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Ms. Elaina Cano, Appointed Clerk Recorder
San Luis Obispo County
1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

**Re: San Luis Obispo County November 8, 2022 General Election, 2nd District Supervisor Race
Request for Recount and Ballot Inspection on behalf of candidate Dr. Bruce Jones**

Ms. Cano,

The undersigned resident and registered voter of the County of San Luis Obispo, California hereby requests a recount of the votes and ballot inspection for the 2nd District Supervisor race for the November 8, 2022 General Election pursuant to California Elections Code §15620 *et seq.* and the Secretary of State's Recount Regulations, 2 CCR §20810 *et seq.*. This request is filed within five (5) calendar days of the certification of the official canvass of said election on December 7, 2022.

This request is for (1) a manual/visual inspection of the ballots and "relevant material" specified herein pursuant to California Elections Code §15630 and 2 Cal. Admin. Code 20811(f) and 20813, and, (2) **following completion of the visual inspection, a manual recount of ballots pursuant to California Elections Code §15627.**

"Relevant material" includes but is not limited to unvoted ballots, vote by mail and provisional ballot envelopes, voting system redundant vote data, ballot definition files, language translation files and the central database or other electronic repository of results for the election in which the contest subject to recount occurred, election data media devices, audit logs, system logs, pre- and post-election logic and accuracy testing plans and results, polling place event logs, precinct tally results, central count tally results and consolidated results in a structured, non-proprietary format, surveillance video recordings and chain of custody logs, including logs of security seals and access to election-related storage areas.

"Relevant material" shall also include the following documents and shall be provided prior to commencement of the recount proceedings:

1. A true and correct copy of the December 7, 2022 certification of official canvass for the November 8, 2022 general election.
2. All ballots, including duplicated ballots and the original ballots, enhanced ballots, provisional ballots, ballot envelopes including those used for signature matching along with the voter signature cards or signature reference files, adjudicated ballots, ballot envelopes with missing or non-matching signatures, vote by mail ballots received without an envelope, ballot envelopes considered undeliverable by U.S. Postal Service, and ballot envelopes postmarked after November 8, 2022 and those envelopes received after the cutoff of November 15, 2022.

3. Documentation as to the "spreadsheet error" where 327 additional provisional ballots were added to the unprocessed ballot estimate after the count on November 23, 2022. This would include a digital file in original format (Excel or other) both before and after the error and the affected precinct totals by precinct. Also, an explanation as to how the spreadsheet error for 327 ballots relates to the increase in 332 ballots that was explained to me and to others that the additional ballots had come from the offices and a locked cabinet. Provide chain of custody documentation for the "found" ballots, when completed, where received, which precinct(s) and whether already included in the precinct roster signature sheet. Provide precinct roster signature sheets for each District 2 precinct and any precincts with District 2 provisional ballots, e.g., if a District 2 voter signed in at a District 1 precinct provide the District 1 precinct sheet.
4. For vote-by-mail ballots voted on at the precinct but turned in without an envelope per precinct worker's instructions or vote-by-mail ballots returned without an envelope and not able to be counted, provide the precinct number and polling location and what steps were taken to update training and to ensure every legal vote cast can be counted? Also include when and how precinct workers were informed of the "misunderstanding."
5. 1% Manual tally report and documentation has not been posted to the county elections website as part of the certification December 7, 2022 (as of December 11, 2022). Please post to the www.slovote.com website and provide a printed version for the recount.
6. A reconciliation of all ballots issued and location issued, e.g., Printer vendor, North County Clerk's office, SLO Clerk's office, etc. including spoiled or cancelled ballots, and additional ballots mailed to the same voter (ballot numbers with -2, -3, -4, -5 suffixes) compared to the active voter list that went to the printers to be printed and mailed out.
7. For printing of the ballots, provide an invoice for the cost and number of ballots requested from the ballot printing vendor including total number of ballots printed, ballot mailing and return envelopes printed, completed ballot envelopes delivered for U.S. Postal Service or mailing house, and any other ballots sent to or picked up from any other location. Include the location and date(s) ballot envelopes were mailed along with USPS or other invoice(s) documenting postage charges.
8. Total daily counts of ballot envelopes and/or ballots received from start of ballot processing October 11, 2022 (Elec Code, Div. 15, Chap 2 section 15101 (a) and (b)) to the completion of ballot processing December 7, 2022 and for each county scanning device, including (but not limited to) ballot envelope scanners, ICC tabulators, ImageCastX generated ballots (blank ballots), and ImageCastX completed ballots. All transmitted documents from ImageCastX machines to Dominion Democracy Suite of software products shall be included in the count. Printers and copiers labeled MBV001 and MBV002 shall also be included.
9. Batch numbers, dates and times for all county tabulators (including ImageCast or ICC 101, 201, 301, 401, 501, 601) for ballot cards processed for all days between October 11, 2022 and December 7, 2022. Prior to recount, a printed version of the batches loaded report by tabulator for all tabulated batches. A digital version of the cast vote record report with each ballot number, batch, ballot type and votes for each candidate, and a digital copy of the final total votes cast (results report) by precinct for each candidate with vote by mail and polling totals by precinct and also indicating undervotes, overvotes by precinct.
10. All Precinct materials, including signed voter rosters, signed provisional rosters, unused ballot cards, logs of used and unused ballots, balancing registers, surrendered ballots and slips for completed call logs.

11. Full names of all precinct inspectors and workers along with precinct numbers, location and training attendance logs.
12. Signature verification sheets for "cured" signatures (whether missing or non-matching signatures) processed from October 11 to December 7, 2022 noting how received (in-person, fax, email etc.) and specifically those signatures received between November 21 and November 23, 2022 where processing procedures were not able to be observed. Note: Those present to observe provisional ballot processing and signature "curing" on November 23rd were denied access to observe county election proceedings, a violation of Elections Code Div. 15, Chap. 2, 15104 (b), (c) and (d).

MANUAL/VISUAL INSPECTION OF BALLOTS AND "RELEVANT MATERIAL" ORDER: The inspection of the specified ballots and "relevant material" shall proceed in the order identified below:

1. Uncounted (rejected) provisional ballots and envelopes
2. Under-voted ballots
3. Over-voted ballots
4. Uncounted (rejected) vote-by-mail ballots and envelopes

PRECINCT ORDER: Pursuant to California Election Code §15622, precinct order for the inspection of relevant material and recount shall be as follows, any change or revision to the order for the recount shall be made in writing twenty-four hours in advance of the recount of that precinct:

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| 1. 206 | 6. 219 | 11. 208 | 16. 201 | 21. MB69172 | 26. MB20172 |
| 2. 212 | 7. 216 | 12. 205 | 17. 207 | 22. MB25172 | 27. MB21172 |
| 3. 213 | 8. 204 | 13. 215 | 18. 209 | 23. MB12172 | 28. MB43172 (2 reg. voters) |
| 4. 214 | 9. 218 | 14. 210 | 19. 220 | 24. MB22172 | 29. MB63172 (2 reg. voters) |
| 5. 217 | 10. 203 | 15. 211 | 20. 202 | 25. MB30172 | |

If you have any questions or clarifications with reference to the recount process or materials requested, please contact me at [REDACTED]. With this recount request, I ask that you provide me with a start date and time where the recount will begin at your earliest convenience and at least 24 hours advance notice for the amount of the deposit to start the recount. If the recount is to begin Monday, December 19, 2022, I will need the deposit amount from you by noon Friday, December 16, 2022 in order to prepare a cashier's check to start the inspection and ballot recount the following Monday.

Sincerely,

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Darcia Stebbens'

cc: Dr. Bruce Jones
Chuck Bell, Esq.