Attachment D: Vote Anomaly

I attended the Somerset Estates homeowner meeting March 20, 2018. Before the meeting, I was given proxies by two neighbors: The Searls and Burnetts, both of Cattail Drive. I signed the sign-in register three times and received three ballots, one for me and two for my proxies.

As the master of ceremonies, I was very busy with organizing and delivering the presentation. When I wasn't presenting, I variously sat and stood in the vicinity of the front table.

At one point during the meeting, a woman resembling Richelle Burnett sat at the table across from me. Thinking Richelle was attending to cast her own ballot, I openly offered her one of the three blank ballots in my possession. To my surprise, she held up her own blank ballot. I was confused. If she was Richelle, she should not have been given another ballot because I'd already claimed a ballot for the Burnett household. The meeting was ongoing. I kept all three ballots with the intention of clarifying the situation after the presentation and before the vote.

After the homeowner presentation concluded, I looked for the woman to clear matters up, but she was not present. I asked around for Richelle Burnett and was told she was not present. It then occurred to me the woman to whom I offered the ballot was not Richelle.

As the vote continued, I was left with a dilemma since I couldn't be sure whether the Burnett vote had been cast or whether I still needed to cast the vote. Since I couldn't be sure, I elected to place the ballot in the box unmarked. This ballot was recorded and shown on the full spreadsheet as "Ballot A" with no votes for any candidate.

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