



August 2023 Newsletter

COIFFE News Items

- COIFFE members had a very informative Zoom call with constitutional attorney Eric Lee from Judicial Watch. Eric explained the settlement arrangements achieved and helped us understand what occurred between our Secretary of State and Judicial Watch.
- Task forces in every county continue to grow as more volunteers are stepping up to help monitor voter rolls by looking for deceased, duplicate and moved-out-of-state registrants.
- COIFFE members have begun working to understand the Colorado Statute 1-7.5-113, known as “Voting at group residential facilities”. This pertains to vulnerable voters who live at retirement centers that don’t have separate mailboxes. These include nursing home care facilities, assisted living, a residential treatment facility, etc. More is to come during our Friday, September 1st member zoom call.

Election Integrity News Around the US*

- Tired of rank-choice voting (RCV) rigging their state elections, Maine Republicans have introduced legislation to reform the state to a traditional electoral system.
- Coalitions work and citizen engagement works. It’s about the ballots, not the parties. Kudos to Florida SOS, Cord Byrd, Governor DeSantis and the Office of Election Crimes for opening and investigating paid ballot trafficking. Traffickers – Beware in Florida!
- After Georgia passed its anti-ZuckBucks legislation last year, election integrity advocates believed that they had fully protected voters from private money corrupting election offices. But ZuckBucks and Georgia invented a workaround loophole. Georgia legislators said “no” and have closed further loopholes.

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Did You Know?*

- Absentee ballots were first created during the Civil War to allow soldiers to vote and later extended to all military, citizens working or traveling overseas, and those physically unable to go to the polls.
- The government subsequently figured out absentee ballots were nearly impossible to track, difficult to verify and could be sent to all voters, including those who don't exist at addresses that don't exist either.

Upcoming Plans

- The COIFFE Voter Roll Task Force will continue to add volunteers and progress in analyzing Voter Roll data.
- We plan to have another training session on Zoom in September, the date to be announced.

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