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## An Update From the Committee on Election Integrity



**SAM HOUSTON COUNCIL**

### **Thank you to all contributors, whose names will be listed herein.**

Firstly, please understand that the Sam Houston Council Committee on Election Integrity is focused totally on uncovering the truth, the whole truth and nothing but it. We are made up of precinct chairs, citizen investigators, trained poll watchers and each of us is an American Patriot with Texas First values at heart.

The Sam Houston Council has several members who monitor weekly agenda items on the Commissioners' Court schedule and attend often to observe proceedings. Budget abuses, complaints of injustices levied by the DA's office, and suspicious vendor contracts aside, our members report a severe lack of oversight on proposed changes to Election procedures by County Judge and Commissioners Court members.

Our initial findings reveal extremely poor training on the part of Tarrant County Elections and the Tarrant County Republican Party. Despite SB1 requiring all Texas Poll Watchers to obtain Certificate of Training from the Secretary of State's office, no requirement for certification exists for Texas Poll Workers, who are paid with our taxpayer dollars to handle our election records. Training is not required for all Poll Workers, as it is for Poll Watchers, and the effects of these poor standards are apparent. Judges and clerks countywide struggle with opening and closing of the polls, statutorily mandated records are either not handled properly, not accurately produced, if they are produced at all. Daily Reconciliation forms are atrociously recorded, daily print tapes are often not signed by judges present and machines are too often not set to the correct time, date or even time zone.

Following up on the unlawfully prepared machine print tapes is a report by Tarrant County Precinct Chair and Sam Houston Council member Susan Valiant. Susan has performed meticulous examination of the daily machine print tapes from the Tarrant County 2022 Primary Elections, for both parties, and has uncovered severe issues including missing signatures and tapes (*highlighted in yellow*), unreconciled cast ballot discrepancies between controller and scanners (*highlighted in red*), inconsistent cast vote totals between the County and Secretary of State's office (*highlighted in red and with an \**), and mystery totals not assigned to a location with the County and SOS (*highlighted in green*). Please review her detailed presentation and reach out with any questions.

Tying into the issues with irreconcilable totals are the issues discovered by another independent investigator, and newest Sam Houston Council member, Mei Wang. She discovered a serious discrepancy in the Secretary of State's Phase 1 Audit Progress Report - the precinct totals presented as a perfect match in the SOS report did not match Tarrant County's totals for those precincts. She conducted a thorough investigation and the truth of the matter is that the county found it more difficult to perform the task of a manual count by precinct, so they opted to count by polling location, and the SOS inaccurately reported the totals by precinct. This mistake caused massive confusion and concern to all Texas voters who reviewed the report with any seriousness and who chose to double check the SOS report. Please read through her investigation and reach out with any questions.

Further highlighting the issue in manually counting by precinct, a complaint was drafted relating to the Countywide Polling Place Program which Tarrant County opted into in 2019. This program is the culprit behind the inaccuracies highlighted in Mei Wang's above mentioned report on the SOS Phase 1 Audit Progress Report. Chapter 66 of the Texas Election Code outlines that our elections must be administered by precinct, with votes cast, tabulated, reported and stored by precinct. The Countywide polling place program stands in direct violation of all of Chapter 66 of the Texas Election Code. This program, which encourages voting out-of-precinct, is authorized by the codification of Texas Election Code 43.007. The final provision in this new code allows for complaints to be reported to the SOS to be included in the SOS report to the Legislature about the progress of the adoption of the CWPPP, including any reported issues. Please feel free to insert your name at the bottom of this complaint letter after reviewing the evidence detailed in the numbered items of complaint.

There seems to be a general lack of comprehension of State Election Law, as well as a lack of accountability and transparency in State and County Election processes. Negligence in the administration of elections at multiple levels, poor training for employees, and having no mechanism for enforcement of State Laws has landed us in the position of trusting people and processes who do not feel the need to run clean, transparent elections, or follow the Law as it is written.

Our demands will be met, and we demand clean, simple and lawful elections. The way we intend to return to a system we can trust is by installing a few new (old) systems, proven over time to be nearly impermeable. First, we want hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots. We want every county to OPT OUT of the Countywide Polling Place Program, we want in-precinct voting, and we want Texas Election Code 43.007 repealed in its entirety. We want closed primaries, and for all election day laws to apply to the Early Voting period as well. We demand that all statutorily required records be produced and preserved. We absolutely insist on higher training standards for all poll workers, we do not appreciate poll "watchers" being held to higher standards than poll "workers" are held to, those paid with our taxpayer dollars to handle our election records. Finally, we demand that all county party chairs be held to higher standards as well. Our county party chairs are responsible for approving all processes proposed by a county's Clerk or Election Administrator, and certifying certain election results. They must be trained in Election Law as it is written, Constitutional Law, and the very processes they approve to administer our county's methods of casting, tabulating and reporting votes from the People. This is the only path forward to restore much needed trust in our local and State election results.

Thank you for reading, please reach out to [SamHoustonCouncil.com](http://SamHoustonCouncil.com) for questions and future events.