from Bob Hall's presentation and Russ Ramslands meeting. We believe both are Champions of Election Integrity and have important information to share with the community and those in charge of our election process.

Although we may not fully be on the same page, I do think we agreed on a few key issues we can work toward:

- You and Bruce were opened to Sequentially Numbered Ballots, and you were going to check on the logistics of making that happen for the General election
- We agreed that Verifiability through a rigorous auditing process is important, and we are working on a list of items we believe need to be audited. This will take us some time but will get a list to you soon.
- We also discussed the potential for hand marking ballots

As discussed, there was a question on whether the DS200 would accept hand marked paper ballots. We have discovered that they do. According to <https://verifiedvoting.org/election-system/ess-ds200/> "The ES&S DS200 is a ballot scanning device. It is used in jurisdictions in which voters hand mark paper ballots and/or use ballot marking devices then hand-feed their paper ballots into a scanner." The next step to using the DS200 for hand marking the ballot is to figure out what all is needed to make this happen. Could you ask Bruce and collaborate with us on this matter?

Thank you again for your time yesterday and we look forward to future collaborations with you.

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From: [Tara Schulte](#)
To: [Chris Hill](#)
Subject: Friday meeting/info requested
Date: Monday, October 9, 2023 1:02:55 PM
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[PlanoISDBooks 10-2-23.xlsx](#)

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Good Afternoon Judge Hill,

Thank you for a productive meeting with Debbie and me on Friday. We are following up with Bruce and will let you know what we find out.

I also want to follow up with the information you asked for regarding the sexually explicit books in Plano ISD and a few board meeting time/dates across the county.

The following link will take you to the Plano ISD website where they post book challenges and their decision regarding each book. I believe all but 2 on this list were challenged all at once by a group of Plano ISD parents on May 5, 2023.

The good news since the school board met last Tuesday, you will see that several decisions to "retain" some of the books have now been "updated" to say "Deselected: Collection Maintenance." While we need to clarify with the district what that means and why they wouldn't just change to say "removed," we are hopeful this means they are starting to re-think their original decision to keep them.

Here is the link:

<https://www.pisd.edu/Page/30136>

I've attached a copy of a screenshot from this same page that was taken on the night of Monday, Oct. 2 that shows there have been changes since the school board meeting. (you can ignore the highlights as those were just for internal use)

Additionally, you asked for dates of a few upcoming school board meetings:

McKinney - Oct. 23 and Nov. 13 @ 6pm

If you'd like to sign up to speak, visit this link by Noon the day of the meeting and register to speak: <https://www.mckinneyisd.net/about-misd/board-of-trustees/board-meeting-schedule/> **You cannot sign up when you get there.**

Frisco - Oct. 10 and Nov. 13 @ 6:30pm

You can sign up to speak on arrival but must be before the meeting starts at 6:30pm

Plano - Nov. 8 and Dec. 12, start time varies each month but usually starts at either 5:30 or 6pm.

To speak you must sign up **an hour before the meeting starts** but since that changes from month to month, I recommend signing up no later than 4pm using this

link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_QJA33sXEcf92eOFF4kDsfLFUDcA7_AWA7kMPpqiezRTgqw/closedform. **You cannot sign up to speak when you arrive, despite their website saying that you can.**



Plano ISD Board Meetings – Public Comment Sign-Up

The Plano ISD Board of Trustees values citizen participation through public comment at board meetings. Public comment is governed by district Policy BED(LOCAL). View School Board Meeting Schedule: www.pisd.edu/boardmeetings

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If you need anything else on this topic, please let us know.

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Good afternoon, Commissioner Hale,
I wanted to invite you to Citizen Defending Freedom's celebration of our 1-year anniversary in Collin County. We will have a time of prayer and worship at the beautiful Bella Donna Chapel in McKinney. I would like to personally invite you to join us. Below is the registration or feel free to respond to this email.

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From: [Chris Hill](#)
To: [Bruce Sherbet](#)
Cc: [Bill Bilyeu](#)
Subject: Judge Chris Hill Election Integrity Workshop
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 6:35:52 PM
Attachments: [20240117 Election Integrity Workshop Notes.pdf](#)

Bruce,

Here is my summary of my election integrity meeting on January 17. Please review and let's discuss.

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Subject: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:47:49 AM

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Good morning, Judge Hill,
Wanted to confirm a date on our schedule to have a follow up with you on the August 28th motions and CDF list.

Thursday before 3:00 or Friday morning we are available. If your schedule is full this week please send me a couple of dates for next week that work best for you.

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From: [Hilari Monk](#)
To: dindstrom@ccdfusa.com
Cc: [Chris Hill](#)
Subject: November 20, 2023 Commissioners Court Special Session Materials
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023 2:04:17 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Lindstrom,

Today's Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session meeting materials can be located on the following link:

<https://www.collincountytx.gov/Government/Commissioners-Court/agendas>

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,
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From: [Chris Hill](#)
To: [Tammy Warren](#)
Subject: Re: Bob Hall's ppt
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:16:36 PM

Yes, that's correct.

He prefers **hand-marked** paper ballots, but not **hand-counted**.

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From: Tammy Warren <tammywarren3109@gmail.com>
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To: Chris Hill
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It seems, from the powerpoint, that he wants to go all paper, like where you bubble in the box. I won't jump to conclusions - I haven't heard him speak - and this is the same presentation he gave at Golden Corridor.

But I did want to study his slides before he presented them, and it seems he wants to go full paper.

That is my guess. I will wait to listen.

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 3:04 PM Chris Hill <chill@co.collin.tx.us> wrote:

Tammy,

Thank you for sharing this.

I'm not sure what you mean by "preaching paper ballots."

Collin County already utilizes paper ballots in our elections. Do you mean something other than paper ballots?

I attended the Golden Corridor meeting last week where Senator Hall spoke, and he was very clear that hand-counting paper ballots would not be feasible in Collin County.

Please notice that I have removed Commissioners Hale and Fletcher from this email. We can not participate in a group email string lest we violate the open meetings act. You are certainly welcome to email all of us (even together). There is no violation for you. But we may not respond to a group email and discuss county business together.

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To: Chris Hill; Darrell Hale; susan votesusanfletcher.com
Subject: Bob Hall's ppt

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Anyway, if any of your plans change and you can be there April 9, let me know.

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Tammy

From: [Chris Hill](#)
To: [Tammy Warren](#)
Subject: Re: Bob Hall's ppt
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:03:54 PM

Tammy,

Thank you for sharing this.

I'm not sure what you mean by "preaching paper ballots."

Collin County already utilizes paper ballots in our elections. Do you mean something other than paper ballots?

I attended the Golden Corridor meeting last week where Senator Hall spoke, and he was very clear that **hand-counting** paper ballots would not be feasible in Collin County.

Please notice that I have removed Commissioners Hale and Fletcher from this email. We can not participate in a group email string lest we violate the open meetings act. You are certainly welcome to email all of us (even together). There is no violation for you. But we may not respond to a group email and discuss county business together.

Chris

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From: Tammy Warren <tammywarren3109@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:50 PM
To: Chris Hill; Darrell Hale; susan votesusanfletcher.com
Subject: Bob Hall's ppt

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Name: [redacted]
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Sincerely,
[redacted]

John Hill
10000 E. US 80
Suite 100
Dallas, Texas 75249
Phone: 972.440.1111

From: [redacted]
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Subject: [redacted]

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Sincerely, [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:15 AM
To: Chris Hill
Subject: [redacted]

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Respectfully,
By not performing the test, the IT department just looks like they are trying to hide something. We know that perception is not that you want and that all of us want transparency in our actions.

Respectfully,
CHRISTOPHER HILL
Executive Director

Collin County, TX
1400 17th Street, NW
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From: [Chris Hill](#)
To: [Debbie Lindstrom](#); [Tara Schulte](#)
Cc: [Bill Bilyeu](#)
Subject: Re: Election Local Security Vulnerability
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:19:19 AM
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[CC Speeches 231023.pdf](#)

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From: Debbie Lindstrom <dindstrom@ccdfusa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Chris Hill; Cheryl Williams; Susan Fletcher; Duncan Webb; Darrell Hale
Cc: Tara Schulte
Subject: Election Local Security Vulnerability

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networks secure.

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Respectfully,
TARA SCHULTE
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From: Tara Schulte <tschulte@collin.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:23 PM
To: Chris Hill <chill@collin.tx.us>
Cc: Debbe Lunden <lunden@collin.com>
Subject: Re: Election Meeting

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From: Chris Hill <chill@collin.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Tara Schulte <tschulte@collin.com>
Subject: Re: Election Meeting

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Chris

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From: Tara Schulte <tschulte@collin.com>
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To: Chris Hill
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From: Chris Hill
To: Tara Schulte
Cc: Chris Hill
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:29 AM
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See you there.
Chris

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From: Tara Schulte <tschulte@coffva.com>
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From: [Debbie Lindstrom](#)
To: [Bruce Sherbet](#)
Cc: [Tara Schulte](#); [Chris Hill](#)
Subject: Re: Follow up on Suggestions
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 10:42:13 AM
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cc: Tara and Judge Hill

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Debbie

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From: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
Sent: 09 October 2023 10:51
To: Debbie Lindstrom <dlindstrom@ccdfusa.com>
Cc: Tara Schulte <tschulte@ccdfusa.com>
Subject: RE: Follow up on Suggestions

Good morning, Debbie,

Please see below responses to your questions.

Thank you,

Bruce Sherbet
Elections Administrator
Collin County Elections
2010 Redbud Blvd Ste 102
McKinney, TX 75069

From: Debbie Lindstrom <dlindstrom@ccdfusa.com>
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To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
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2.

3. Register of Ballots Data for Early Voting.

- a. Is there a way to add the number of blank ballots issued to a location and the number of unused ballots on the EV Daily Report?
- b. This would help to account for all of the ballots during early voting. Our hope is that we can have the same Election Day Register of Ballots data documented during Early Voting on a daily basis. There may be another way to do this, but I was hoping that this would minimize the work for judges by just adding a line or two to a form they are already familiar with. We already use a form in early voting that documents on a daily basis the number of ballots that are used that day and the number of remaining unused ballots. The form is called the Early Voting Unused Ballot Accountability Form. (see attached)

4.

5. Increasing the Font size on the ballots.

- a. Have you been able to check on this to see if this is possible?
- b. Is there a way to use both sides of the ballot? I have directed staff to make sure we are using the largest font feasible on the ExpressVote ballot cards. The ballot marking devices can only print on the front side of the ballot.

6.

7. Changing the final wording on the BMDs to direct voters to check ballots and deposit them into the tabulators. Just following up to see if this is possible. I think it is a good suggestion and I have instructed staff to see what approvals are needed from the state so that we can change the wording on the ExpressVote BMD's. Our goal is to have the new wording in place by the March 2024 primary elections.

8. Place the Logic and Accuracy Testing notification on the front page of the Elections website. This has been done for the upcoming LAT test. Thank you!!

Thank you for taking the time to listen and answer.

Respectfully,
Debbie

DEBBIE LINDSTROM

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Bruce,

I want to appeal to you on why I think sequentially numbered ballots are important.

Although there may be an internal way for the election office to "audit" with the randomized number, there is not a way for citizens to easily audit with the Election Office method.

If we had sequentially numbered ballots, there would be one more check at polling locations to check the number of voters who checked in at the registration laptop, the number of voters who signed the sticker, the number of voters who were written on the poll list, the number of ballots that were run through the tabulators or spoiled AND this final number of how many ballots were used in the polling place. EX: If polling place A was assigned 1000 ballots, and they used 500 ballots exactly (tabulated and spoiled) based on the numbering, then they would turn 500 back into the office, and they could double-check that 500 voters checked in at registration, 500 names were written on the poll list, 500 stickers were signed, and 500 votes were tabulated. Using the sequentially numbered ballots would allow this quick check at the polling place and help them fill out the Register of Ballots Forms more easily.

I understand that you have authority for the ballots in the General elections. I really hope that you will reconsider.

To be clear, I really am fine with both methods (preprinted and random) being used in the election if that helps you in your auditing. I don't think there is anything in the law that would prevent two numbers on the ballots.

Judge Hill,

I hope that, as an accountant, you see the importance of sequentially numbered ballots and that for the 2024 general election, you will provide the necessary funds for us to move to the pre-printed ballots.

Since, as you stated in Court on Aug 28, elections are one of your top 2 duties in the county (public safety being #1), I hope that you will vote for whatever budget increase is necessary to accomplish this.

Thanks,

DEBBIE LINDSTROM

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From: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>

Sent: 17 October 2023 13:14

To: Debbie Lindstrom <dlindstrom@ccdfusa.com>

Cc: Tara Schulte <tschulte@ccdfusa.com>; Chris Hill <chill@co.collin.tx.us>; Bill Bilyeu <bbilyeu@co.collin.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Follow up on Suggestions

Good afternoon, Debbie,

I'm sorry but I respectfully disagree with you on this matter. My position has not changed from my email response to you on October 9 and during our discussions at the public logic and accuracy test last week regarding the pre-numbering of blank ballot stock. As stated in my October 9 email:

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I personally do not wish to relinquish custody of our already packaged blank ballot stock and send them back to ES&S for pre-numbering. I continue to maintain that our current method of numbering ballots is the most secure and auditable method.

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Subject: Follow up on Suggestions

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Bruce,
cc: Tara Schulte

Last Friday, Tara and I met with Judge Hill to get an update on our suggestions for election improvements.

We touched on the issues the court supported and that we understood you and your office were open to.

During our meeting, Judge Hill indicated that for most of these items, we would need to get an update from you. With that in mind, we have a few questions and comments below for you.

1. Sequentially numbered ballots.
 - a. Where are we on this?
 - b. Will this be done in the November election? The primary?
 - c. Judge Hill indicated that you might need more funding to procure the preprinted ballots. We would be happy to advocate for this in the commissioners' court if necessary. Just let us know how we can help make this happen. I have an inventory of over 1,000,000 blank ballot card stock that I will be using in the upcoming elections. I will include in my FY2025 budget, for commissioners court consideration and approval, the option of changing to pre-numbered ballots in future elections. I am still committed that our current method of numbering ballots is the most secure and auditable method but if the commissioners court wants to approve the additional \$100,000 plus each year for the pre-numbering method that will be implemented starting with the November 2024 general election.
- 2.
3. Register of Ballots Data for Early Voting.
 - a. Is there a way to add the number of blank ballots issued to a location and the number of unused ballots on the EV Daily Report?
 - b. This would help to account for all of the ballots during early voting. Our hope is that we can have the same Election Day Register of Ballots data documented during Early Voting on a daily basis. There may be another way to do this, but I was hoping that this would minimize the work for judges by just adding a line or two to a form they are already familiar with. We already use a form in early voting that documents on a daily basis the number of ballots that are used that day and the number of remaining unused ballots. The form is called the Early Voting Unused Ballot Accountability Form. (see attached)

- 4.
5. Increasing the Font size on the ballots.
 - a. Have you been able to check on this to see if this is possible?
 - b. Is there a way to use both sides of the ballot? I have directed staff to make sure we are using the largest font feasible on the ExpressVote ballot cards. The ballot marking devices can only print on the front side of the ballot.
- 6.
7. Changing the final wording on the BMDs to direct voters to check ballots and deposit them into the tabulators. Just following up to see if this is possible. I think it is a good suggestion and I have instructed staff to see what approvals are needed from the state so that we can change the wording on the ExpressVote BMD's. Our goal is to have the new wording in place by the March 2024 primary elections.
8. Place the Logic and Accuracy Testing notification on the front page of the Elections website. This has been done for the upcoming LAT test. Thank you!!

Thank you for taking the time to listen and answer.

Respectfully,
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Luke 8:17

On Mon, Oct 2, 2023, 7:26 PM Chris Hill <chill@co.collin.tx.us> wrote:

Mark,

Earlier today, you shared with me [in front of a room full of witnesses, including three law enforcement officers] that you possess evidence of election fraud that occurred in Collin County in the last election. I told you [in front of a room full of witnesses, including three law enforcement officers] that I considered that to be a very serious allegation, and I also stated that it was the first time I have ever heard you make that declaration.

Just in case there was any confusion earlier today, let me state it again. This is a very serious allegation. We are - all of us - working together towards the shared goal of improving election integrity and defending against election fraud in Collin County. If in fact you possess evidence of election fraud in Collin County, I expect you to share that evidence with the appropriate authorities.

I am absolutely seeking to understand your intentions and the extent of your knowledge of criminal behavior. Unless I misunderstand you, it seems that you are now communicating that you promised not to disclose what you know and/or possess.

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Chris

Your response speaks volumes.
You are not seeking to understand. You're trying to box me in.

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You signed an agreement not to disclose the evidence you have regarding fraud that occurred in Collin County during the 2022 election?

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Thank you.

I felt many of your comments and suggestions were helpful. However you came across like a bully when you tried to get me to commit to testifying in public comments about facts that I am not comfortable about expressing in public comment. I also felt like you were being dismissive when you refer to being out in left field. You were not in the office with me and the sheriff in a few other officials/ experts/ witnesses ECT. If the Sheriff had made some comment to you that led you to make this comment, I cannot speak to that. The sheriff has a great deal of responsibility and competing interest. I believe the sheriff is always striving to do the right thing. We all have a role to play.

In regards to our conversation about laws being broken. There are many people in that room that are working on different projects both collectively and separately. Do not make any assumptions about my comments other than specifically what I stated.

I personally have witnessed evidence that I believe would stand up in a court of law of crimes in regarded the elections. Whether or not someone has committed a crime that decision is up to a prosecutor, judge, and jury. Having stated that there are many different groups of people I'm working with and they don't all know each other. I don't know all that they are working on as well.

Some of us may have signed NDAs.

This is much bigger than just me or Citizens Defending Freedom.

One example is exposing Colony Ridge. Nobody in court today was involved in this effort other than me. See attached picture. I took helicopter rides along with Ann Vandersteel, Michael Yon, 2 congressmen Luttrell / Babin and along with others including a local sheriff. This is all connected directly or indirectly. We are at war and "the enemy is inside the gate."

There are people with inside the government and outside the government working to expose all this. Such as doctors, scientists, former agents of three letter agencies such as the FBI, CIA, and DEA.

Read article below.

TX AG Ken Paxton is back and his first order of business is dismantling illegal immigrant colony near Houston.

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Good Afternoon Judge Hill,

Thank you for a productive meeting with Debbie and me on Friday. We are following up with Bruce and will let you know what we find out.

I also want to follow up with the information you asked for regarding the sexually explicit books in Plano ISD and a few board meeting time/dates across the county.

The following link will take you to the Plano ISD website where they post book challenges and their decision regarding each book. I believe all but 2 on this list were challenged all at once by a group of Plano ISD parents on May 5, 2023.

The good news since the school board met last Tuesday, you will see that several decisions to "retain" some of the books have now been "updated" to say "Deselected: Collection Maintenance." While we need to clarify with the district what that means and why they wouldn't just change to say "removed," we are hopeful this means they are starting to re-think their original decision to keep them.

Here is the link:

<https://www.pisd.edu/Page/30136>

I've attached a copy of a screenshot from this same page that was taken on the night of Monday, Oct. 2 that shows there have been changes since the school board meeting. (you can ignore the highlights as those were just for internal use)

Additionally, you asked for dates of a few upcoming school board meetings:

McKinney - Oct. 23 and Nov. 13 @ 6pm

If you'd like to sign up to speak, visit this link by Noon the day of the meeting and register to speak: <https://www.mckinneyisd.net/about-misd/board-of-trustees/board-meeting-schedule/> **You cannot sign up when you get there.**

Frisco - Oct. 10 and Nov. 13 @ 6:30pm

You can sign up to speak on arrival but must be before the meeting starts at 6:30pm

Plano - Nov. 8 and Dec. 12, start time varies each month but usually starts at either 5:30 or 6pm.

To speak you must sign up **an hour before the meeting starts** but since that changes from month to month, I recommend signing up no later than 4pm using this

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Plano ISD Board Meetings – Public Comment Sign-Up

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If you need anything else on this topic, please let us know.

Respectfully,

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Thank you, Tara.

I have received your updated version. Thank you for the clarification, and thank you for copying Mr. Sherbet on this email.

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Thank you, Judge Hill, for your response. I have attached the Final Copy of the report to this email, which I failed to do so in my previous correspondence! Thank you for pointing this out. I talked to Debbie and the Preliminary Report you were given did have additional pages, but due to formatting changes it made it shorter in the Final Copy, but the content is the same, except; for the additional information included on page 16. Hopefully, this helps clarify.

As it pertains to who received this report, I'm happy to include Bruce Sherbet in this correspondence and he will receive the Final Report copy here. If you think there are others who would be helpful in reading this report and in guiding changes, please let me know and I can forward to them as well. We hope to receive an update once everyone has read the report.

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Hello, Tara and Debbie.

Thank you for your follow-up.

I'm not entirely certain of your meaning so I am responding to clarify.

You mentioned that "we have added a page (16) at the end of the Report." Your original report was 17 pages. Are you simply referring to the original page 16 (of 17 total pages), or are you communicating that you have added an additional page (i.e., a new page 16), bringing the total to 18 pages? If the latter, I do not have any additional pages or attachments.

Also, I want to remind you that I have no operational control over the Elections Office. As you know, the Elections Administrator is the statutory authority over all elections operations. With this in mind, I can not provide a status report on action steps taken in the Elections Office. I see that you have not included Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet on this email, and we discussed yesterday that you did not include him on the original email (sent February 19) either.

Thank you for taking the initiative to submit your feedback and to follow up.

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Thank you, Tara.

I have received your updated version. Thank you for the clarification, and thank you for copying Mr. Sherbet on this email.

Chris

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From: Tara Schulte <tschulte@ccdfusa.com>
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As it pertains to who received this report, I'm happy to include Bruce Sherbet in this correspondence and he will receive the Final Report copy here. If you think there are others who would be helpful in reading this report and in guiding changes, please let me know and I can forward to them as well. We hope to receive an update once everyone has read the report.

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I'm not entirely certain of your meaning so I am responding to clarify.

You mentioned that "we have added a page (16) at the end of the Report." Your original report was 17 pages. Are you simply referring to the original page 16 (of 17 total pages), or are you communicating that you have added an additional page (i.e., a new page 16), bringing the total to 18 pages? If the latter, I do not have any additional pages or attachments.

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Thank you for taking the initiative to submit your feedback and to follow up.

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Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:50:20 PM

I'm available this Friday (10/6) from 10:30-11:30am. Will that work for you?

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From: [Darrell Hale](#)
To: [Mark Brugge](#)
Subject: Re: Newsom signs law to limit counting ballots spurred by Shasta County | We are winning.
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:55:12 AM

So your movement helped to get a law created to bar hand counting?

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From: Mark Brugge <markbrugge@gmail.com>
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Cc: [Tara Schulte](#)
Subject: Re: Sequentially Numbered Ballots
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:23:46 AM
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Debbie,

Thank you for your email.

Mr. Sherbet recently confirmed that he has over 1,000,000 blank ballots in inventory, which will be sufficient for the remaining 2024 elections. Before Mr. Sherbet orders new ballots, he will include an increase in funding for pre-numbered ballots in his next budget submission. I have pledged that I will support this budget request and will support the shift to -pre-numbered paper ballots.

Chris Hill

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From: Debbie Lindstrom <dlindstrom@ccdfusa.com>
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Subject: Sequentially Numbered Ballots

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We would like an update on how to make this happen for November 2024.

Also, I see that Tara sent an email on the L&A report, but we have not received an update from Bruce yet and would like one.

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