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**November 3, 2020
Skagit County
Election Audit**

**Summary Report of Findings of
Election Violations**

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SECTION 1: Destruction of Federal Election Records by Skagit County Election officials

Background

In the months following the November 3, 2020 election, multiple records requests were submitted to the Skagit County Records office for election results, communications, videos, reports, and other data critical to performing an Audit of how the election was managed by County officials.

Among the many different records requested, it is believed that the request to examine video surveillance of in-person voter registration, ballot printing, and county election staff activities on and after Election Day would resolve multiple concerns raised by irregularities found in voter data described in subsequent sections of this report.

Very specifically, it was expected that video surveillance of the election office lobby work area would provide critical video confirmation of suspected fraud however, in response to related records request the County records office replied that they had been informed by the Auditors office there was no lobby video camera [1]. Since it was previously known that the County Auditor had used video surveillance to monitor the election ballot process and in fact refused to allow in person observers for the election, it seemed very likely that video of the desired area did exist so I requested a mapping of the auditor's cameras [1]. While my camera mapping request went unanswered, as found in the attached email correspondence I was informed by the records office that footage from other cameras was available that may resolve my request and an in-person inspection was scheduled [1].

On February 3, 2021 I performed an in-person inspection of the video footage the Auditor's office had made available to the County records office in Mount Vernon but was disappointed to find that the footage did not show the lobby area I was interested in. In hopes of better understanding the footage that did exist, I and the County records manager made an in-person inspection of the auditor's office entrance and were shocked to quickly identify a camera directed exactly where one would be expected, towards the lobby area. Subsequently, the County records representative indicated she would follow-up with the auditor and an afternoon meeting was scheduled to review the footage from the newly discovered camera later identified as Camera 61.

Upon my return to the County records office to inspect the newly discovered Camera 61 footage, I found myself in a video conference with the County Auditor Sandy Perkins and Election Manager Gabrielle Clay who stated all footage from the desired Camera 61 had been deleted. As documented in the attached summary meeting notes [2], I was informed that the footage of the lobby area had been deleted due to it being of low quality and while I did not indicate such in the meeting notes, the Auditors office indicated it was standard to delete footage after 30 days.

Understandably, having been first told there was no camera, then finding that there was a camera but that the camera footage was deleted has caused me to be skeptical of the Auditors responses so following the meeting I prepared meeting notes that I submitted directly to Auditor Perkins along with follow-up questions that have yet to be responded to [3]. Notably, following our video meeting the Auditor has refused all phone calls and it has been stated in records that she has been coordinating with legal counsel regarding my inquiry.

Findings

Following the County Auditors admissions that surveillance camera footage from the November 3, 2020 election did exist but has been destroyed, an investigation into Skagit County records was performed that has found the following;

1. The deleted video footage from camera 61 was one of multiple cameras contracted in June 2020 intended to increase security at the County election facility [4].
2. Camera 61 was found to be just one of the cameras at the critical lobby location that would have been considered responsive to the original January 4th records request however only camera 61 was acknowledged as existing in response to the records request [5].
3. Records indicate there were twelve cameras operational during the election beginning in mid-October [4].
4. Documentation from the Office of Secretary of State to Auditor Perkins confirms that prior to the video surveillance files being deleted, Auditor Perkins and multiple County Election officials were made aware there was a 22 month federal retention requirement for election video surveillance data [6]
5. Records indicate the Auditors office directed the deletion of five election camera video files in their entirety including cameras; 37, 58, 60, 61, and 62 [7].
6. The deleted video files provide the only video surveillance of the entrance and front working area to the election office after ballots enter the office but before they are viewable to the remaining surveillance cameras in the back rooms increasing the opportunity for undocumented ballot tampering by election officials [4].
7. Records indicate County employees outside the Election office expressed concern regarding the Auditor deviating from County video handling policy [8].
8. Of the saved seven video camera data files that still remain, weeks of recordings of ballot processing beginning in mid-October have also been found to have been deleted [7].

Conclusion

Based upon the events and findings as described above, adequate evidence exists to support the concern that federal election records for the November 3, 2020 election have been knowingly destroyed in violation of 52 USC and that multiple Skagit County Officials have participated.

SECTION 2: Evidence of Skagit County Voter Ballot Fraud

Background

Following the November 3, 2020 election and at the request of multiple residents of Skagit County, I began an independent audit of Skagit County's election results.

Although there are many aspects of the audit that will take months to complete, enough evidence has been gathered to issue the first formal audit findings as found below.

Findings

Utilizing the Comma Separated Value (CSV) election data files publicly available through the Washington Secretary of State for the November 3, 2020 election results, a file for all of the 90,590 Skagit County voters was prepared and used for the audit evaluation.

Among the many potential audit items considered for this evaluations large data group was the evaluation for statistically improbable data sequences. Unfortunately, with each of the over 90,590 voters having sixteen different categories of data listed in the state issued voter information tables, it is a difficult task to find the kind of sequence that raises flags but not impossible.

After a significant number of attempts, a statistically improbable sequence has been found in the Skagit County voter data that cannot occur naturally in an election and that is believed to prove manipulation of Skagit County's election did occur.

First, it is critical to understand recent changes to the state registration and ballot processing system that did not exist prior to 2019. Specifically, the County process to create ballots is now tied directly to the state database and as part of a new centralized database when a voter's ballot is approved to be printed as a new or replacement ballot, the state system timestamps the hour and minute of ballot generation creating a unique record for each occurrence.

Also, the state ballot process allows the voter themselves to access the state system through votewa.gov and change or print a ballot but only until the last minute of the election at 8:00 PM on election night. After 8:00 PM there is only one way to access the state ballot system that will create a new timestamp and that is through a secret on-line portal that the Office of Secretary of State provides to Election Officials with the expectation that voters may be in line for a ballot before 8:00 PM and in accordance with state law are entitled to have a ballot printed so they can vote.

Ballot ID	Voter ID	County	First Name	Last Name	Ballot Status	Sent Date
93732038	13047111	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/16/2020 13:16
93718719	13044604	Cowlitz			Rejected	11/4/2020 8:55
93716738	10708127	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/3/2020 19:40 ← DEADLINE
93716652	13044462	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/3/2020 19:38
93716349	12720640	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/3/2020 19:30
93716265	10799621	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/3/2020 19:28
93716202	13044271	Cowlitz			Accepted	11/3/2020 19:27

EXHIBIT 1 – Cowlitz County 2020 Example of two
Ballots after 8:00 PM (20:00) deadline

Next, using the state timestamp data for each county, an analysis can be performed to understand on a statewide basis, the magnitude of each counties late voting as shown in Exhibit 2.

2019 AND 2020 LATE VOTER ANALYSIS (UPDATED 3-21-21)

COUNTY	TOTAL 2019	VOTES AFTER ELECTION DEADLINE 2019	TOTAL 2020	VOTES AFTER ELECTION DEADLINE 2020
Adams	1399	0		
Asotin	2971	0		
Benton	21617	2		
Chelan	11583	14		
Clallam	15762	0		
Clark	37856	54	31948	78
Columbia	678	0	2523	0
Cowlitz	16343	1	60953	2
Douglas	4521	1	21485	5
Ferry	423	0	4430	1
Franklin	5792	2	33360	85
Garfield	418	0	1506	1
Grant	6040	0	38187	18
Grays Harbor	7471	2	38889	42
Island	13286	0	54593	55
Jefferson	6030	0	25022	16
King A - L			316703	988
King L - Z			326414	956
King A - Z	288851	3318		
Kitsap	33270	20	25022	16
Kittitas	7411	6	26899	79
Klickitat	4174	0	13726	1
Lewis	8342	0	45955	1
Lincoln	650	1	7126	2
Mason	7884	0	37676	11
Okanogan	2589	0	21721	4
Pacific	3015	2	14266	3
Pierce	87843	389	299661	852
Pend Oreille	1335	0	8645	1
San Juan	3733	0	13326	27
Skagit	21027	30	74035	344
Skamania	2103	1	7399	1
Snohomish	115630	367	305629	3565
Spokane				
Stevens	2719	0		
Thurston	44881	136	104474	382
Wahkiakum	393	0	3052	1
Walla Walla	7118	4	21874	19
Whatcom	44638	26	140312	455
Whitman	3129	0	21447	2
Yakima	8099	0	97385	34

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EXHIBIT 2 – 2019 and 2020 Late Voter Analysis

Notably, upon review of the county by county comparison of late timestamp data, Skagit County is among the highest rates of late time stamps in the state ranking it 2nd on per voter basis with over 340 instances occurring after the close of the election at 8:00 PM. Only following Snohomish County who had over three thousand instances ranked higher on late ballot time stamps.

Also recognizable in Exhibit 2 is that for an unknown reason the Secretary of State has not made all data available for many counties preventing similar comparisons.

Although the timestamp analysis is a likely indicator of manipulation of voter ballots, an additional and more significant anomaly was also found that on its own, would raise manipulation concerns but more astoundingly, it was found to have also correlated with the timestamp irregularity.

As shown in the below Exhibits 3 and 4, a review of Skagit County data has found that on four separate occasions, ballot record timestamps aligned in sequence, with alphabetical groups of 192 ballots on the last day and hours of ballot processing by the Skagit County election department.

Voter ID	County	First Name	Last Name	Sent Date	Received Date
4095641	Skagit		ZITKOVICH	11/20/2020 15:27	11/20/2020 0:00
12925969	Skagit		WALTERS	11/20/2020 15:26	11/20/2020 0:00
4116112	Skagit		WANTLAND	11/20/2020 15:25	11/20/2020 0:00
12501225	Skagit		WAKEFIELD	11/20/2020 15:24	11/20/2020 0:00
4139588	Skagit		WILLIS	11/20/2020 15:23	11/20/2020 0:00
4139503	Skagit		WILLIS	11/20/2020 15:21	11/20/2020 0:00
309153	Skagit		WATSON	11/20/2020 15:21	11/20/2020 0:00
308757	Skagit		WATSON	11/20/2020 15:19	11/20/2020 0:00
4088815	Skagit		WUEBBELS	11/20/2020 15:18	11/20/2020 0:00
11855646	Skagit		WINKLER	11/20/2020 15:17	11/20/2020 0:00
10702893	Skagit		WORTHINGTON	11/20/2020 15:16	11/20/2020 0:00
4072404	Skagit		VILDERS	11/20/2020 15:15	11/20/2020 0:00
4093534	Skagit		ULLOM	11/20/2020 15:14	11/20/2020 0:00
4093554	Skagit		ULLOM	11/20/2020 15:13	11/20/2020 0:00
4128269	Skagit		UNDEREINER	11/20/2020 15:07	11/20/2020 0:00
1429550	Skagit		THOMAS	11/20/2020 15:06	11/20/2020 0:00
1765641	Skagit		TRZYNKA	11/20/2020 15:05	11/20/2020 0:00
1765640	Skagit		TRZYNKA	11/20/2020 15:04	11/20/2020 0:00
4088561	Skagit		TRAFTON	11/20/2020 15:04	11/20/2020 0:00
4114193	Skagit		THOMAS	11/20/2020 15:02	11/20/2020 0:00
9963955	Skagit		TRAFTON	11/20/2020 15:01	11/20/2020 0:00

EXHIBIT 3 – 2020 Late Voter Analysis Sequentially Timed and Alphabetical

Voter ID	County	First Name	Last Name	Sent Date	Received Date
4076748	Skagit		SMILEY	11/20/2020 14:38	11/20/2020 0:00
4076749	Skagit		SMILEY	11/20/2020 14:37	11/20/2020 0:00
2630258	Skagit		SHAW	11/20/2020 14:36	11/20/2020 0:00
2630182	Skagit		SHAW	11/20/2020 14:36	11/20/2020 0:00
3473585	Skagit		STROMBERG	11/20/2020 14:35	11/20/2020 0:00
4120555	Skagit		SNYDER	11/20/2020 14:34	11/20/2020 0:00
7963827	Skagit		SUITER	11/20/2020 14:33	11/20/2020 0:00
3989935	Skagit		SPRAITZAR	11/20/2020 14:32	11/20/2020 0:00
12589995	Skagit		SARCHET	11/20/2020 14:29	11/20/2020 0:00
12703076	Skagit		SHIPLEY	11/20/2020 14:29	11/20/2020 0:00
1102197	Skagit		SHIPLEY	11/20/2020 14:28	11/20/2020 0:00
4116060	Skagit		SOWDON	11/20/2020 14:25	11/20/2020 0:00
3441955	Skagit		CHEEK	11/20/2020 14:25	11/20/2020 0:00
11261419	Skagit		BOLDUC	11/20/2020 14:24	11/20/2020 0:00
4085641	Skagit		BROWNELL	11/20/2020 14:24	11/20/2020 0:00
4072877	Skagit		BLAZEK	11/20/2020 14:23	11/20/2020 0:00
4085712	Skagit		CLARK	11/20/2020 14:23	11/20/2020 0:00
4116059	Skagit		CARROLL	11/20/2020 14:22	11/20/2020 0:00
376816	Skagit		COLLINGS	11/20/2020 14:22	11/20/2020 0:00
9684397	Skagit		COLLINGS	11/20/2020 14:21	11/20/2020 0:00
4115928	Skagit		DEGNAN	11/20/2020 14:21	11/20/2020 0:00
7962017	Skagit		EPPS	11/20/2020 14:20	11/20/2020 0:00

EXHIBIT 4 – 2020 Late Voter Analysis Sequentially
Timed and Alphabetical

After identifying the voter ballot patterns and understanding that Election Officials were likely involved, video records were requested from the County however, as previously described, the requested video files have been deleted, election officials are cording with legal counsel, and cooperation gathering additional evidence is unlikely.

Conclusion

Based upon the events and findings as described above, adequate evidence exists to support the concern that during the November 3, 2020 Skagit County Election, significant ballot manipulation occurred in violation of 52 USC.