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SKAGIT COUNTY, WA 2020 ELECTION AUDIT

**AUDIT FINDINGS UPDATE:
PHYSICAL SECURITY**

DATE: APRIL 30, 2021

BY: CODY R. HART

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AUDITORS OFFICE



- *This Audit update will focus on the 2020 Skagit County election physical security audit findings*
- *Review evidence of ballot box security concerns*
- *Review surveillance system concerns*
- *Review Homeland Security compliance concerns*



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BALLOT BOX SECURITY CONCERNS

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On Sunday, October 18, 2020, 3:05:37 PM PDT,
Dianna [redacted] <diannacornelius@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi Carol,

I sent an email to auditor's office about this but thought I would run it by you.

Put my ballot in box at the courthouse. Box was crammed full. Anyone could have taken some ballots using their fingers or a tool

Of some kind. This was probably about 2:00 this afternoon.

Can you think of anyone I could call with this info? There must be a pick-up schedule.

Dianna [redacted]

From: Carol Sullivan <carolosully@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 7:38 PM
To: Dianna [redacted] <diannacornelius@hotmail.com>
Cc: David E. Cunningham <davidec@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: Re: courthouse ballot box

Hi, Dianna.

I know they have a schedule for collecting ballots, but here's the contact information for David Cunningham, who is deputy county auditor (Sandy Perkins is the County Auditor)

I also took the liberty of forwarding your message directly to Mr. Cunningham.

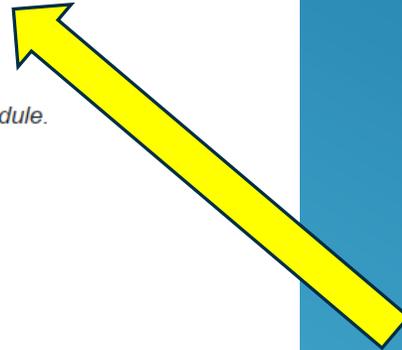
David Cunningham:
360-416-1715
sselections@co.skagit.wa.us

Thanks for making the right people aware of this problem!

Carol

BALLOT BOX SECURITY CONCERNS

HOW COULD
THIS BE
ALLOWED TO
HAPPEN?



-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Sandy Perkins <sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>; David E. Cunningham <davidec@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: Ballot Box question

Sandy and Dave,

I'm concerned about another weekend of overflowing ballot boxes and am wondering if the phone number on the ballot boxes is being forwarded to one of you?

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Perkins <sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 8:50 AM
To: [REDACTED] David E. Cunningham <davidec@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: RE: Ballot Box question

Hi [REDACTED]

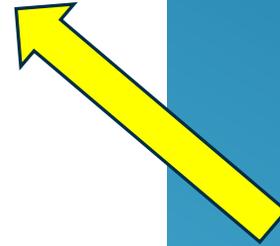
The number listed on the box is our main office number and we will make sure that is forwarded this weekend. All ballot boxes (with the exception of Sauk-Suiattle, due to low volume), will be emptied today and again tomorrow (Sat.).

Sandy

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BALLOT BOX SECURITY CONCERNS

MULTIPLE
PEOPLE
CONCERNED!



2020 AUDIT SUSPECTS OVER 1000 ALTERED SKAGIT COUNTY BALLOTS FOUND

April 16, 2021



Although my March 1st 2020 Audit report has shocked residents across the state by [proving widespread election fraud](#), I have actually found much more evidence of Skagit County election fraud than I was able to release at that time and until now has not been shared with anyone.

BALLOT BOX SECURITY CONCERNS

WHY HASN'T THE AUDITOR ISSUED A PUBLIC EXPLANATION FOR THIS?

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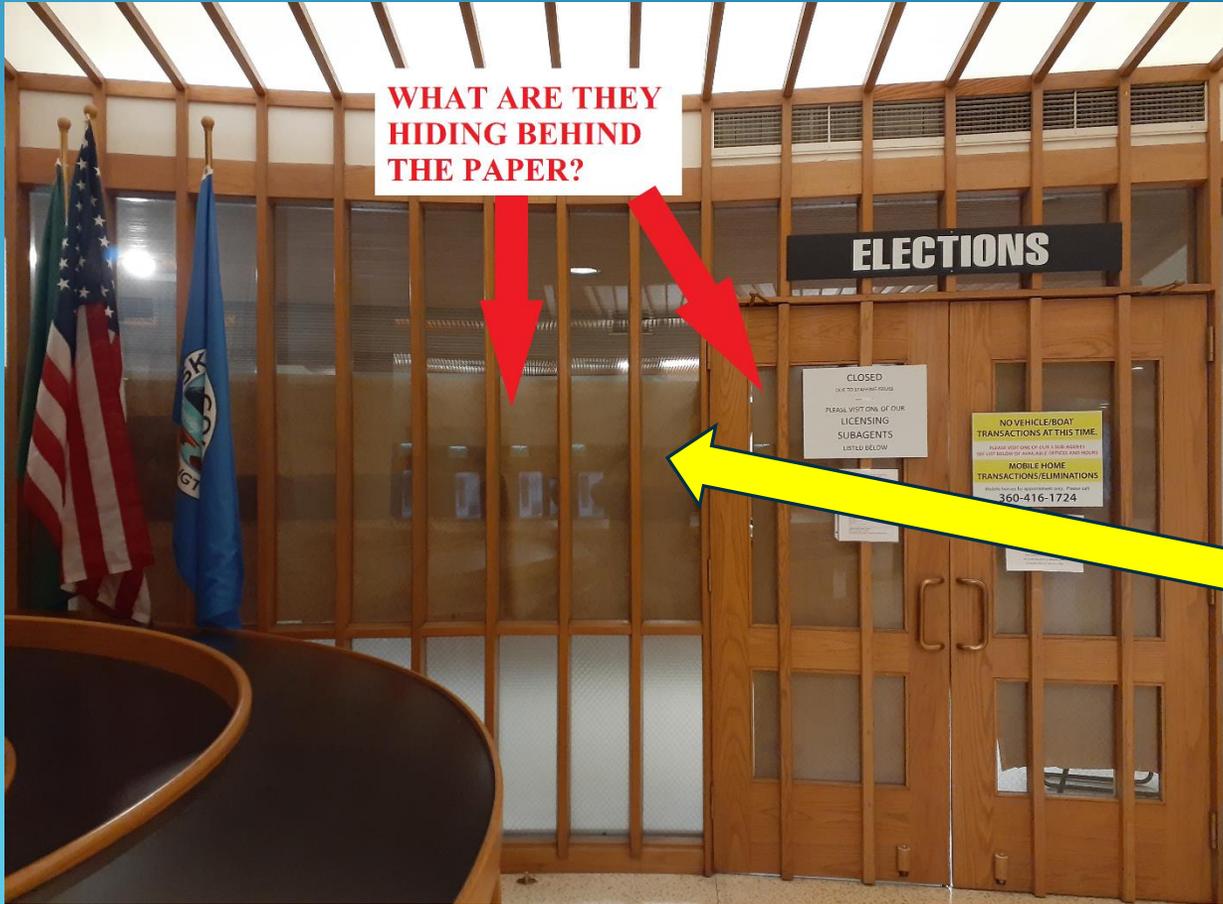


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SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

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**WHAT ARE THEY
HIDING BEHIND
THE PAPER?**

**SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEM CONCERNS**

**BLOCKING OF
WINDOWS IS
SUSPICIOUS
BEHAVIOR !**

Records Request 21-0007

1 message

LFWorkflow@co.skagit.wa.us <LFWorkflow@co.skagit.wa.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:05 AM

Reply-To: publicrecordsofficer@co.skagit.wa.us

To: [REDACTED]

Summary of Request

Phone -

Request

I request the electronic copy of audio video recordings of the Auditors election office lobby for November 4th and November 5th 2020.

I am able to bring an electronic storage device (external hard drive) for download of the files

PRR 21-0007

2 messages

Gabrielle K. Clay <gabriellec@co.skagit.wa.us>

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 1:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Sandy Perkins <sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>, Cori Russell <corir@co.skagit.wa.us>, Keith Luna <kluna@co.skagit.wa.us>, Stevee Kivi <skivi@co.skagit.wa.us>

Mr. Hart,

We do not have cameras in the lobby area of the Auditor's Office.

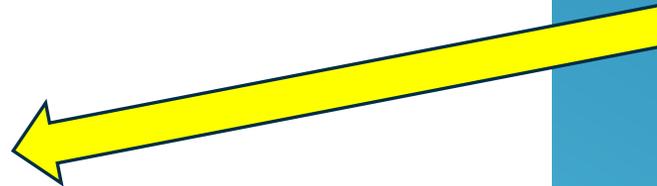
This request is now considered closed.

Thanks,
Gabrielle

~~~~~  
Gabrielle Clay - CEA | Elections Supervisor  
Elections Department | Skagit County Auditor's Office  
Phone 360-416-1716 | E-mail [gabriellec@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:gabriellec@co.skagit.wa.us)  
Fax 360-419-1699 | Website [www.skagitcounty.net/elections](http://www.skagitcounty.net/elections)

# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

## THIS JUST DIDN'T MAKE SENSE?





# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

**CAMERA SEEN  
HANGING FROM  
CEILING  
THROUGH THESE  
DOOR**

## Meeting Questions, Responses, and Notes

Date: February 3, 2021  
Time: 1315 to 1415  
Location: Office of County records manager Cori Russell, Mount Vernon, WA  
Attendees: In Person: Cody Hart and Cori Russell  
Via Video: Auditor Sandy Perkins and Election Manager Gabrielle Clay  
By: Cody Hart 

- Why is there no video from the Auditor / Election office camera #61 available to be viewed?  
*Auditor indicated the Camera was set up poorly and the video footage was not usable because it had glare from windows and did not capture the area it was intended to capture making its footage useless.*
  - When was this Camera working?  
*Auditor: Uncertain of the exact date*
  - Was this camera working during the election in November?  
*Auditor: Yes*
  - Where is the footage from this Camera?  
*Auditor: Because the footage was not useful, 30 days after recording, the footage was destroyed.*
- Why where the election office windows and doors covered with paper?  
*Auditor indicated the paper was placed to prevent a perception that the office was open to the public and to direct the public to the help desk outside of the office doors.*

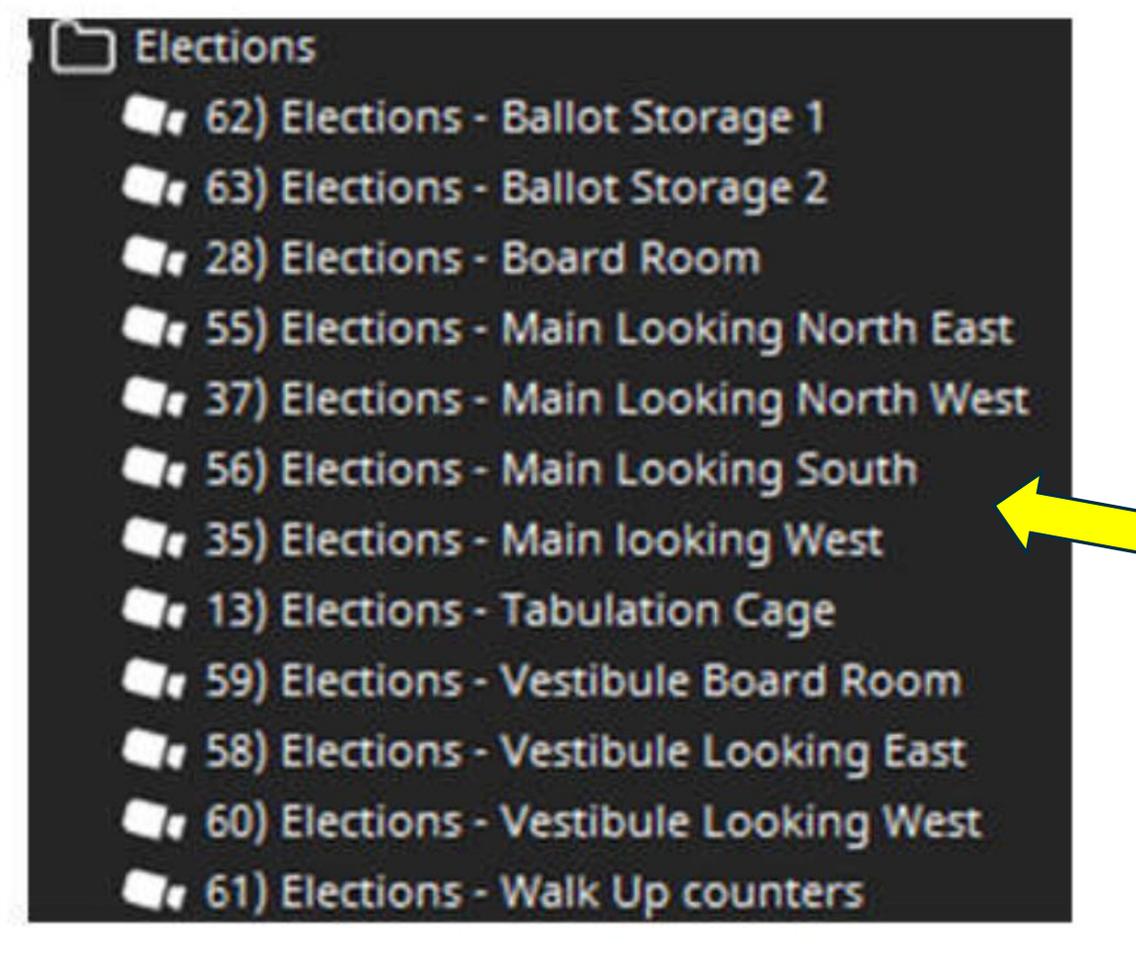
# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

## THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE?



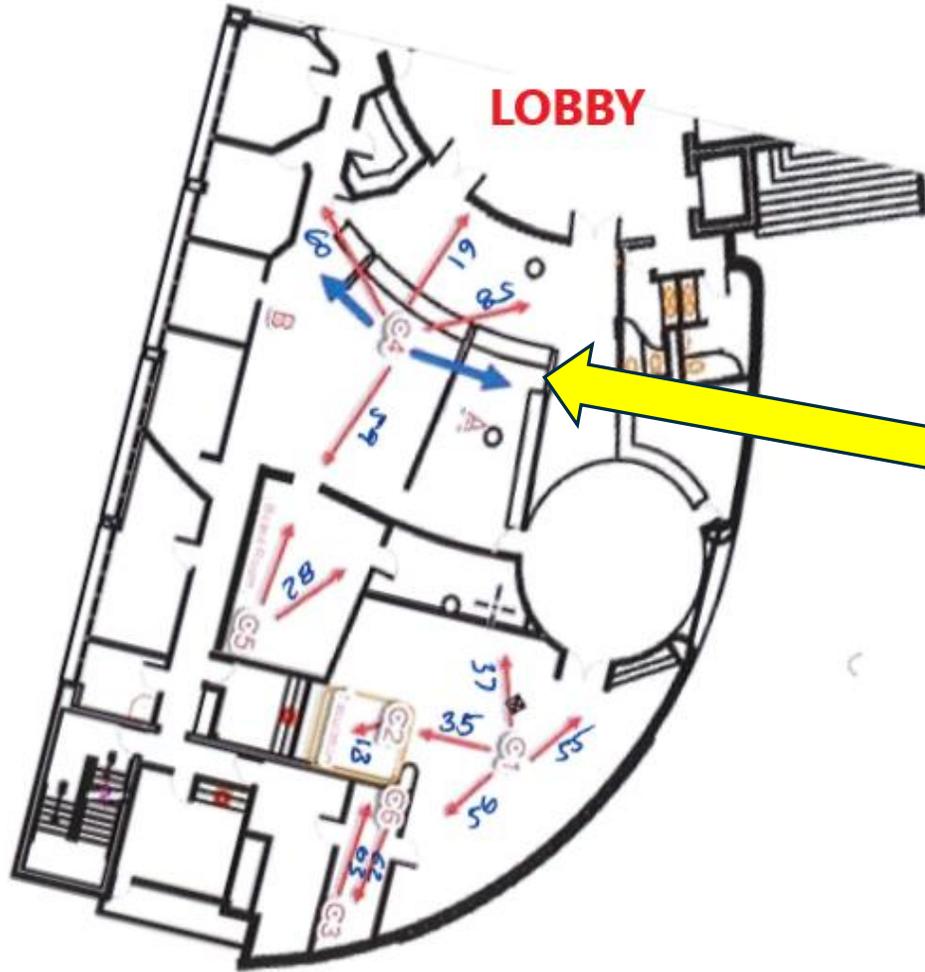
# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

FIRST THERE  
ARE NO  
CAMERAS  
NOW THERE  
ARE 12?

- 
- 62) Elections - Ballot Storage 1
  - 63) Elections - Ballot Storage 2
  - 28) Elections - Board Room
  - 55) Elections - Main Looking North East
  - 37) Elections - Main Looking North West
  - 56) Elections - Main Looking South
  - 35) Elections - Main looking West
  - 13) Elections - Tabulation Cage
  - 59) Elections - Vestibule Board Room
  - 58) Elections - Vestibule Looking East
  - 60) Elections - Vestibule Looking West
  - 61) Elections - Walk Up counters

# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

**CAMERA  
HANGING  
FROM CEILING  
IS 58, 60, AND  
61?**



From: Brian Bettger <[bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:16 AM  
To: Sandy Perkins <[sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Cc: Mike Almvig <[mikea@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Subject: IR-8737| RE: Saved Election Video

Sandy,

Below is the list of all cameras and dates of archived footage in Elections as you directed.

|           |               |                                  |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Camera 13 | 10/30 - 11/23 | Elections - Tabulation Cage      |
| Camera 28 | 10/30 - 11/23 | Elections - Board Room           |
| Camera 35 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Main Looking West    |
| Camera 55 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Main Looking East    |
| Camera 56 | 10/30 - 11/23 | Elections - Main Looking South   |
| Camera 59 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Vestibule Board Room |
| Camera 63 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Ballot Storage 2     |

From: Brian Bettger <[bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:55 AM  
To: Sandy Perkins <[sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Cc: Mike Almvig <[mikea@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Subject: RE: IR-8737| RE: Saved Election Video

Sandy,

Now that I had been asked to eliminate all other footage during this time frame, I am not able to selective create a package containing only a narrower time frame. We have archived footage of the entire range 10/30 through 11/23 and some out to 11/24 for each camera.

The camera 55 footage is 117 GB in size. Mike, do you know of a storage location we can drop a file of this size for Sandy to review that is secure where both Sandy and I have access to?

Personally, I recommend we purchase a USB attached storage drive where we can copy the files to for Sandy's review and use, as has been discussed. We'll keep the originals where they are, for the time being.

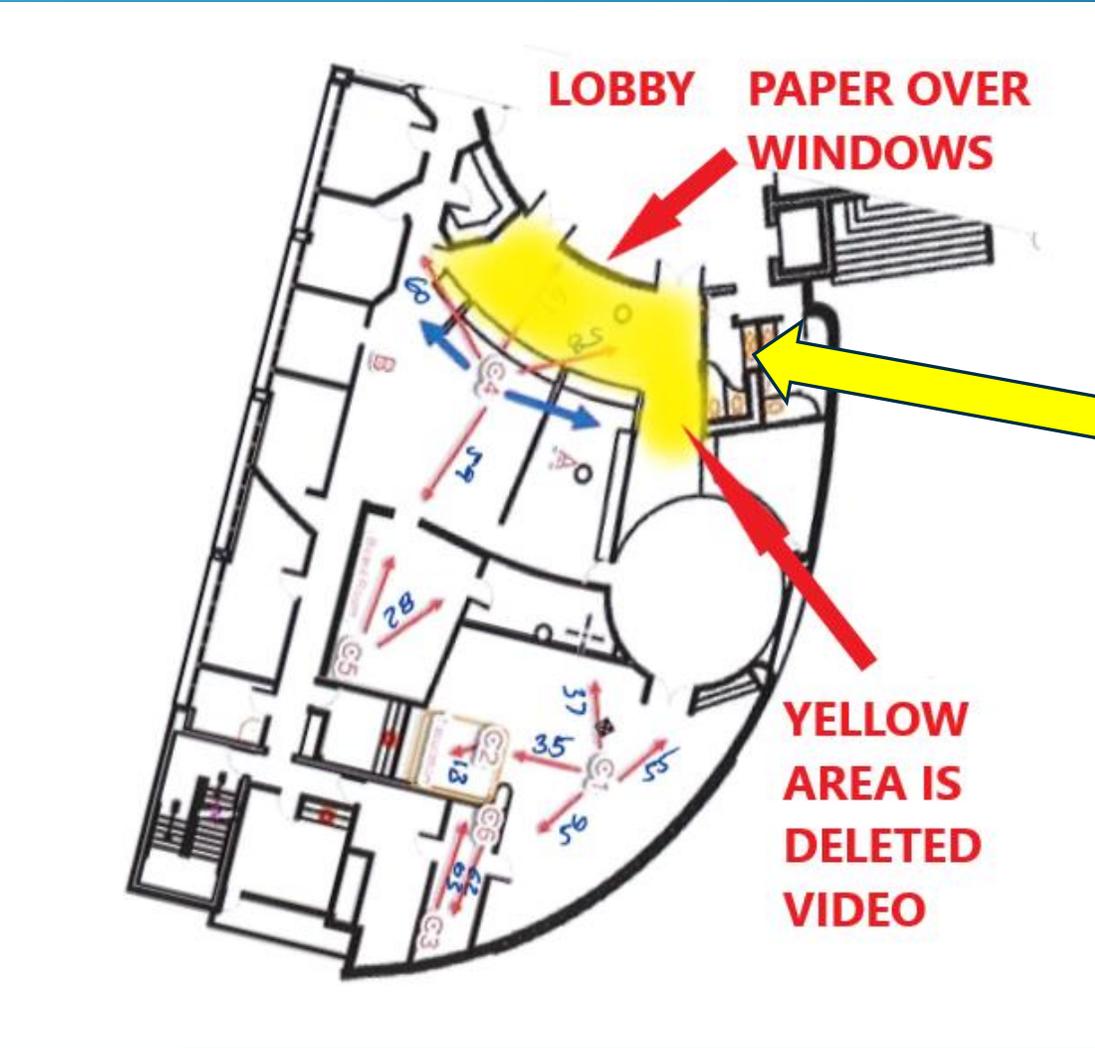
Brian

Brian Bettger  
Information Services  
Internal Extension 1122  
Outside Direct (360) 416-1122

# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

SUSPICIOUSLY  
CAMERA 58,  
60, AND 61  
WERE DELETED!





# SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS

ALL VIDEO OF LOBBY DELETED?

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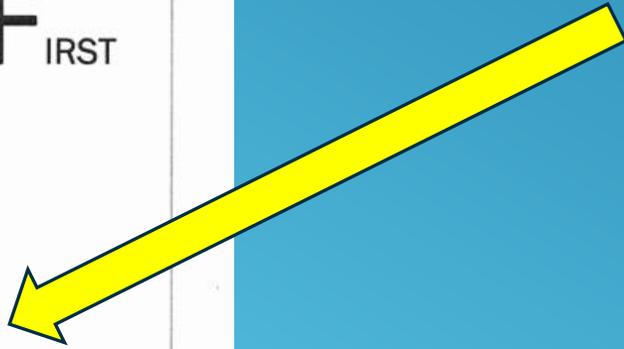
**S**ECURITY **A**SSESSMENT AT **F**IRST  
**E**NTRY

Skagit County Elections  
14 November 2019

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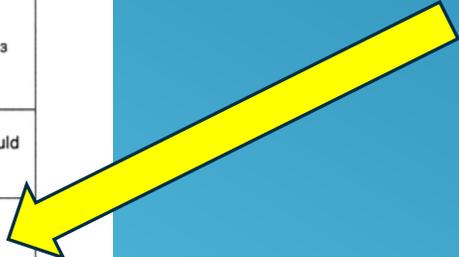
## SECURITY ASSESSMENT IN 2019



Vulnerabilities and Options for Consideration

| Category                      | Vulnerability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Options for Consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| First Preventers - Responders | The primary emergency medical response agency has not conducted an onsite visit of the facility. Onsite visits can familiarize first responders with the facility, key personnel, site layout, and other issues that would enhance incident response.                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite the agency to visit the facility. Provide a tour to familiarize first responders with the site layout. <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Establish annual onsite visits for first responders to maintain their familiarity with the facility. <sup>1</sup></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Resilience Management         | The loss of the ballot designs off the Tabulation Machines as they are stored in the cage                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store the design offsite, can they be emailed? Can they be backed up on the County Network? [REDACTED]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Resilience Management         | Not being able to print ballots, protection of information sent to printing vendor                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquire with your printing vendor on their cyber security, what is their COOP plans? Do they have an alternative location to print ballots?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Entry Controls                | The facility does not have a badging system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue photo ID badges to all employees. Implement a process for badge verification before employees gain access to the facility. Collect employee badges from terminated personnel. <sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Issue unique badges (e.g., color-coded) to visitors, contractors, vendors, cleaning crews, and temporary employees. Collect badges when visits are complete. <sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Require badges to be displayed at all times at the facility. <sup>2</sup></li> </ul> |
| Entry Controls                | The facility does not use a proximity card access system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore procuring a badge access system that allows proximity card access into the facility. This system could be procured as part of planned facility upgrades and enhancements. <sup>4</sup></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Entry Controls                | Facility personnel have unrestricted access throughout the site. Controls are not in place to restrict employee access to sensitive/critical areas (e.g., control rooms, server rooms, fuel or chemical storage areas, utility service areas) to only those with a valid need for admittance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas within the facility that need additional access controls. Implement controls (e.g., locks) for these areas as necessary. <sup>5</sup></li> <li>• Explore options to establish access levels to sensitive/critical areas using the existing keycard system. <sup>6</sup></li> <li>• Explore options to establish access levels to sensitive/critical areas using a keycard system. <sup>6</sup></li> </ul>                                                              |

RCW 4 Security



# HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

## MAJOR SECURITY ACCESS PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN NOV 2019

From: Sandy Perkins  
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:53 AM  
To: Mike Almvig <mikea@co.skagit.wa.us>  
Subject: Cameras operational?  
Importance: High

Hi Mike,

I just left you a VM on your cell phone. Over the weekend someone tried to pry open Youa's inventory drawer in Licensing. I'm wondering if the cameras are operational? That would sure help identify what happened.

Thank you.

Sandy Perkins, CFE  
Skagit County Auditor  
700 South Second St., Room 201  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
Ph. 360.416.1706 / Fax 360.416.1698  
sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us

From: Sandy Perkins <sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:05 AM  
To: Mike Almvig <mikea@co.skagit.wa.us>  
Subject: FW: Cameras operational?  
Importance: High

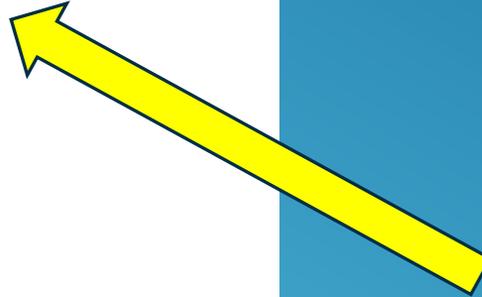
Nothing is missing from Youa's drawer full of licensing inventory and nothing else is missing or appears tampered with in our office. I don't think a police report is necessary. I would like to get the cameras running ASAP though.

Thank you!

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# HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

ONE YEAR AFTER  
HOMELAND  
SECURITY WARNING,  
BREAK IN  
CONFIRMED AND  
NOT REPORTED!



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| Category                           | Vulnerability                                                                                                                      | Options for Consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Electronic Security Systems - CCTV | The facility does not have a CCTV system. CCTV systems support surveillance of activities and events within and around a facility. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore the feasibility of installing a comprehensive CCTV system onsite. Site-specific factors must be considered when selecting components that comprise a particular CCTV system. For example, the size of the system, in terms of the number of cameras needed, is the minimum number required to view all electronic security system sensor detection fields. In addition, some cameras may require artificial light sources. Finally, performance criteria and physical, environmental, and economic considerations must be factored into the component selection.<sup>8</sup></li><li>• Consult Reference Manual to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings (FEMA 426/BIPS 06), available at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/st/st-bips-06.pdf">https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/st/st-bips-06.pdf</a>, for more information.<sup>9</sup></li></ul> |

#### Conclusion

This report provides a summary of key findings of the SAFE at your facility and may be used as a guide for the consideration and implementation of future security measures. Please contact your PSA, Allen Chung, DHS PSA, or DHS with any inquiries about the information contained in this report:

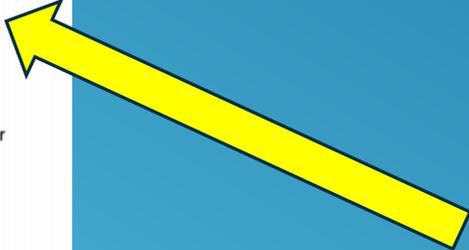
- Sandy Perkins, Facility Point of Contact  
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Phone: 360-416-1706
- Allen Chung, DHS PSA  
Email: [allen.chung@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:allen.chung@cisa.dhs.gov)  
Phone: 206-550-4012
- DHS CISA  
Email: [ISDAssessments@dhs.gov](mailto:ISDAssessments@dhs.gov)

#### Options for Consideration References

- <sup>1</sup> Walsh, T.J., and R.J. Healy, 2011, Protection of Assets: Security Management, M. Knoke, Ed., Alexandria, VA: ASIS International, p. 285-286.
- <sup>2</sup> DHS, 2011, Industry Protective Measures Report – Access Control Systems, p. 22.
- <sup>3</sup> DHS, 2011, Industry Protective Measures Report – Access Control Systems, p. 22-23.

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## CRITICAL CCTV SURVEILLANCE IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED

**From:** Mike Almvig <[mikea@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** Sandy Perkins <[sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us)>; Brian Bettger <[bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:bbettger@co.skagit.wa.us)>  
**Cc:** Brent Shepard <[brents@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:brents@co.skagit.wa.us)>; Tom Graham <[tomg@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:tomg@co.skagit.wa.us)>; Cori Russell <[corir@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:corir@co.skagit.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Elections | IR-8349 | Camera footage update

To meet the requirements in the document will require that we move the records onto another media storage. The Senstar system is not designed to retain records that have specific retention requirements. Federal Elections and Incidents have different retention times and our strategy has been do download the footage to another storage media and maintain the record there.

For example, if we had an incident that we needed to capture. We would download the video and perhaps store the incident video in Laserfiche and set it up there to ensure we meet the records retention requirements for the incident. That generally is not a lot of video footage in disk space, so not too much of an issue.

Meeting the Federal requirement of 22 months with Terabytes of data to be retained is a whole different problem. It could potentially be housed in LaserFiche if the Disk space is there and the system can support large files. I think that is what we look at first. Laserfiche disk usage is billable and I have no idea at this point what 8 TeraBytes of data would mean to the Elections budget. The good thing about LaserFiche is that it is built to retain digital records and has many safeguards built into it.

The other option is to move the video to a local (USB?) drive and put it on a shelf. This does not have the protections that LaserFiche has built into it and there is the possibility that the video could be lost for many different reason prior to the expiration of the retention period.

I am adding Brent, Cori and Tom to this email to get their thoughts on moving the data into Laserfiche for storage. WE will want to purge the data after the 22 month retention and will need to involve records if we go this route.

Mike

**HOMELAND SECURITY  
COMPLIANCE  
CONCERNS**

**RECORDS SHOW  
IN NOVEMBER, THE  
FEDERAL  
RETENTION TIME  
OF 22 MONTHS  
WAS KNOWN**

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**Cc:** Cori Russell <corir@co.skagit.wa.us>; Gabrielle K. Clay <gabriellec@co.skagit.wa.us>; Kristen Stubben <kristens@co.skagit.wa.us>; Clint G. Gayle <cgayle@co.skagit.wa.us>; Brent Shepard <brents@co.skagit.wa.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Elections | IR-8349| Camera footage update

Morning Team,

We could move the video files onto a USB drive. This is not my favorite option for a number of reasons. However, it is a cheap way to go. I have some other ideas for this as well...

Tom, could we look at procuring a lower cost storage media (such as NAS), for the purposes of storing digital media? Also, do you want to assign an engineer to work on a plan for this?

I understand from Brian that all of the video from the Presidential election came to under a TeraByte of data. That information is currently stored on our Storage Area Network disks. We could also look at procuring our Phase III security servers with a lot of extra disk space to store digital media? We have funding for the phase III project.

Also, I understand that retention is as follows. So every election we will need to work out a process with the Elections team to retain the data.

State elections – No Federal Candidates at 18 months

Federal Elections – 22 Months.

Brent talked about importing into LaserFiche and that the software would have some limitations. The largest being that you would still need to export the file from Laserfiche in order to view the video. I like using Laserfiche as it is designed to manage digital files for long term data management. i.e. we could set the retention on the files and make sure they get purged once the retention period is over. I would be open though to exploring this option as well if:

1. We can add cheaper storage to Laserfiche for Digital Media
2. We have a clearly defined and tested process for exporting digital media.

Thoughts?

Mike

# HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

## STATE RETENTION WAS 18 MONTHS!

## WHY WERE THE VIDEOS DELETED SO SOON? ALL OF OCTOBER?

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| Camera 55 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Main Looking East    |
| Camera 56 | 10/30 - 11/23 | Elections - Main Looking South   |
| Camera 59 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Vestibule Board Room |
| Camera 63 | 10/30 - 11/24 | Elections - Ballot Storage 2     |

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To: Sandy Perkins <[sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:sandyp@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Cc: Mike Almvig <[mikea@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us)<mailto:mikea@co.skagit.wa.us>>  
Subject: RE: IR-8737| RE: Saved Election Video

Sandy,

Now that I had been asked to eliminate all other footage during this time frame, I am not able to selective create a package containing only a narrower time frame.  
We have archived footage of the entire range 10/30 through 11/23 and some out to 11/24 for each camera.

The camera 55 footage is 117 GB in size. Mike, do you know of a storage location we can drop a file of this size for Sandy to review that is secure where both Sandy and I have access to?

Personally, I recommend we purchase a USB attached storage drive where we can copy the files to for Sandy's review and use, as has been discussed. We'll keep the originals where they are, for the time being.

Brian

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# HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

## COUNTING STARTED WEEKS BEFORE!

## WHY WAS ANY FOOTAGE

## ELIMINATED WHEN RETENTION KNOWN?

IV. CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 (items 1 through 42):

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Friday, May 29, 2020.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 1, 2020.
3. Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, June 4, 2020
4. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 8, 2020.
5. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, June 9, 2020.
6. Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

b) AUDITOR:

7. Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Secretary of State No. IG-6948 as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and provided for in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The purpose of this award is to "improve administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements" to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections. Total amount of award to Skagit County shall not exceed \$170,755.32. The subaward period commenced on December 21, 2019 and shall continue until September 30, 2024.

# HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

FUNDS ACCEPTED  
AND USED FOR CCTV  
SURVEILLANCE THAT  
WAS PROMPTLY  
DESTROYED! WHY  
EVEN INSTALL IT?



**CODY HART FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



# **SKAGIT COUNTY, WA 2020 ELECTION AUDIT**

## **PHYSICAL SECURITY AUDIT SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

**HOLDING LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABLE**

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish  
from the earth

# 2020 ELECTION AUDIT PHYSICAL SECURITY FINDINGS

- ✓ **BALLOT BOX SECURITY CONCERNS  
JUSTIFIED**
- ✓ **SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONCERNS  
JUSTIFIED**
- ✓ **HOMELAND SECURITY COMPLIANCE  
CONCERNS JUSTIFIED**
- ✓ **SKAGIT COUNTY PHYSICAL  
SECURITY CONCERNS JUSTIFIED**



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