IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual,

Appellant,

v.

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity; ROSS MILLER, an individual,

Respondents.

Supreme Court No. 82269

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truth that Mr. Gloria's Affidavit restates what he said to the County Commission. But, important is what he doesn't say is by the power invested in me by 293.465, he doesn't use the word: Prevented. There's no claim any ballots are decreasing or there was a prevention. There are none of the things that .465 would require, if someone is seeking the drastic and incredibly rare, you know, relief of the -- essentially the canceling of an election.

And, in fact, what Mr. Gloria doesn't say is that, yes, there would be discrepancies. And as counsel pointed out, sometimes people sign in and don't vote. Sometimes people vote that didn't sign in. Those things happen in every election and Mr. Gloria realizes these are the usual anomalies in every statistical audit or [indiscernible] of what happens in an election. It does not mean there are 139 people who voted who shouldn't have. It doesn't mean that there's a stack of ballots somewhere that Mr. Gloria needs to count but didn't. In fact, he would have said that. Mr. Gloria counted every ballot he was supposed to, didn't count any that he wasn't supposed to, and he gave his report. And that's the end to the story.

You cannot ever prevent an election with 150,000 people, voting into the race, 139 unidentifiable, unresolvable, but normal statistical anomalies with a signin sheet and say that the election was prevented. No other

race of the other districts, assembly, or state senate, with any information the Commission has received were prevented. So, you cannot say an election was prevented. What was prevented by the results themselves was Mr. Anthony's goal of leading the election until the final results came in. That's not the same thing.

So, I mean, it just -- it strikes us very clearly that that there are no grounds either to enjoin the Board from doing this whatever -- discretionary duties, well, he has no idea what they're going to do. We have no idea if they're going to keep it on, if they're going to reconsider, if they're going to fail to reconsider it.

They're going to -- we don't know. But they get to do whatever they're going to do, all right, and the legislative body with an agenda item placed, the Board.

So, I mean, it is -- it's very clear to us that the duty of canvassing is mandatory and enforcing the [indiscernible] does not apply because no election was prevented.

And, so, I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have, Your Honor, but we'll submit it on that.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Schrager. Ms. Miller, do you have anything you'd like to add?

MS. MILLER: Just that I agree with Mr. Schrager that the County Commission should take heed of whatever the

Court does today. If the Court -- because I don't think the arguments are going to change in a week or so. So, if the Court has already determined that it is a ministerial duty or, in the alternative, that the Board has a mandatory duty for a special election, the sooner we know the better.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Hutchison.

MR. HUTCHISON: Your Honor, a couple of different points. I just -- I want to just bring up aside, this is not Cherchio. There is evidence that has been presented of an election having been prevented. Let me just respond to my opposing counsel's argument about statutes, that you -- coming up, and the Court's ordered to, and Mr. Schrager cited at the end, as he had in his briefing, NRS 293.3872 subsection (a), and he emphasized that's where the Commission is commanded to note separately any clerical errors discovered. And, then, essentially, you know, the argument is: Well, that just is merely a ministerial act then. You then simply note those errors that were found by Mr. Gloria and that becomes a part of your canvass, and that's -- they need canvass, but that's not before reading the statute.

Subsection (b) continues: And take into the account of the changes resulting of discovery so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.

That is what Mr. Gloria did on November 16th. He

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went before the County Commission at great pressure, great stress, I'm sure, to himself, and said: I cannot declare to you that Commission C represents the true vote cast. I can't do it.

And, when you pair that, Your Honor, with the legislative directive of NRS 293.127(1)(c), that the statutes are to be:

Liberally construed to the end that: The real will of the electors is not defeated.

Now, I think, Your Honor, the argument that this is a ministerial task when you're presented with 139 discrepancies that make your election official, the official who the Clark County Commission themselves appointed for purposes of running a fair election, and you call that into question, that the statutory provisions that are relied upon by the plaintiff simply are not satisfied, Your Honor.

They also continue to cite in the brief, you know, that the Board meets after each general election, canvass the election, and return to the matter provided by law.

And, as counsel said, that's statutory law, including NRS 293.465. They also point to NRS 234.146, which mandates that:

Express -- except as expressly authorized by statute, the Board of County Commissioners shall not

order or conduct an election.

Well, NRS 293.465 is that statute, Your Honor.

So, Your Honor, the Court needs to take into consideration, and the Court has done this many, many times, as we all know, the entire lay of the land when it comes to the statutory obligations and duties. If, in fact, you rule in favor of the plaintiff, you are writing out of existence NRS 293.465. You are saying that, in fact, the County Commission and the City Council does not have the discretion, or the authority, or is not mandated, when their own election official comes before them and calls into question whether or not the -- an election result reflects the vote of the people.

And the only thing you can do is just go to a recount or go to election contest, neither of which result in a new election, neither of which result in a new election. It wipes the remedy out of the law, Your Honor. And LaPorta is contrary to that. LaPorta does not require any particular showing by the election official as to how it's prevented. The Court, itself, determined that the facts of the case resulted in a prevented election. And that's what we are asking the Court to do here as well, Your Honor, that, in fact, because of what Mr. Gloria has done, he went before the County Commission. He said there's 139 discrepancies in an election that was decided

by 10 votes and I really have serious doubts whether or not the election tally reflects the will of the people, the will of the elector. I'm asking, I'm recommending for a new election. And the County Commission did the right thing at that point. They didn't certify and they called for a new election. We're not asking that this Court issue a mandatory injunction. We're simply saying that the Court prevent the County Commission from doing what it already did, legally, and was mandated — and what it was mandated to do.

My final point, Your Honor, is this. If, in fact, the Court is not going to grant us relief, the idea that this accelerates everything, and there's no need for a hearing is something that we don't agree with and certainly don't agree that discovery is otherwise eliminated. The Court's already ordered or at least the parties to stipulate to it at this point.

THE COURT: Thank you. The Motion for a Preliminary Injunction or Temporary Restraining Order is denied. NRS 293.465 is clear that the election must be prevented. There are a number of ways it could be prevented that don't include natural disasters. There could be an accident that is transmitting the vehicle that has the thumb drives in it. There's a lot of different ways the election could have been prevented. That is not

what is included in Mr. Gloria's affidavit. There are discrepancies of 139. That does not mean that there was any election that was prevented in any precinct or district.

While I read the statute more broadly than Mr. Schrager does, it does not fall — the Affidavit does not fall within the scope of NRS 293.465. For that reason, I am not going to enjoin the County Commission from addressing whatever it thinks appropriate to do tomorrow at their meeting. I do have, on December 4th, which is this Friday, your hearing on my chamber's calendar on the writ of prohibition. I will await the remaining briefs before I tell you my opinion on the writ that Mr. Schrager is seeking.

So, Mr. Schrager, if you would please prepare an Order, submit to Mr. Hutchison and Ms. Miller. Please have fun tomorrow morning at the County Commission meeting.

MR. SCHRAGER: Your Honor, I will indeed, Your Honor. I also pointed out, if it helps at all, that the -- the stipulations regarding dec relief of the remainder of the case, --

THE COURT: Yeah. It --

MR. SCHRAGER: -- Wednesday and the brief 30 days from today. And, so, --

THE COURT: It --

1 MR. SCHRAGER: -- the December 4th status check, we had had a little trouble getting scheduling for Mr. Gloria's deposition and nobody wanted to file briefs prior 4 to that, so there's a schedule in the stipulation that may 5 cross Your Honor forsaking status hearing or hearing on the 6 4th and reset along the lines that are suggested. 7 THE COURT: I know, but I'm going to look on December 4th to see if I have all the briefs yet. And, if I have all the briefs, I'll issue a minute order. If I 10 don't, I'll continue it until I get all the briefs. 11 MR. SCHRAGER: Thank you. THE COURT: I saw your stipulation and Dan filed 12 it, but we kept the December 4th date just so that we can make sure we decide as quickly as we are able, given the pending deadline. I think the meeting that you want me to 15 16 have a decision for is prior to December 18th. 17 MR. SCHRAGER: Very good. 18 MR. HUTCHISON: That's right, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: All right. Anything else? 20 MR. SCHRAGER: Thank you very much, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Everyone stay well. Ms. Miller, I hope you're feeling better. 22 23 24

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Be well. We will be in

3 recess.

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

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AFFIRMATION

I affirm that this transcript does not contain the social security or tax identification number of any person or entity.

RISTEN LUNKWITZ

INDEPENDENT TRANSCRIBER

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BY: BRADLEY S. SCHRAGER, ESQ.		5 JOSEPH P. GLORIA,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89120		6 having been first duly sworn to testify to the
6 702.341.5200 bschrager@wrslawyers.com		7 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, 8 was examined and testified as follows:
7 8 CLARK HILL, PLLC		9
BY: DOMINIC P. GENTILE, ESQ.		10 EXAMINATION
9 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 50 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169	0	11 BY MR. REYNOLDS:
10		12 Q. Mr. Gloria, thank you so much for coming
12 HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, LLC		13 today and everybody else for accommodating this.
BY: JACOB REYNOLDS, ESQ. 13 10080 West Alta Drive, Suite 200		14 Given that we're going over Zoom, I'm just going to
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145		15 go over some of the ground rules.
702.385.2500 jreynolds@hutchlegal.com		16 Mr. Gloria, have you been deposed
15 16 For the Deponent:		17 previously?
17 CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY -		18 A. Yes, I have.
CIVIL DIVISION 18 BY: MARY-ANNE MILLER, ESQ.		19 Q. How many times have you been deposed
500 South Grand Central Parkway 19 5th Floor		20 previously?
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 20 702.455.4761		21 A. Probably three or four times in the
21		22 recent future recent past. I'm sorry.
22 Also Present: Ross Miller Jim Ferrence		23 Q. Okay. And so I'm just going since
23 24		24 we're doing this over Zoom, I want you to know tha
25		25 if you don't hear me or don't understand a question
3 EXAMINATION 4 BY: Mr. Reynolds BY: Mr. Schrager 5 6 7 EXHIBITS 8 NUMBER DESCRIPTION 9 Exhibit 1 Affidavit of Joseph Gloria 10 Exhibit 2 11/23/20 Letter from S. Anthony 11 Exhibit 3 NRS 293.465 12 Exhibit 4 11/16/20 Hearing Transcript 13 Exhibit 5 Absentee - Official Ballot 14 Statement 15 Exhibit 6 Early Voting - Official Ballot 16 Statement 16 17 Exhibit 7 Election Day - Official Ballot 17 Statement 18 19	PAGE 4, 69 62 PAGE 4 4 4 4 4	your hand and say I didn't understand. Let me know. But if you answer a question, I'm going to assume you understood it. Okay? A. That's fair. Q. Okay. And also if you have anything that you say on the record today and you want to clarify it you know that we're in an expedited case here, so if there's anything that you would like to clarify or if you think I take something you said out of context, can you please just once again let me know that you want to change what you said o clarify what you've said on the record so we have that today. Is that okay? A. Yes, it is. Q. All right. Now, if we ever need to take any breaks or if you need to take a break, just let me know, I'm not I mean, we are on an expedited case, but if you need to do anything, we can certainly take breaks. After every break, I will do my best to ask you if you have anything to add to
20 21 22 23 24 25		your previous testimony or clarify, but if I don't, please, once again, I'm perfectly willing to have you volunteer it. Okay? A. Thank you.



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Q. All right. And you're doing a great job right now. We just need to make sure that as I am asking questions, that if you have any -- that you allow me to finish asking the question before you respond.

You're doing well right now, but there's a reporter here taking down everything we say. This is not being video recorded even though we're all on video currently. So just so you know, she needs to take down everything we say and it helps if we don't talk over each other. Okay?

A. Makes sense.

Q. All right. Now, is there any reason whyyou cannot give your full and honest testimonytoday?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. And do you understand that the oath that the court reporter has administrated is equivalent to you agreeing to testify honestly as if you were in a court of law?

21 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. Do you understand that Irepresent Stavros Anthony in this case?

A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. And you understand that Stavros was a

1 Q. So as registrar, how many elections were

2 you responsible for canvassing in the November 2020

3 general election?

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4 A. City of Mesquite and Clark County.

Q. Do you know how many, like, total

6 candidates or total races you had to canvas?

7 A. Not off the top of my head.

Q. Was it over a hundred?

9 A. Easily.

Q. Was it over 150?

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. And did you recommend as part of your

duties as registrar, that there be a new election

14 for any particular race based on your canvas of the

2020 General Election?

A. I believe I reported that the discrepancies in Clark County District C surpassed the margin of votes.

19 Q. And did you make a recommendation that20 there be a new election in Clark County District C

21 based on the discrepancies?

A. I don't think that was exactly the way it was worded. I provided the report to the Board of County Commissioners letting them know the

25 discrepancies surpassed the margin of victory, and I

1 candidate for Clark County Commission District C in

2 the November 2020 General Election, correct?

3 A. That is correct.

Q. Are you the registrar for all electionsthat have Clark County as part of their district?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. So there are some elections, like for example, Congressional District 4 only takes in part

9 of Clark County. What is your role in the

10 Congressional District 4 race?

A. I have to tally the votes for the precincts that reside within Clark County for that.

Q. And similarly, for a district like the
 Justice of the Peace of North Las Vegas, that's a
 municipality that's wholly enclosed within
 Clark County. What is your role with the Justice of
 the Peace election in North Las Vegas?

A. With all of the municipalities, we support their elections so I serve as their contractor for elections.

Q. And so is your job the same for all theprecincts across Clark County?

A. I would say that that's accurate,
 managing the voter registration and conducting the
 election, yes.

don't have the authority to do so.

Q. Was Clark County District C the onlyrace wherein the number of discrepancies was morethan the vote differential?

A. Than the margin of victory, yes, sir, that was the only contest.

Q. Now, I have given you a proposed
transcript of the hearing before the Clark County
Commission on November 16th, 2020.

Did you have an opportunity to review that prior to this Zoom call?

A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Did you find --

MR. SCHRAGER: Just one second, Jacob. Can I ask you on the record how and when this was prepared and why it doesn't say -- have an affidavit or a declaration just so we're clear for the record?

MR. REYNOLDS: Excellent. So, yes. This is being submitted -- attached to the -- to the transcript as -- excuse me, this transcript as being attached to our deposition today as Exhibit 4.

The only thing that it is is my office's attempt to transcribe the video record of -- Clark County's video record, and we admit openly officially that the video is the official record,



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but given how this deposition's taking place over Zoom, we wanted to provide a transcript to

3 Mr. Gloria of what we believe was said.

MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. Will you be providing an official sort of declared or an affidavit-based transcript as evidence, or will you be putting this before the court?

8 MR. REYNOLDS: I may put it before the 9 court, but we're also going to be submitting the

10 video record to the court.

MR. SCHRAGER: Okay.

MR. REYNOLDS: So we're counting on the

13 video record being the official record.

14 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay.15 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

Q. So, Mr. Gloria, in your review of

17 Exhibit 4, did you find any problems with what was

18 attributed to you?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 Q. Is there anything -- as you reviewed the

21 transcript attached as Exhibit 4, was there anything

22 that stood out to you that seemed incorrect that you

23 would like to revise or change?

24 A. No, sir, not in my review.

Q. Okay. I'm going to go to Exhibit 1 now,

1 Q. And do you know when you prepared this 2 affidavit?

3 A. I can easily get that information for4 you. I'd be happy to go get the sign-in sheet, but

5 I'm sorry, there's been a lot going on. I don't

6 have it all straight.

Q. That's fine. All right.

Did you discuss this affidavit with

9 anybody prior to submitting it to the Clark County10 Commission?

A. My civil DA representative.

Q. Other than -- and is that Mary-Anne

13 Miller?

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A. That is correct.

15 Q. Other than with your attorney, was there 16 anybody else that you discussed this affidavit with

17 before you submitted to the Commission?

18 A. No, sir. No, I did not.

Q. Did you read the document before you

20 signed it?

A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. Do you agree that the information in

this document is true?

24 A. Yes.

Q. Why did you prepare this document?

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which is your affidavit. Do you have that?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. Do you recognize this document?

4 A. Ido.

5 Q. Do you remember when you prepared this

document?

7 A. It would be on the date that it was

8 notarized.

9 Q. Did you personally prepare the document?

10 A. Notarized on page 2? It doesn't have a 11 date on it, though. I recognize the document, but I

12 couldn't tell you exactly what date without looking

13 at the notary's declaration sheet. I can get that

14 information.

15 Q. Maybe if it will refresh your

16 recollection just to recount some of the history on

17 the case. On November 16th, was the vote from the

18 Clark County Commission to hold a new election, and

19 then on the 20th, that Friday, was a hearing before

20 the court, and on -- the 23rd was a Monday. And on

21 the 23rd, Monday, is when we get Exhibit 2, which is

22 Stavros Anthony's letter to the Commission.

23 Does that help you understand when you

24 prepared your affidavit?

25 A. Yes.

1 A. I was instructed to do so by my civil DA 2 representative.

Q. And in the first paragraph of the

4 document it says that "I am the Registrar of Voters

5 for Clark County, and this declaration formalizes

6 the statements I made to the Commissioners on

7 November 16th, 2020, during the canvas of the 2020

8 General Election."

Did I read that correctly?

10 A. Verbatim, it looks like.

Q. Okay. And was it your intent to

essentially incorporate by reference your testimony

3 before the Clark County Commission on November 16th,

14 2020, when you made this affidavit?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. All right. Before you submitted this --

17 so I've given you as Exhibit 3 a copy of the statute

18 NRS 293.465. Do you have that?

A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. Okay. And were you aware -- have you

21 read NRS 293.465 before?

22 A. Yes, sir, I have.

23 Q. And did you read this statute,

Exhibit 3, before you submitted your affidavit,

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At one point in time I know I read it, Α. but not right before it, no.

Okay. When you submitted your affidavit in Exhibit 1, was it your understanding that you were submitting the affidavit to comply with the affidavit requirement in NRS 293.465?

A. No, I don't believe I correlated the two. I simply was following the directive given to me in preparing the affidavit by my civil DA.

Okay. In the Clark County Commission district hearing on November 16, 2020, Larry Brown alluded to private meetings that he had had to be informed about the issue of County Commission District C.

So my question is, did you participate in any private meetings with Clark County Commissioners to inform them about the voting discrepancies in District C?

No. sir.

MR. SCHRAGER: I'm sorry, Jacob, there's some sort of associated noise. If everyone who isn't open mic'd can mute or if there's something else, that would be helpful, I think. I'm having a hard time with the last set of questions.

MR. REYNOLDS: The only person I'm

Exhibit 1, to the County Commission, did you

understand that Stavros Anthony was going to follow up with a written application for a new election?

I don't believe I did at the time.

Before you submitted your affidavit, did you understand that Stavros -- never mind.

When did you become aware that Stavros Anthony was going to apply for a new election?

I don't have that date in my head. I'm sorry. I know I saw this letter and I read it when it was provided to me.

Okay. Maybe the question better asked is, was receiving this letter the first time you understood that Stavros Anthony was going to apply for a new election?

I believe officially, yes. I had heard hearsay. Many people were talking about the possibility.

19 When you received Stavros Anthony's 20 letter, Exhibit 2, was it your understanding that a new election would be mandatory under NRS 293.465? 21

22 MR. SCHRAGER: I'm going to object to 23 that as calling for a legal conclusion, but he can 24 state his understanding.

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1 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

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Yes. I don't have the authority to call 3 for an election, so I wasn't under that assumption. 4 5 I knew it was a possibility.

I'm not asking whether or not you -- I'm not asking whether or not you were going to call for an election or whether or not you were going to 9 recommend a new election.

What I'm simply asking is what your understanding is, understanding you're not an attorney, but I'm just wondering as the Clark County Registrar, did you have an understanding that once Mr. Anthony submitted this application, that a new election would be mandatory?

A. No, I was not under that assumption. I knew it was a possibility.

Mr. Gloria, is it your opinion that a 18 new election should be held in Clark County 19 20 Commission District C?

MR. SCHRAGER: I'm going to object to that on --

THE WITNESS: I --

24 MR. SCHRAGER: -- basis, please.

THE WITNESS: It's not under my purview

seeing is Dominic. Does that resolve it?

MR. SCHRAGER: No, I think it's coming from one of you two, then.

MR. REYNOLDS: Well, we don't have 4 anything here.

5 6 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. Keep going. 7 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

Can you look at Exhibit 2, please. It's 8 9 the letter from Stavros Anthony.

10 Α. Okay. It's in front of me.

> Have you seen this document before? Q.

12 Α. Yes, I have.

13 Q. Do you recall when you received this 14 document?

Well, I know it's dated November 23rd, 15 Α. but, no, I couldn't tell you the exact date I got 16 17

it. 18 Q. But do you specifically recall receiving

19 this document? I'm interested in the first time you 20 received it.

21 I believe that I received it from my 22 civil DA representative. She would have e-mailed it 23

to me, I believe. 24 Okay. And before -- now, so I want to

25 go back. Before you submitted your affidavit,

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- to have an opinion based on that. What I do is 1
- 2 report to the Board of County Commissioners what my
- discrepancies are, and it's up to them to give me
- direction as to what to do.
- 5 BY MR. REYNOLDS:
- 6 In paragraph 3 of your -- going back to
- 7 Exhibit 1. In paragraph 3 of your affidavit --
 - A. Got it.

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- 9 -- you identified 139 discrepancies in
- 10 your canvas of the Clark County Commission District
- 11 C race, correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir, we did.
- 13 Q. All right. And you would agree that 139
- discrepancies represent just a small percentage of 14
- votes compared to the number of votes cast in the 15
- District C race, correct? 16
- 17 Yes, I would agree with that.
- 18 And so what I would like to do.
- 19 Mr. Gloria, is there's been a lot of attempt to tie
- 20 Mr. Anthony to a lot of other election challenges
- 21 that are happening, so what I want to do is
- 22 distinguish what we're talking about here. Okay?
 - So, for example, there have been a
- 24 number of reports that in the primary election
- 25 thousands of ballots were mailed out to people that

- Q. 1 Okay.
- 2 A. If I could, I'd like to clarify that
- 3 statement.
 - Q. Sure.
 - A. Now, I can't really correlate those
- 6 discrepancies to any one particular item. That's
- 7 why they're discrepancies. I don't have any
- 8 documentation in most of these cases. Some of those
- 9 I do, and those are identified in the sheets that we
- 10 provided. But the majority of these discrepancies
- 11 are unknown discrepancies, so I couldn't tie them to
- 12 anything.
- 13 Q. Okay. Now, in your report -- in your
- 14 report to the Clark County Commission on the audit,
- 15 you identified that there are something like 60,000
- 16 provisional ballots, and of those 60,000 provisional
- 17 ballots, 115 of those ballots were not allowed
- 18 because the person had already voted.
- 19 Do you recall that testimony to the
- 20 Commission?
- 21 Α. I do.
- 22 Q. Okay. Then separately, you testified
- 23 that six people voted twice. Do you recall that
- 24 testimony?
- 25 Α. Yes, I do.

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were returned as undeliverable by the post office.

- 2 yet thousands of those people still voted in the
- 3 General Election.

Are you familiar with this story?

- A. I am familiar with that, yes.
- 6 Okay. And that is not -- that kind
- 7 of -- if you want to call it a problem, that issue
- 8 is not relevant to these 139 ballots -- excuse me,
- 9 139 discrepancies, correct?
- 10 Well, I don't know if I would call those
- 11 "issues;" the votes are still eligible. So if they
- got their ballot and sent it in, that was done 12
- 13 legally. I wouldn't call those an issue. No, I
- 14 wouldn't correlate one with the other.
- 15 Are those 139 discrepancies -- the 139 Q. 16 discrepancies you related you found, are they
- 17 related to that kind of thing?
- 18 A. That type of issue?
- Correct. 19 Q.
- 20 No, sir. A.
- 21 Q. Now, there's also been stories in the
- 22 press about dead people voting. Are the 139
- 23 discrepancies you identified related at all to dead
- 24 people voting? 25
 - A. No, sir.

Okay. Now, could you just tell me

- what's the difference between those 115 ballots that
- were denied for people already voting and the six 3
- 4 people who voted twice?
- 5 Α. Well, the 115 provisionals that were
- 6 rejected were as a result of them already voting in
- 7 the mail tally type, and so we were able to identify
- 8 that, and as a result, we did not count their
- provisional ballots, which were cast in person 10
 - either during the early voting or Election Day cycle.

12 The six individuals that we identified

- 13 we used back-tabbed reports that indicates two votes 14 for those individuals were cast.
- 15 You say -- okay. So when we talk about
- 16 the 115 provisional ballots that were not allowed
- 17 because the person had already voted, you're able to
- 18 stop those votes from ever being tabulated, correct? 19 A. They were provisional, that is correct.
- 20 Q. So are those just thrown away; there's
- 21 no way to access those anymore?
- 22 A. They're not thrown away. They would 23 just exist in the database.
- 24 But there are actually six individuals
- 25 who managed to have their vote counted twice; is



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1 that correct?

- 2 A. That is correct.
 - Q. Are any of those individuals in Clark
- 4 County Commission District C?
- 5 I could confirm that for you. I can't
- 6 tell you right off the top of my head, but that
- 7 information is available.
- Do you know the party affiliation of any 8
- 9 of the people who voted twice?
- 10 Α. No. That wasn't a part of our research.
- 11 No.

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- 12 Q. So, Mr. Gloria, would you agree that the
- 13 139 discrepancies identified in your affidavit are
- 14 simply the result of errors in the conduct of the
- 15 election?
- 16 Α. Again, I'd have to clarify and say that 17 many of those discrepancies, I don't know exactly
- 18 what they are. They are discrepancies because we
- 19 don't have anything -- we're off from our VEMACS
- 20 total, which is our poll vote to our Democracy Suite
- 21 total, which are our actual votes that do not
- 22 change. And because I don't balance there, I have a
- 23 discrepancy.
- 24 I'm just saying - and that's what I'm
- 25 trying to say, keeping it general, you don't know

- 1 wouldn't disagree that they're simply errors in the
 - 2 election.

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- 3 Q. And how many of them are unknown? And
- speaking about the 139 discrepancies, how many of 4
- them are unknown?
- 6 Α. I would have to review the sheets that
- 7 we provided, but they're pretty clearly indicated
- there on the three tally types for absentee in
- Exhibit 5, 6 and 7. 9
- 10 I believe on Election Day on the
- 11 comments category over to the right, we do have some
- 12 explanation. And those that are typically marked
- 13 discrepancy, we don't know. Those are unknown
- 14 discrepancies. We just know that we're off from
- 15 VEMACS, which is the poll book to Democracy Suite,
- 16 which are the actual votes that are counted.
 - So let's get into that, then.
- 18 When you say Exhibits 5, 6 and 7 all
- 19 have issue or justification or a comment column, and
- 20 you're saying, then, when it says "unknown," that
 - that would be an error?
- 22 Α. It could be, yes.
- 23 Okay. Q.
- 24 If I could refer to the absentee in
- 25 Exhibit 5, if you can go to Precinct 3547 on the

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what it is, you don't know if it's somebody voting

- twice, you don't know if it's dead people voting,
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- 3 you don't know what it is.
- 4 I'm just saying, what I'm asking is are
- 5 these just errors in the conduct of an election? You have 139 errors that you cannot reconcile? 6
 - We would call them "unknown
- 8 discrepancies." So if that answers the question,
- 9 then yes.

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- 10 Q. Okay.
- A. They're unknown. We don't know on all 11
- of them. 12
- 13 O. Right. What is the -- and maybe I don't
- 14 know. Why are you uncomfortable using the term
- 15 "error" as opposed to "discrepancy"?
- 16 Well, because we do have explanations
- 17 for some of those, and so they're not errors. We
- were able to document exactly what the discrepancy 18
- was. And in most cases, it could have been a 19
- 20 duplicate entry. It could have been a mistake in
- 21 the field by one of our poll workers. So they don't
- 22 all fit into one -- one category. There are
- 23 different discrepancies there that fall under
- 24 different categories.
 - But those that are unknown and -- I -- I

first page, fourth from the bottom, in the

- 2 "Justification," you'll note there that I have one
- 3 lead card missing.
 - Q. Right.
- 5 A. Do you see that same -- so that would be
- 6 a circumstance where that's not unreconcilable; we
- 7 know exactly what happened. Part of our process for
- 8 the two-card ballot that was sent in, but the voter
- does not provide the first card with the return,
- 10 then we don't have an ability for our system to read
- 11 that precinct into the system. And so that wouldn't
- 12 have been a discrepancy that we counted against the
- 13 margin of victory. But right next to that is one
- 14 unreconcilable. So you can see that I have a 1 off
- 15 to the right there, and that's what was tallied into
- 16 the discrepancies. Not the 2 under the "Difference"
- 17 column. I don't know if that helps to clarify, but
- 18 I thought I would make that clear.
- 19 Thank you very much for that
- 20 clarification. It does help. So let me reword so I
- 21 can understand.
- 22 So where it says -- all three of these
- 23 Exhibits 5, 6 and 7 have a column. In Exhibit 7,
- you're only saying "unknown;" you never say 24
- 25 "unreconcilable." In Exhibits 5 and 6, it says



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1 track that activity." And then you go through it.

- 2 And over onto the next page it starts 3 talking about these two errors.
- 4 A. I think what I was trying to do in my 5 description there, sir, was to make sure that he 6 understood there are those discrepancies that we 7 tally to hold against the margin of victory.

8 In Mary's first description, she's
9 correct in stating that is a discrepancy, however,
10 if we know that it was a fleeing voter, then that's
11 not a discrepancy we would hold against the margin
12 of victory.

But there could be a scenario where you
have the same one up in VEMACS or the poll book and
you're one down in Democracy Suite where there are
other scenarios that could fill the description, but
those wouldn't be counted as discrepancies.

- 18 Q. All right. So do you have a particular19 name for that type of discrepancy where it's -- you
- 20 have 50 sign-ins, for example, and then you only
- 21 have 49 ballots, do you have a name for that type of 22 discrepancy?
- A. When we can identify documentation, then we have a fleeing voter where we have documentation
- 24 we have a fleeing voter where we have documents25 from the team leader for either early voting or

20 Holly the team loader for early realing of

1 "unreconcilable."

A. Yes.

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Q. So but where -- but there's also

instances where you identify a specific thing that

you - so staying with Exhibit 5, the exhibit you

- 6 had, if I go down to the next page on Precinct 3719,
- 7 exhibit -- excuse me, Precinct 3719, it says there
- 8 are 2 lead cards missing and there's 1
- 9 unreconcilable. Do you see that?
- 10 A. I do. And you'll notice off to the
- 11 right there's a 1.
- Q. Correct.
- 13 A. And so that 1 was counted into the
- 14 discrepancy category, not the 3 because we were able15 to explain the first 2.
- 16 Q. Great. And so you're able to explain
- 17 the first two problems. And then the next one is
- 18 unreconcilable; you don't know what caused it. Is
- 19 that ---
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. All right. So then just referring to
- 22 these unreconcilable notations, would you attribute
- 23 those to errors in the way the election was
- 24 conducted?

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25 A. It could be.

Q. Okay. Now, at the Commission hearing on November 16th, 2020, you identified a specific type of error that I want to discuss.

One was where you had — for example, you gave the example of 50 people sign in, but you only have 49 ballots. Do you recall giving that

7 example?

8 A. I remember a discussion along those 9 lines. I don't remember if it was myself or Mary 10 that made it.

11 Q. Well, I can tell you in my review of the12 records, you both made it. Mary-Anne made it first.

13 And if you want me to point you to the specific

section of the transcript I'm talking about, I cando that.

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So Ms. Miller -- if you go to the transcript, page 7.

A. Line number?

19 Q. Well, so Ms. Miller starts hers in

20 verse -- speaking scripture, sorry -- line 31 and

she gives an example of a discrepancy, but then youstarted talking in line 49.

23 And you say "If I could follow up as

well, Commissioner. You may have 50 voters who voteat a precinct 1105. There are two areas where we

1 Election Day. Then we call that a fleeing voter.

But that could also be in different
scenarios that would have to do with the tracking or
reactivation of a card that was handled incorrectly.

5 Q. So if you have documentation, it's

6 called a fleeing voter?

A. Yes.

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8 Q. Now, there's another example you gave of 9 maybe the discrepancy is there's 50 sign-ins, but 10 you actually have 51 ballots.

Do you recall talking --

A. One more, yes.

Q. So is there a discrepancy -- is there a
 name for that discrepancy where you actually have
 more ballots than people who signed in?

A. There are more than one scenario that
 could fit that discrepancy there. So it could be
 that somebody inadvertently, not following the

instructions that were provided, they didn't checkthe status of a card when a voter came to report an

21 error while voting on the machine, and they had, in

22 fact, voted, but they took it on the word of the

voter without checking the status and reactivatedthe card for them.

So that voter may have inadvertently



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been able to vote twice because they didn't follow

- procedure. But we can only document that when it's
- reported by the team leader at that site in that
- precinct.

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- 5 So if you had -- and once again, is that
- 6 just something that's understood to happen in
- elections in your experience, that that error of
- having an additional ballot more than the sign-ins 8
- happens for that specific reason you gave? 9
 - Yes, sure. It's not uncommon. A.
 - Q. And you mentioned it could be that the
- 12 voter believes there's an error with their voting
- machine, but it may not actually be an error? 13
- That's correct. And the team leader, 14
- who is trained and has instructions to make sure to 15
- 16 check the status of that card, which would have
- 17 prevented them from reactivating the card and giving
- them another opportunity to vote, failed to do so. 18 19 So the person on site in that situation
- is supposed to do a double-check to make sure the 20
- 21 vote didn't go through?
- 22 A. That is correct. Those are the procedures that we outline in our training. 23
- 24 And when -- so when we talk about there
- 25 being 139 discrepancies, do you know how many fit

- balanced. 1
 - 2 Q. All right. So going back to the fleeing
 - 3 voter example, you could go to a precinct doing your
 - audit, and you can say, well, 50 people signed in,
 - but we only have 49 ballots, but we also have this 5
 - 6 document from the person in charge of the precinct
 - 7 saying, yeah, this person came in, they got a phone
 - 8 call and they ran out the door, they never voted.
 - So that's why we have -- so we have documentation to 9
 - say why there's a difference. So that does not 10
- count as a discrepancy; is that correct? 11
- 12 Yes. Α.
- 13 Q. So in the example of the -- when you
- 14 describe this -- I believe you actually described it
- 15 twice. I think my recollection is that you
- described it again on December 1st before the 16
- 17 Commission that some of these, when you have an
- extra ballot, it's a machine giving two ballots to 18
 - one voter. That can happen, correct?
- 20 Α. I believe I described that as one
- 21 possible scenario. Again, if they're
- unreconcilable, I don't know what happened, but I
- did the best I could to provide the Commissioners 23
- 24 with what the possibilities could be, which are 25
 - sometimes difficult to describe.

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- into the category of -- I guess you call it the
- fleeing voter type of errors versus the extra ballot 2
- 3 type of errors?
- The fleeing voters aren't even 4
- recognized on either of those documents when we can 5
- document them. So the only items that you see 6
- listed on those three reports that I provided, one 7
- 8 for absentee, early voting and Election Day, those
- 9 only include votes that we verified are
- discrepancies that should be measured against the 10
- 11 margin of victory.
- Now, when you say they should be 12
- 13 measured against the margin of victory, what do you 14
- mean by that?
- Well, in reporting to the Commission, we 15
- 16 have to give them all of the information and the
- 17 requirement's for us to send our official ballot 18 statements to the Secretary, we have to have an
- 19 explanation even if it's unknown when those numbers
- 20 aren't balanced, 50 and 51, 51 and 51. All of
- 21 those, we don't need an explanation, but when you
- have one up or one in those categories, we have to 22
- 23 characterize it as something. If we don't have
- documentation, then it's just unreconcilable; we 24
- don't know what happened, but we know that we're not

- Right. And so let me just go through
 - 2 it. What is another way, in your experience, that
 - you could end up with an additional ballot over
 - 4 sian-ins?

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- 5 Well, there are many scenarios that
- could happen with the voter on the description where 6
 - the team leader doesn't check the status of the
- card. They could have had a VVPAT failure, which is 8
- the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail on the machine. 9
- However, the machine reported to them thank you for 10
- 11 your vote and please remove your card, but because
- there was a printer jam or it ran out of paper, the 12
- 13 monitor could have reported to the team leader, I
- 14 don't think this voter voted. And that voter
- 15 without checking the status could very well have
- 16 reactivated that card and allowed that voter 17
- inadvertently to vote twice. The voter wouldn't even know any better. That's one. 18
 - All right. That's one example.
- 20 And let's switch back to the other side of the equation. We have 50 people sign in, but we 21 22 only have 49 ballots. Can that be attributed to 23 somebody trying to vote, but their vote is not
 - It could be. It's possible. I --

counted unbeknownst to the voter?



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you're asking me to describe scenarios where I'm

- 2 only using my experience as a technician and as the
- 3 registrar to try to explain to the general public
- 4 what may have happened, but I don't know.
 - Q. Right.

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- 6 A. That's why they're unreconcilable.
- 7 Right. But you would attribute -- you
- 8 wouldn't attribute those to some kind of mass
- 9 conspiracy to push the election, right?
- 10 Well, if that was it, they were 11 unsuccessful. I mean, the sheer number of
- 12 discrepancies, really we did a pretty darn good job
- 13 with 974,000 ballots cast and there's a 218
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- contest -- precinct contest where we had 139
- 15 discrepancies. It's the margin of victory in this
- 16 case that is unique and very difficult to --
- 17 So these are errors in the conduct of an
- 18 election that you might even expect to see?
- 19 Oh, we definitely would. You never have 20
- a perfect election. There's no such thing. That's 21 why I say I was able to certify the other contests
- 22 because we had discrepancies in all contests, but
- 23 they didn't raise a concern because there were
- 24 nowhere near the margin of victory.
- 25 Right. So when you have -- back to this

- counted, correct? 1
 - 2 A. Yes, that's a possible scenario. Yes.
 - And going the other way, a possible
 - 4 scenario is that somebody voted and their ballot is
 - 5 actually counted twice simply because of the way the
 - person in charge of the site handled the situation,
 - 7 correct?
 - 8 A. Yes.
 - 9 Q. And once again, those are hypotheticals
 - 10 because you don't know exactly what happened in
 - 11 those scenarios, correct?
 - A. Exactly.
 - 13 Q. Because if you knew what happened in
 - 14 those scenarios and you had documentation about what
 - 15 happened, they would not be considered
 - 16 discrepancies, correct?
 - Α. No, that only holds true for the fleeing
 - 18 voter.
 - Q. Okay. So let's get that right.
 - 20 Α. It's still a discrepancy if somebody
 - 21 documented that they inadvertently activated the
 - 22 card for a voter twice; that's still a discrepancy
 - that should be measured against the margin of 23
 - 24 victory, but we can tell you exactly what the
 - 25 discrepancy was in that case because it's

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- example. We're talking about the example of 50
- 2 voters -- excuse me, 50 people sign in and only 49
- ballots. If that is multiplied a hundred times,
- 4 then you perhaps have a situation where you have the
- 5 voters are there, but the ballots are not, correct?
- 6 In your hypothetical, yes, that's 7
- possible. If it was in one polling place, one precinct, that would definitely raise some concern.
- 9 Right. And I'm not saying this happened
- 10 at one precinct. I'm saying this happened across
- 11 Commission District C. For example, I'm not trying
- 12 to say there was one -- in fact, you could say that
- 13 there was no individual problematic precinct in your
- 14 experience, correct?
- 15 A. Not in this election.
- 16 And so these errors that we found are
- 17 errors that you would expect in a - in any
- 18 election, correct?
- 19 Α. An election this size, yes.
- And those errors just simply result from 20 Q.
- 21 the conduct of the election, correct?
- 22 Α. I would agree with that.
- 23 Q. And some of those errors, because you
- 24 don't know what they are, some of those could be
- that somebody tried to vote, but their vote was not

1 documented.

- 2 So say that happened and you have an
- extra ballot for somebody, the machine casts an
- 4 extra ballot, you get documentation for it, you know
- 5 it happened. You would still count that as a
- 6 discrepancy?
- 7 A. Yes, because that voter should not have
- 8 been allowed to vote twice. We can explain what the
- 9 discrepancy was.
- 10 So they avoid a prosecution, but we
- 11 still have a discrepancy; is that right?
- 12 A. That's correct. Yes,
 - Q. All right. Now, is there any way to
- 14 find these ballots that -- that relate to the
- 15 discrepancy?

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- 16 Α. No, sir, there's no way.
- 17 Q. When are the discrepancies discovered?
- 18 So this -- let me back up a bit.
- 19 The election takes place over several
- 20 weeks. People are voting over several weeks. When
- 21 are these discrepancies discovered?
- 22 A. We have a period of time -- obviously
- 23 the mail ballots, we had to wait for nine days
- 24 before we could stop receiving them and also for the

25 cure. So we have to wait until all of the ballots



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3 by precinct in each tally type.

4 For the in-person early voting and 5 Election Day, there are two different periods. The 6 early voting, we have to get all of those laptops 7 in. Because from time to time, they lose connectivity in the field, so if they have records 9 in the queue, we need to go through all of the 10 laptops that we use for early voting and 11 individually go through all of them to verify that 12 they have zero records in the queue, telling us that

13 everything's been downloaded to the database. 14 For Election Day, we have to wait, 15 number one, until all of the equipment returns to 16 the facility. We voted on Tuesday, and all of the equipment wasn't returned until Thursday. It took 17 18 them, I believe, until Friday morning after the 19 election to review all of the laptops, which I think 20 there were nearly 1300 that were in the field to 21 support Election Day, verify that they were zero in

23 So in those three tally types, there's 24 different dates when we have to make sure that we've 25 got everything in the database so that we can run

determination we voted the wrong record.

2 In that case, we can fix it the same day and I would be able to vote once they contacted our 4 supervisors here in the Election Department.

Okay. Thank you for that verification.

6 Let me go back to the errors again.

7 You're really just doing a -- these discrepancies are really just identifying an accounting

9 difference, correct?

10 Well, we know that we don't balance, 11 number one. Looking from the poll book to the 12 actual votes that are counted, that's never

13 changing. It's not always just an error. We do

14 find scenarios where somebody was inadvertently

allowed to vote twice. So those that are 15

16 unreconcilable, we don't know -- we don't know what 17 happened there.

Okay. So let me give you another example that kind of highlights what I'm suggesting

I've gone over like you have an extra ballot situation where you have 50 -- 50 sign-ins but 51 ballots. And then you have this unknown error where you may have 49 ballots and 50 people who signed in, and it's not a fleeing voter; we

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our OBS statement, which is the official ballot

don't have documentation. So all we have is -- so 1

2 statement. So we actually started reconciling the

3 Friday before the canvas on November 16th. Because

that's when we knew that all of the data was 5 available in the system to run a report.

So there's never an instance, then, when you find a discrepancy the day the discrepancy 8 happens, correct?

9 In early voting, we do. Because we have 10 to reconcile every day. And sometimes we'll have somebody that calls in. For instance, at my 11 12 household, my son's name is also Joseph. So this is 13 a common occurrence in the field where -- I'm going 14 to use my name -- Joseph Gloria, Jr. and Joseph 15 Gloria, Sr. go and vote, but the voter and the clerk 16 are more interested in conversation out at the 17 polls, so my son inadvertently signs in on my record 18

because of the same name. So I may show up the same day and they're trying to tell me I voted, but I tell them there's absolutely no way I've voted, I know I've never been there. So the team leadership should call in to verify that. Our staff back here can make a determination as to whether there's another voter with the same name. And so we can make the you have those two different scenarios. I'll call

them missing ballot and extra ballot. Okay?

Understanding that fleeing voter is something else

5 where we have that documentation.

6 Okay. So with that scenario set up, if 7 you had two -- is it possible that you have two extra ballot scenarios and one missing ballot 9 scenario at the same precinct and you would only 10 find that as one discrepancy?

Α. Well, that would be rare, but it's possible. It's not impossible.

Right. And all I'm -- I'm not saying it's a common thing or it's a rare thing. I'm just saying by the way these numbers are identified, the discrepancies, if you had two extra ballot issues and one missing ballot issue in the same precinct, that would only show up -- all hypothetically, that would only show up as one discrepancy in your canvas, correct?

20 21 In the scenario where we don't have any 22 documentation from the team leader to describe what 23 the discrepancy was, that is possible.

And once again, there's no way to 24 25 identify any particular ballot cast into the

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election that is associated with the discrepancy, 2 correct? 3 A. No. We have privacy of the ballot. 4 Q. So there's no way to find any ballot and 5 connect it to an individual voter, correct?

Well, there are many different 7 scenarios, and you're asking me to speak in 8 generalities.

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. I just described a situation where we were able to, a son and a father. So we were able 11 12 to identify it. There are other scenarios where we find it, as well. But in the ones where we have a 14 discrepancy with no documentation, then I guess that 15 would be true. 16 Q. But even in the - but even in the

17 scenario you identified with the father and son, you can't go back and identify your son's ballot, can 19 you?

20 A. No. Once it's voted, we cannot.

21 Right. So even in the scenario you 22 suggested, you cannot find the ballot associated

with the voter, correct? 23

No, except for some very unique 24 25 situations like an election where there's very low 1 MR. SCHRAGER: I'm sorry, Jacob. It

went -- sort of went through here and I wasn't able 2 3 to state my objection. I wanted to object to the

4 two questions before the last two that had to do

with the ability to challenge as irrelevant to the 5 case that you're currently prosecuting. 6

7 MR. REYNOLDS: Okay. Thank you. 8 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

Mr. Gloria, you gave me an example of --9 so going back to the scenario where you've got 50 10 sign-ins and 51 ballots, an extra ballot scenario. 11 12 Okay?

13 You identified a possibility where 14 somebody votes and the person -- the person who's --15 and they think they didn't vote, but they actually did, they go get another voting card and they get to 16 17 vote. Do you remember that scenario you described?

18 Α. I do.

19 Q. So take that example. Is there another way -- like can the machine itself -- is there a 20 21 possibility that the machine itself does an error 22 that causes the ballot to be voted twice?

No, sir, not that I'm aware of.

Okay. So when we're discussing that Q. extra ballot -- are you raising your hand for me

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2 Right. So then once again, there's no - and there's no - because you can't find any 3 particular voter's ballot, you also cannot find any ballot associated with a particular discrepancy,

6 correct? 7

Α. No. I can make no association.

8 Q. Okay. Now, is there any ability at this point to challenge any particular ballot based on a 10 signature discrepancy?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And if a signature doesn't match, is

13 that counted as a discrepancy?

14 Well, we have the cure process now. So there's a whole different aspect to mail ballot voting that has changed here in the State of Nevada 16 17 and Clark County. 18

So the voter has an opportunity to cure if they haven't signed or also cure if their signature does not match the database.

21 So if a vote is not going to be counted 22 because the signature doesn't match, that's not 23 going to count as a discrepancy, correct?

24 No. It never gets counted, so it's never entered into the system on VEMACS.

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2 I was waving bye. I'm sorry. There's a big window in front of me. 3

I'm trying to be sensitive to getting in 4 Q. 5 changes.

A. No. I appreciate that.

7 Q. So the issue of - like when we're talking about this extra ballot problem, we're 8 really talking about an error in the conduct of the 9 election; we're not talking about a machine error. 11 Is that fair to say?

A. That's correct.

Okay. Q.

As far as the machine tallying the vote A. inadvertently twice, that's not correct. Now, there could be a machine error as far as a printer issue, running out of paper or a printer jam that could lead to that second vote because the team leader doesn't follow the instructions provided to them. But no. The machine itself duplicating a ballot, no.

21 22 Right. So I'm trying to clarify that.

23 We're not talking about -- if there's a double vote

24 for a single voter in this scenario to get 51

ballots over 50 sign-ins, right, we're not talking

- 1 about the machine gratuitously giving an extra vote,
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. No, absolutely not. It would require
- 4 human error and then activating a card twice for the
- 5 same voter.
- Q. So that's more of the conduct of the
 people that are running the election that causes the
 error; it's not a machine error. Is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 11 And is there -- so just clearly, is
- there any way to cure these 139 discrepancies fromthe total vote reported?
- 14 A. No, I cannot. There is no way. Even 15 after the recount, there still will be 139
- 16 discrepancies in the district.
- 17 Q. Based on what you have seen on these18 discrepancies, can you confirm that all the voting
- 19 machines operated appropriately?
- A. Not based on what I've seen with thediscrepancies, but we followed statute in our
- 22 certification, our audits on the voting machines and
- 23 the paper rolls. So based on that information, I
- 24 can tell you that I have a great deal of confidence
- 25 that the system performed accurately.

- 1 them are minus. But there's a discrepancy.
 - Q. And you don't know whether or not any of
 - 3 those discrepancies actually represents a difference
 - from the will of the voter; is that correct?
 - A. Correct.
 - 6 Q. Okay. Now, given your experience in
 - 7 conducting elections, would you agree that it is8 likely that these errors come from the type of
 - o likely that these entris come from the type of
 - 9 scenarios you've described where, for example, a
 10 person gets their ballot counted twice because the
 - person conducting the election has made an error?
 - 12 A. No, I can't answer that question.
 - Q. Why not?
 - A. What I've been trying to emphasize is that I don't know what those discrepancies are. There's no way for me to even guess or tell you where I think -- they're unknown discrepancies, the majority of these.

Only those that we documented which we removed from the discrepancy list or those that still remain as discrepancy but have a description, can I tell you for certain exactly what happened. But on the other ones, I can't tell you. I don't know. I wish I could add some clarity there.

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- Q. So you -- you have a great deal of confidence that the machines operated appropriately;
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- A. Tabulated properly, yes.
- 5 Q. As registrar, though, do you agree that
- 6 at least in 139 instances the votes were not
- 7 correctly tabulated and counted?
- 8 A. No, not if you're trying to correlate 9 that to the tabulation system. The tabulation
- system did exactly what we asked it to do.Q. Okay. All right. Let me back up, then.
- 12 Okay. Let me ask a slightly different question.
- 13 In your opinion, is it likely that these
- 139 discrepancies represent voters that did not havetheir votes counted correctly?
- 16 A. I can't say that either. I don't know17 what those discrepancies are.
 - Q. Right.
- 19 A. I don't know. So I can't say that that 20 resulted in a ballot being counted or not being
- 21 counted. I just know there's a discrepancy. We're22 not matching.
- Q. So let me ask it this way then: There's139 discrepancies in Commission District C, correct?
 - A. Yes. Some of them are plus. Some of

- 1 my question is you don't know if any of them -- like
- 3 you only have 49 ballots, okay, so a missing ballot.

for example, we go back to the 50 people sign in and

- 5 you only have 49 ballots, okay, so a missing ballot
- 4 You don't know if that person intended to vote but 5 couldn't, or if they intended to vote but they
- 5 couldn't, or it they interface to vote but they
- 6 didn't, they decided not to and they just leave.7 You don't know, correct?
 - A. That's right. They're unknown.
- 9 Q. Now, in the other scenario, 51 ballots
- 10 counted but 50 ballots -- 50 sign-ins. Okay, 51
- 11 ballots counted but 50 sign-ins. You don't know -
 - like in that scenario, how can you say that the
 - ballots counted represent the will of the voter?
- 14 A. I don't know how to answer that question 15 to be honest with you, sir. Those voters went
- to be honest with you, sir. Those voters wentthrough and they had an opportunity to review their
- 17 screen and then they printed out their voter
- 18 verifiable paper audit trail, had another
- 19 opportunity to review that screen. So why wouldn't20 I think that they had an opportunity to verify their
- 21 ballot and vote.
- Q. Well, I'm not saying that. I'm just
 saying that we've discussed several errors that you
 agree are common types of errors that occur in the
 - process of conducting an election, correct?



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I do, but I didn't attach them to any of my discrepancies. All I'm trying to do is draw a

- picture so that it seems reasonable for the general
- 4 public and you, as well, so that we're not just
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- pulling things out of the air. Those are possible.
- 6 But I can't associate them to any of my
- 7 discrepancies.
- 8 Right. I understand that, Joe. We've
- 9 made a very clear record that you cannot identify
- 10 any specific -- they're unknown. You said they're
- 11 unreconcilable. All your documentation says they're 12 unreconcilable, and you have said plenty of times in
- 13 this deposition that you don't know what caused them
- 14 to be unreconcilable. So I've said it now and
- 15 you've said it. I recognize that.

16 So moving on. I want to go back to one 17 of the questions I asked earlier about briefing the

18 Clark County Commission.

19 Did you participate in briefing any 20 member of the Clark County Commission about holding 21 a special election in District C?

- 22 A. No, sir, I did not.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 My communication was with my manager and Α.

25 my civil DA.

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- All right. Mr. Gloria, I'd like you to go to your transcript, the transcript that's marked
- 3 as Exhibit 4, and I want you to go to page 11,
- 4 please.
- 5 Α. Okay. I'm on page 11.
- 6 Okay. I want you to go to Mr. Brown's 7 question that starts in line 13 and it says -- I'll read it to you and you can follow along. I'll ask 8 9 you if I read it correctly.

10 "So the past practice of disregarding 11 discrepancies in those races that the total number 12 would have no impact on the outcome. That has been

13 the standard practice at the county and probably

14 challenged on a rare occasion."

15 "Mr. Gloria: That is correct,

16 Commissioner Brown. We have, for as long as I can

- 17 remember since we've been here, it is always been
- 18 the practice to go through and identify what the
- 19 discrepancies are and ensure that the margin of
- 20 victory surpasses that so you can certify."
- 21 Did I read that correctly?
- 22 Α. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Now, do you believe that to be an
- 24 accurate statement?
- 25 As long as I've been registrar, that's

1 what I've done at each canvas.

- Q. How long have you been registrar?
- Α. Since June of 2013.
- 4 Q. All right. And have there been any
- 5 other instances where there has been - while you've
- 6 been registrar, has there been any other instances
- 7 where a special election has been held because the
- amount of discrepancies was greater than the 8
- 9 difference in the vote total?
 - Α. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Okay. How many times has that happened
 - while you've been registrar?
- 13 Once while I've been registrar, in 2018, Α. 14 after the primary election, public administrator on
- 15 the Republican side.
 - And what -- you said before you became registrar, you had experience as a technician and
- 18 such; is that correct?
 - Α. That's going way back, but yep.
- 20 Q. Was that immediately before you became registrar?
- 21 22 Α. No. I went up in the managerial role on
- 23 that side. Not to say that I wasn't familiar with
- 24 the voting system. I was very familiar with it, but
- 25 I wasn't doing work as a technician.

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- Okay. When you -- even before you
- 2 became registrar, are you aware of other times in
- 3 Clark County that Clark County has held special
- 4 elections for this problem, that there were more
- 5 discrepancies than the total number of votes
- 6 differential in a race?
- 7 I wasn't involved at the administrative
- 8 level, however, I do remember that there were other
- 9 instances of the same scenario.
- 10 Q. All right. Can you recall any of those
- 11 instances today?
- I know in the '90s I believe we had an
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- 13 assembly race that we had to do a couple of times in
- 14 between. It was an even closer margin of error, and
- 15 elections were conducted in a much different way
- 16 back then. It wasn't a vote center which makes it
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- more difficult for us to reconcile. But back then
- 18 it was voters going to a specific polling place on
- 19 Election Day. There was that race.

20 And then I believe there was a City of 21 North Las Vegas council race that also fell in the

- 22 same category sometime around 2010, '11, I believe, 23
- approximately. 24 MR. REYNOLDS: I'm ready to take just a

25 short break if we can. I may be ready to pass the

Now, I'm going to stop right there. I
believe you testified to this previously, but you
previously said these are 139 discrepancies that you

22 believe should be counted against the margin of

23 error, correct?

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24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. Now, moving on in your paragraph



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BY MR. REYNOLDS:

MR. SCHRAGER: (Shakes head in the

Going back to Joe. I just want to make

MR. SCHRAGER: Actually, I am sorry. I

sure it gets on the record. Joe, what I'm asking, I

don't have an objection, but Ross, I think, is in

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1 the waiting room trying to get in.

2 MR. REYNOLDS: We'll go off the record 3 so he can get back in.

4 (A discussion is held off the record.)

MR. REYNOLDS: Back on the record.

6 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

7 So we're back on the record, and

8 Mr. Miller and Mr. Ferrence has now joined us on

9 Zoom.

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So going back to what I was asking Joe before we took this break to get everyone back in

12 the Zoom meeting. I understand that the tabulations

13 you identified are correct to what you're saying.

14 What I'm asking is something different.

15 15 You don't believe - let me back up 16 further. You've never made a recommendation to the 16

17 Clark County Commission that they hold a new

18 election in Commission (sic) C; is that correct?

> Α. That's correct.

20 Q. Okay. And basically you wouldn't do

21 that because you believe it is not your

22 responsibility to make a recommendation to hold a

23 new election; is that correct?

24 I think what I was trying to avoid out

there was that I don't have the authority to do so.

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your responsibility to recommend that they have a 2 new election or do you simply report that fact to

3 the Clark County Commission and they make the

decision to hold a new election? 4

You're trying to describe a scenario,

6 sir, that makes for a very irresponsible Election

7 Department. We would never let a machine function

for a long enough period of time that it would

9 impact the outcome of the election.

We've got poll workers who are trained. We have full time staff here who maintain the voting

12 system. So I'm not really comfortable answering

13 that question. That's not a scenario that would 14

exist here in Clark County. We're very diligent

about monitoring the performance of the machine. Okay. Mainly, I'm just getting to this

17 point: You don't feel it's your responsibility to 18 recommend holding new elections; that's the Clark

19 County Commission's responsibility. Is that

20 correct?

21 A. Yes. Yes.

22 Q. And so you would not -- all right. So

23 all right. I think I got what I needed there. All

24 right. So say there was something outside of your

25 control like you found out there was voter

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I would be telling my bosses what to do, and I don't

2 do that.

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3 Q. Right. So that's correct. You would

4 not make such a recommendation; is that correct?

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> Q. It's not correct or is it correct?

7 Α. No, I would not.

8 So you would not make a recommendation

to hold a special election. Really, you're just

10 trying to provide them the information and let them

11 make the decision; is that correct?

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> Q. All right. So let's give an example.

14 So if there was a machine -- let's say there was a

machine that was preventing people from voting in 15

16 the election.

17 A. That's a different scenario.

18 Q, Okay. Well, that's what I'm asking

19 about.

20 That's a whole different set of NRS and Α.

21 a whole different scenario. 22

Let me finish the question. 23 If you have a machine that was

24 malfunctioning and was preventing people from

25 holding a new -- from voting, do you see that as 1 intimidation happening, for example. That there's

people outside of a voting election location that

3 are intimidating voters, one party or the other, and

4 you know that they've scared some voters away.

5 In that scenario, is it your

6 responsibility to recommend a new election or do you

7 simply say to the Clark County Commission, hey, this

is what happened, this is our reporting of what 8

9 happened, now you know?

MR. SCHRAGER: I'm going to object.

11 Sorry, Joe. I'm going to go object to that, number

12 one, calling for a hypothetical, answering a

hypothetical, but that it's irrelevant as well. 13

14 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

Q. Go ahead.

16 Yes, I would certainly make the report

17 to the Secretary of State and the County Commission

18 if that instance were to occur in my county.

19 All right. I've got no more questions

20 at this time, I don't think.

21 Before I end, Joe, is there anything

22 about your prior testimony today that you would like

23 to amend or correct in any way?

24 A. No, sir.

MR. REYNOLDS: All right, Bradley, I'll

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know what happened in these 139 instances, correct? 1 let you ask questions. 2 Unfortunately, with a majority of them I 2 **EXAMINATION** do not. I can only give an idea of what they could 3 BY MR. SCHRAGER: 3 be, but I don't know what those are. 4 Thank you very much, Jacob. 5 And so all the examples that opposing 5 Good afternoon, Mr. Gloria, how are you? 6 I'm doing well. Thanks for asking. 6 counsel led you through or had you bring to the A. 7 Very good. Thanks for sitting down with 7 floor, those are merely hypothetical examples of Q. things that may have happened to cause these 8 8 us. 9 discrepancies, correct? 9 My name is Bradley Schrager, and you 10 Α. That's correct. know that I represent Commission Elect Ross Miller 10 Okay. We don't even know if there were 11 in this matter, correct? 11 Q. any ballots associated with these discrepancies, 12 A. Yes, I do. 12 13 there may not be any ballots. There may just be 13 Q. It's been quite a few weeks for you, hasn't it, Joe? 14 discrepancies that will never be reconciled or 14 15 explained, correct? 15 It's been quite a year, yes. A. Are you familiar with the elections 16 A. That is also correct. 16 Q. Okay. And there's certainly no way to 17 Q. official's prayer, Joe? 17 understand whether these discrepancies favored or 18 A. I don't have it memorized, but I think I 18 disfavored any particular candidate, correct? know what you're referring to. 19 19 20 There's no way for me to know. A. 20 Q. You know what I mean when I say that? 21 Α. I think I've heard of it, yes. 21 Q. So calling them errors is assuming a bit 22 Q. Yeah. It's "Oh, Lord, please don't let 22 too much, right? The evidence is we don't know what 23 it be close," right? 23 happened, correct? Right. 24 I can't disagree with that. I can't 24 A. 25 give you an explanation. I don't have anything 25 Q. And that's because obviously close 65 63 elections magnify the granular aspects of elections, documented. 1 1 correct? 2 And I know you wish you could. Because 2 3 Α. Yes. 3 these are the sorts of things that someone who as much as a perfectionist at his job and professional 4 Q. Elections are not perfect, right? They 4 5 never are. 5 as you are, this bothers you that these 6 Α. That's correct, they never are. 6 discrepancies persist, correct? You'd like to run a 7 perfect election? 7 Q. It is the attempt to capture as best we 8 can through the legal processes we have, the choices 8 A. If that was possible, yes. Zero defect is difficult in elections, but it keeps me up at among the electorate, whom they'd like to represent 9 9 10 them; is that fair? 10 night. 11 A. I would agree with that. 11 Q. Absolutely. Absolutely. Now, when you talked about the six double voters in the And things happen, right? We have 12 Q. 12 13 election --13 talked for almost two hours now, an hour and a half, 14 that things happen within elections that are 14 A. discrepancies but are utterly normal within the 15 Q. -- let me just clarify. That's 15 16 conduct of an election, correct? 16 countywide, correct? 17 Α. 17 A. Yes, sir. So out of the 1.4 or 1.5 million people 18 Q. Now, opposing counsel has been referring 18 Q. who voted in the entire county, you have six to these as errors. You never used the word "error" 19 19 to the County Commission, did you? 20 instances of all of them where there were double 20 21 21 No, we called them pretty clearly votes, correct? 22 discrepancies, except for the areas where we could 22 A. It was a bit lower than that. I think

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we voted just under a million, but that is correct.

were no tabulation errors in the 1150 precincts in

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explain exactly what happened.

Right. And you call them discrepancies

because you don't know if they're errors. You don't

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1 Q. Okay. So no court said, yes, this is

2 the appropriate application of law or it's an

3 inappropriate application of law? No court said

4 that, correct?

5 A. Not that I'm aware of.

6 Q. Okay. And you also mentioned the 2011

7 North Las Vegas City Council race, correct, do you 8

remember that one?

9 I do roughly, yes. I wasn't in

10 administration at that time so I wouldn't have been 11 directly related to everything that was going on.

12 MR. REYNOLDS: Hold on. I'm just going 13 to throw in an objection that I don't believe we did discuss that, but go ahead. 14

15 BY MR. SCHRAGER:

16 That's fine. I actually think he

17 brought up a North Las Vegas City Council race from 18 ten years ago.

19 Joe, was that the one you were referring

20 to?

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21 Α. Yes, I believe so.

22 Q. Okay. And that would have been under

23 your predecessor, Harvard Lomax, correct? 24

Α. Mr. Lomax, yes.

Q. Do you know whether that was litigated?

4 A. I do. There was no issue with what we 5 tabulated.

this election, correct?

6 Q. Okay. And --

7 Α. That we knew of. 8

Q. Okay. And then what you tallied

represented the results of all the contests 9

including Commission race C, correct? 10

11 Α. Yes.

12 Q. Now, there were -- I think you told the

13 Commission there were some 900 total discrepancies,

That was in my canvas report, yes, sir.

And you stand by that here today?

14 correct?

15 It was in the area of 900, that's Α. 16 correct.

17 Q. And 139 of them actually within

Commission District C. Are those within the normal 18

range of discrepancies given the size of the vote 19

20 pool?

21 A. I would say that those are historically

22 lower.

23 Q. Historically lower?

24 Α. Yes, in a normal election. It was the

25 margin of victory that did us in.

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Α. Yes.

Q. It was. Okay.

3 MR. SCHRAGER: Joe, that's all I have

for you. Jacob, it's yours.

5 MR. REYNOLDS: This is so great. I knew 6 we could get this done early. All right. That's

7 what happens when we know each other and respect

8 each other. I've just got a couple of follow-ups. 9

EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. REYNOLDS:

11 Joe, I don't think I've properly

12 identified what we've submitted as Exhibit 5, 6 and

13 7, which came from Mary-Anne before this depo. So

14 can you look at those exhibits and identify what

15 those are for the record, please.

16 From what I understood, the absentee OBS

17 is Exhibit Number 5.

18 Q. And what is that?

Early voting -- that is a report of the 19 Α.

20 discrepancies specific to Commission C in the

21 absentee tally type in the official ballot

22 statement.

23 Q.

> A. Which compares VEMACS to D-Suite.

Q. And what is Exhibit 6?

1 Q. So had this not been such a close

result, you would have been incredibly proud of the

fact that you emerged from an election during a 3

4 pandemic with all the things you had to do to

5 prepare and logistics and all of those things, you emerged from this election with a lower frequency of

7 discrepancies than you normally would, correct, in

8 your mind?

9 Yes, I would agree with that. It was a A. 10 tremendous achievement by my staff.

11 So you just got a bit unlucky that there

12 was a really close election, right?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. Yeah. Now, you mentioned the 2018, I

15 believe it was an assessor's race in a primary in

16 the summer of 2018 that --

17 A. Public administrator.

18 That's right. That's right. That's

right. Public administrator. You remember that, 19

20 right?

21 A.

22 Q. Do you know if anybody litigated that

23 issue? Did either of the candidates sue and say, 24 no, this isn't right, you shouldn't do it this way?

25 No, I do not believe that was the case. Α.

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Exhibit 6 is the same type of report for 1 Α. a different tally type, early voting. 2

- Okay. And what is Exhibit 7? Q.
- Again, it's the same type of report, but 4 A.
- this is for Election Day. The last of the three 5 6 tally types.
- Okay. And where -- where does mail-in 7 Q. 8 voting -- is that on Exhibit 5?
- Yes. 9 A.
- 10 Q. Okay. So any discrepancies with the mail-in voting are identified on Exhibit 5, correct? 11
 - For the Commission C race.
- Correct. And then in Exhibit 6, when 13 Q. you say early voting, is that people who show up at 14 15 the location and actually vote on a machine for 16 early voting?
- 17 A. During the 14-day period, yes.
- 18 Q. And then Exhibit 7 is Election Day. That is also on machines at a voting location, 19 correct? 20
- 21 On Election Day. One day of activity. A.
- Great. I have -- I do have a couple --22 Q. just a couple other follow-ups on what Bradley was 23 24 asking.
 - When you state there are no tabulation

1 the VVPAT. I guess I'm having trouble.

- 2 What I'm saying is your tabulation
 - counts all 51 votes, correct?
- 4 Yes. A.
 - Even if one of those votes should not Q.
- 6 have been cast, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
 - Okay. Bradley, can we just take a short Q. five-minute break to review my notes again?

MR. SCHRAGER: Certainly.

11 MR. REYNOLDS: Then I think we'll be

12 done. Thank you. Off the record. 13 (A recess is taken.)

BY MR. REYNOLDS: 14

- All right, Mr. Gloria, can you hear me? Q.
- 16 A. I can hear you.
- 17 Great. So we've just taken a break. Do Q. 18 you have anything about your prior testimony today 19 that you would like to amend or correct in any way?
- 20 A. No, sir.
- 21 Q. Okay. I've got two general questions 22 for you. I don't think we've had a very good 23 explanation on the record here.

What is the voting process for somebody who shows up to vote at a voting location, like

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what's supposed to happen?

- The voter obviously would queue in line, 2
- then they would check in at one of our kiosks, which 3
- we call the laptop that's hooked up to our voter 5

database system.

6 They would provide their name, and we 7 would look them up in the system and find out

- whether they're registered or not. Now, with
- same-day registration, if we did not find them in
- the system -- of course, we would ask them for some 10
- different information like their residential address 11
- or date of birth to make sure that we didn't 12
- 13 incorrectly log their name. If not, then they would
- 14 have to have a Nevada driver's license or ID to
- register same day. Those people could have also 15
- registered online, had been required to show a 16
- 17 Nevada ID on site.

18 But long story short, they check in.

- 19 They sign in. Their signatures match unless they're
- an SDR. And then they're given a voter card and 20
- 21 proceed to the voting machine where we have monitors
- that are there to help ask any questions or the 22
- 23 system along the way, offer Spanish or Filipino
- 24 translation if need be.
 - If they have any trouble, they can give

errors, I want to go back to our -- admittedly a hypothetical example. When we were discussing these

- 2 3 discrepancies, one example you gave on November 16th
- of a possible cause of the discrepancy is 50 people 4 5 sign in, but we have 51 ballots.

When you say those ballots were correctly tabulated, you're talking you have correctly counted all 51 ballots, correct?

- Yes, exactly. My tabulation had no Α. errors.
- Q. Right. So then when we count those 51 11
- ballots in that example, that's an example you gave 12
- where one of those ballots is possibly a mirror 13 ballot that was cast twice by one voter, correct? 14
- It is possible. That's a possible 15 A. 16 scenario.
- Right. So simply saying the tabulation 17 Q. is correct doesn't mean that it represents the 18 19 correct vote intended to be cast, correct?
- 20 A. Well, I think we talked about this earlier. I don't know that it doesn't truly 21
- represent the will of the voter --22
- 23 Q. I didn't ask that.
- 24 -- tabulated correctly. The voter had A.
- an opportunity to review that on the machine and on 25

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1	that information to the monitor for assistance. If	1	MR. SCHRAGER: For the seventh time.
2	their transaction goes smoothly, they cast their	2	He's answered the question.
3	ballot, they turn their card in and they get an	3	MR. REYNOLDS: I know. And if there's
4	award winning sticker.	4	any changes, I'm going to cite seven times where I
5	Q. Excellent. Thank you very much for that	5	asked him
6	summation. And I think you very well described the	6	THE WITNESS: You sure did. I had
7	potential errors so we don't need to go over those	7	plenty of opportunity.
8	anymore.	8	MR. REYNOLDS: All right. Thank you
9	The next question I have is go over your	9	very much for your time. We'll go off the record.
10	experience one more time. You said you've been the	10	(A discussion is held off the record.)
11	registrar since 2013; is that correct?	11	THE REPORTER: So, Mr. Schrager, you
12	A. That's correct. I started my election	12	also need the final Wednesday?
13	career in 1992 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I was a	13	MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. And the rough.
14	voting machine tech there. I applied for the job in	14	
15	Clark County in 1995. Was successful in getting a	15	(The deposition concluded at 2:52 p.m.)
16	position. And moved to Las Vegas with my family in	16	-000-
17	March of 1995. Go ahead. I'm sorry?	17	
18	Q. What position did you get in	18	
19	Clark County, Nevada, in 1995?	19	
20	A. Voting machine technician.	20	
21	Q. Okay. Please continue.	21	
22 23	A. And from there I progressed up until 2013. I became the senior voting machine	22	
24	technician. I became the election manager. And	23 24	
25	then there was an election operations supervisor	25	
23	then there was an election operations supervisor	25	
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1	position and I became a senior elections supervisor	1	CERTIFICATE OF DEPONENT
2	prior to becoming the registrar of voters.	2	PAGE LINE CHANGE REASON
3	Q. And did you become the registrar of	3	
4	voters by election or by appointment?	4	
5	A. Oh, no. This office is appointed in	5 6	
6	Clark County.	7	
7	Q. And who's responsible for appointing	8	
8	you?	9	
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	 The Board of County Commissioners. 	10	
10	A. The Board of County Commissioners.Q. Was the do you serve on a term of	11	
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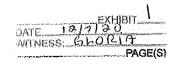
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State of Nevada)
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- I am the Registrar of Voters for Clark County, and this declaration formalizes the statements I made to the Commissioners on November 16, 2020 during the canvass of the 2020 General Election.
- 2. It is a routine procedure for the election boards after each election and before the canvass of that election to examine the voter sign ins with the vote tallies of each precinct to ensure that they balance. In the event that they do not balance (match), members of the board examine the records available in order to ascertain why the numbers do not match. There are a number of reasons that a voter number will not match with the vote tally and it is not unusual for these discrepancies to occur and for the election boards to be unable to discern the reason for the discrepancy.
- 3. In the case of the Commission, District C race, the members of counting and auditing boards found discrepancies such that the margin of victory in that race is called into doubt. There are 218 precincts in District C. There were 139 discrepancies which the election boards were unable to reconcile. As a result, I cannot certify that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters in



that district, and in my professional opinion as an election official, it raises a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the election.

4. The discrepancies found in other races in the General Election were not of sufficient magnitude to call into question the results of that race.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

JOSEPH P. GLORIA

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

Notary Public in and for

said County and State

November 23, 2020

Via Email

Clark County Commission c/o Lynn Marie Goya Clark County Clerk Lynn.Goya@clarkcountynv.gov Registrar of Voters jpg@clarkcountynv.gov

Clark County Commission c/o Mary-Anne Miller District Attorney, Clark County Commission Mary-Anne.Miller@clarkcountyda.com

Re: Stavros Anthony's application for a new election in the Clark County Commission District C race pursuant to NRS 293.465.

To the Clark County Commission,

By this letter I formalize my request for a new election in the Clark County Commission District C race pursuant to NRS 293.465 based on *at a minimum* the irregularities identified by the Registrar of Voters. I have additional evidence supported by affidavits if the Commission is willing to receive it. I submit this application now because my understanding is that the Registrar of Voters submitted a written affidavit this morning pursuant to NRS 293.465, to formalize his affirmative statements before the Commission on November 16, 2020. I did not previously submit this letter as my understanding was that the Commission did in fact agree with the Registrar's recommendation and did in fact vote at its meeting on November 16, 2020, to have a new election in Clark County Commission District C race.

However, following the lead of the Registrar of Voters, by this document, I also want to confirm my desire and make my formal application for a new election in the Clark County Commission District C race pursuant to NRS 293.465. My understanding is that the new election is not discretionary but based on NRS 293.465 is mandatory.

Sincerely,

Stavros Anthony

Candidate, Clark County Commission District C

Cc: Hutchison & Steffen Attorneys

NRS 293.465 Loss or destruction of ballots, or other cause, preventing election in precinct or district; new election. If an election is prevented in any precinct or district by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct, or any other cause, the appropriate election officers in that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that fact and transmit it to the appropriate board of county commissioners. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the application of any candidate for any office to be voted for by the registered voters of that precinct or district, the board of county commissioners shall order a new election in that precinct or district.

(Added to NRS by 1960, 268; A 1987, 353; 1999, 264; 2015, 3158)

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: okay, were going to go ahead and call to order the special meeting for Monday, November $16^{\rm th}$.

MS. KING: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. The first item on your agenda is public comment.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: This is the first time set aside for public comment. Anybody wishing to speak on public comment regarding this item. Please come forward. Please state your name for the record.

MS. DERISO: I haven't been here for public comment. Can I talk without this?

INDISTINCT TALKING

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Okay, Lisa. If you can wipe off the mike when you're done and absolutely everything it would be great.

Ms. DERISO: My name is Lisa Mayo Deriso and I'm here. I want to put in public record this letter. I'm here on behalf of the Stavros Anthony campaign for Clark County Commission and I'd like to read this letter into the record. I believe you should have received it this morning by email. Thank you, but I just wanted to make sure that we write it into the record. Its addressed to Joe Gloria, Registrar of Voters, Clark County Election Department:

6:56 - BEGINNING OF LETTER

Dear Mr. Gloria,

The law firm of Hutchison & Steffen serves as legal counsel for the Stavros Anthony for County Commission campaign (the Anthony Campaign). As you prepare to report to the Clark County Board of Commissioners on the canvassing of the 2020 general election returns on Monday, November $16^{\rm th}$, we ask respectfully on behalf of the Anthony Campaign that you seriously consider delaying the presentation for approval of the vote for Clark County Commission District C.

As the Anthony Campaign reviewed Election Department voter data, some possible voter irregularities may have occurred in District C including: over two dozen District C residents have provided written statements that they had a ballot return from their address by people who do not live there. This information has been researched and gathered by the Anthony Campaign's field and phone teams. This research and outreach is continuing and very well may result in securing additional affidavits. There were approximately 160 voters were mailed ballots in the primary election that were returned to the post office as undeliverable. Those same voters were again mailed ballots in the general election to the same addresses that were previously shown as undeliverable, yet votes were case in the general election for those 160 votes.

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There are 19 voters who cast two ballots. There are approximately 150 addresses to which mail was delivered and from which votes were cast, but the addresses were inaccurate. This should have resulted in the ballot being returned to the Clark County - to Clark County.

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The Anthony Campaign respectfully requests that you investigate and give due consideration to these potential voting irregularities before presenting the election results to the County Commission for approval. With a 10 vote margin, which is .000653 difference in the separating Mr. Anthony and Mr. Miller, the utmost consideration and careful review should be given to the voters of District C and the counting of their votes so that an accurate final tally can be confidently given. Anthony, additionally as the Anthony campaign proceeds in the days ahead and weighs its options, including a recount, the Anthony Campaign respectfully requests that you seriously consider and make all necessary arrangements to include not just a recount of ballots but a thorough review of all Mail envelopes that contained the ballots and signatures to ensure they comply with the Nevada law. With the - can I continue? Thank you - with the extraordinary circumstances of the 2020 general election when the normal mail ballot load received by Election Department increased from 5% of the total vote to roughly 50% of the total vote, the envelopes take on critical importance. In addition, the corresponding workload placed on County staff was significantly higher than a normal general election and must be considered ensuring that the final vote count is accurate.

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Because the legitimacy of all mail-in ballots are tied directly to the envelopes that they were mailed in, a complete review and careful evaluation of all envelopes should be undertaken. It is imperative that any envelope from which a ballot was received, extracted, accepted, and then counted meets all requirements for legal submission. Ballots arriving in envelopes that fail to comply with the County guidelines or Nevada law should be considered for rejection.

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On behalf of the Anthony Campaign, and Stavros Anthony personally, thank you for taking the time to ensure that the final vote tally is correct and the voters of Clark County Commission District D can be confident the canvassing of the election is accurate because it was completed a careful and deliberate matter in light of the concerns expressed above.

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MS. DERISO: I just wanted to do that. Thank you very much for allowing me to do that.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you. Anybody else wishing to speak during public comment?

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51 MR. MUELLER: Good afternoon Commissioners. May I speak? My name is Craig 52 Mueller. I'm an attorney. I was on the phone yesterday with Stavros 53 Anthony and also second his motion for a continuation. I'm actually also here on behalf of April Becker, Dan Gilliam, William Kephart, Jim Merchant and Melinda Schumacher.

We had a little more time to go through the data and we believe that pursuant to statute that a partial or total revote is necessary. I draw the Commission's attention to Nevada Revised Statute 293.465, upon receipt of affidavits or application of any candidate or any office to be revoted, the Registrar of Voters for that Precinct, the Board of County Commissioners shall order a new election and precincts or District.

What our investigation has revealed is Mr. Gloria, for whatever reason, flooded the county with 93,000 additional ballots. The 93,000 ballots should not have gone out. Normally, that wouldn't necessarily have been a problem had there been a meaningful signature verification of these ballots as they came in. Unfortunately, there was not. Mr. Gloria, apparently on his own initiative, decided to use an artificial intelligence program called AGILUS so that he didn't have to manually check them.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Mr. Mueller, here's what I'm going to tell you. Please be respectful. Mr. Gloria has done yeoman's work.

MR. MUELLER: Yes he has.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: So you do not have to call him out by name as you speak and he's THE registrar if you'd like to refer to him, but it is not solely His decision. We all direct him to do things. So please be respectful of Mr. Gloria.

MR. MUELLER: Thank you Commissioner. The answer is there are so many fundamental flaws here with this election that nobody could reasonably believe that these outcomes, whatever side of the party, whichever side your issues are going to believe that these election reflects the will of the people. I have assembled what I was able to attend to and get it put together on short notice. I've got a copy for each other Commissioners. There are statutory provisions for such a circumstance. Those of you who have been in Las Vegas for a long time may remember we actually revoted an Assembly District back in 94-96. That was actually my home District and I actually participated as a voter.

There is authority to revote. There is reason to revote and if the Anthony Campaign wants to ask for a few additional days, we would join them but I believe statutorily and factually there is actually no other option here, but the revote the entire election and I will submit this to the clerk so that you will have a copy of the exhibits and information we put together. I have a copy for everybody.

 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you Mr. Mueller. We appreciate that. Is there anybody else wishing to speak during public comment? OK I'm going to go ahead and close the public comment, and I just want to start by saying Mr. Gloria I know that you and your staff have worked tirelessly, and we can't say thank you enough, and we appreciate all the work that they have done and everything that they've done to ensure that our process is fair. So, thank you. Miss King.

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 ${\tt MS.\ KING:}$ The next item on the agenda is item number 2, approval of the agenda.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Entertain a motion to approve the heaven motion by commissioner Gibson to approve the agenda. Any discussion? Seeing none, please cast your vote. And that motion passes.

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MS. KING: Next, we have a number 3, which is to receive the report from the Registrar of Voters, canvas the returns of the general election held on November 3rd of 2020 and direct the Registrar to submit a copy of the abstract of votes cast to the Nevada Secretary of State within 13 days after the election pursuant to Assembly Bill 4.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Mr. Gloria.

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MR. GLORIA: Good afternoon. For the record, Joe Gloria, Registrar of Voters Clark County, Nevada. I'd like to start by thanking a long list of people who provided critical support to us this election season. We couldn't have done what we did without assistance from so many different areas. And first, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for your support and the resources as we communicated and what are concerns where you consistently came through with what are office needed in order to carry out this election. So it really means a lot to our department that you are here for us. Also, the County Manager and Senior Management team and a long list of agencies and departments that I hope you'll bear with me because they all deserve praise: Human Resources, Risk Management, Parks and Recreation, with all the facilities that we used in order to provide voting, IT, Cyber Security Protection and all of the work that they did to support. We can't provide the process that we do efficiently without constant IT support so thanks to them. Automotive, Park Police for providing security, Metro Police for additional security provided at our facility and also throughout the early voting and election day. The city of North Las Vegas and their Police Department, city of Henderson, the city of Boulder City and their Police Department, the City of Mesquite and their fire department, the city of Las Vegas and the city Marshals, all of the owners of the shopping centers that let us have polling places on their property. There are many challenges that come with allowing us to come in and provide this service. They provided support for additional parking, additional security all throughout the period, so thank you to all of those Property Owners. The more than 3,400 County residents who stepped up to work at the poles during such a difficult process with a pandemic going on in the large number of Voters who showed up to vote. My staff at the Election Department do I simply cannot say enough about sticking it through long hours day after day without any days off. I simply can't say enough for the effort that they put forth in supporting this election. And then, most importantly, the voters in Clark County.

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With that, I'll go ahead and read the results of the canvasing into the record and then answer any questions that you may have.

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Results of the canvas for the 2020 general election November $3^{\rm rd}$, 2020. The results of the November 3rd, 2020 general election were canvased comparing the computer printout of ballots counted in the results thereof with the official ballot statement for each of the 1150 precincts utilized in this election. Of the 974,185 ballots cast in the 1150 precincts, we identified 936 discrepancies: 710 were in the mail precincts, 121 in the early voting precincts, and 105 in the election day precincts. Six voters have been identified who voted twice in this election. The mail ballot discrepancies represent issues related to tracking the process of ballots, moving from signature verification to manual signature verification, the ballot cure process and Counting board

The early voting and election day discrepancies are related to inadvertent canceled voter check-ins, reactivated voter cards, duplicate activations or check-in errors. Of the 60,109 provisional ballots cast in the election, 57,866 were accepted and 2,243 were rejected. Of those that were rejected, 115 had already voted in the election, 142 voted in the wrong District or Precinct, 8 were not eligible to vote, 1,925 were not registered to vote and 53 did not provide adequate proof of residence or identification. There were no tabulation errors in the 1150 precincts and that ends my report.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you Mr. Gloria. Did anybody have any questions?

MR. BROWN: Madame Chair, thank you. I'd like to make a motion understanding that I would welcome comments and questions from my colleagues. Based upon the report of the Registrar of Voters, I would like to make the following motion: that we accept the canvas of the vote and certify the election results with the exception of County Commission

District C.

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The commission has received individual briefings in the last 24 hours and to the best of my knowledge some of the discrepancies outlined by the Registrar indicate that those discrepancies surpassed the narrow margin of victory in the District C race calling into question the validity of the election results in just District C. I would like to ask the Registrar as part of my motion to come back at the next regular scheduled BCC meeting with options for a District C resolution.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK. Commissioner Jones.

MR. JONES: Thank you Madame Chair, and I appreciate my colleague from District C's motion. I would suggest that under NRS 293.032, our job in conducting a canvas in the review of the election results by the board of County Commissioners by which any errors within the election results are officially noted and the official election results are declared. So our job in canvassing the vote is not to ensure that every single ballot has been double checked and triple checked in and quadruple checked. It's simply to note any election roll any errors within the election results to note them and the official election results are declared. And we are

1 to complete that under NRS 293.387 today, the tenth day following the
2 election.

In terms of how to resolve any concerns that are brought up that is, under NRS 293, designated for a recount in which the candidate can ask for a recount and under NRS 293.405, the costs of the recount are born by the challenging party. So, I can't support the motion. I think that our job here is to note any discrepancies. I think that Mr. Gloria has in his canvas noted any discrepancies and our job is simply to accept them and any candidate can challenge them through the recount process.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Gibson.

MR. GIBSON: Thank you Madame Chair. A couple of questions. First, to our Counsel - What is your counsel to us respecting the things that are just been commented upon by my colleague?

COUNSEL: Which colleague?

MR. GIBSON: Mr. Jones.

COUNSEL: There is some authority for the proposition that your job here is just ministerial, that is not been that the custom of the Commission in the past when there's been discrepancies that make it impossible for the Registrar to say that the results aren't totally valid and the will of the people.

MR. GIBSON: So, is the motion that Commissioner Brown offered up something that goes without or beyond the authority of this board to do?

COUNSEL: I think it's within the authority and responsibility for the board.

 MR. GIBSON: I have a question about the discrepancies. We've talked about a number of discrepancies, 936 discrepancies countywide, I take it. What is the circumstance respecting discrepancies in District C in the District C vote? Are there ballots that are District C ballots where you found discrepancies? And what are the nature of the discrepancies?

MR. GLORIA: Commissioner Gibson, in my review I have found discrepancies that surpass the amount of the margin of victory, in Commission C specifically.

MR. GIBSON: Can you give us a number and then tell us, give us a sense of what these discrepancies are?

MR. GLORIA: I've identified 139 discrepancies in the Commission C race that follow pretty closely to what I described in the canvas document. Basically, there are records that were transferred back and forth from different responsibilities within the mail process that canceled checkins and things of that nature that we can't reconcile and so they very much or very well could represent a discrepancy that would affect the outcome of the election.

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MR. GIBSON: So, the nature of these discrepancies is such that you can't just look at them again, or in the context of a recount apply them to one candidate or another. You cannot do that.

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MR. GLORIA: That is correct sir. The privacy of the ballot prevents us from doing anything with identifying specific ballots according to a particular voter where we would have the ability to pull those out. It's not possible.

MR. GIBSON: For now, I have a couple other questions, but I'd like to wait just for a minute.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Does anybody else have any questions that they'd like answered? Commissioner Segerblom.

MR. SEGERBLOM: I'm still not clear. So you're saying that that 900 people in this district, there are a hundred people show they have voted but you don't have actual vote counts for that or...

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MR. GLORIA: The vote count will not change. So what we've tallied represent the results in all of the contests within the election. However, we have found discrepancies that we can't explain that would cast a doubt on whether or not that margin of Victory is solid and that I could certify it to say that is definitely accurate.

MR. SEGERBLOM: But it's a discrepancy that that you don't know if the person's vote was counted or not counted? What is the discrepancy?

MS. MILLER: An example of a discrepancy is when you sign in, when you go to vote in person, you sign in at the check in table and then they check — you're given a card and led to a machine. If somebody fails to actually sign in but is then led to a voter machine and votes than that printing is going to be off by one vote. Or, conversely, if that person checks in to vote and for some reason he decides he doesn't want to hit the cast button, cast ballot button, but he leaves and doesn't tell a clerk what has happened? There's going to be a discrepancy there in the number of voters in each precinct and the number of votes recorded for that precinct.

MR. SEGERBLOM: So you would know the person who...

MS. MILLER: Not necessarily. Like for example if they haven't signed in, we don't know who that extra person is necessarily. Sometimes we're able to do enough investigation that we can figure it out but not in these cases, not in these particular ones Mr. Gloria is reporting today.

MR. GLORIA: If I could follow up as well commissioner to maybe clarify. In the course of a day at a particular site, you may have 50 voters who vote at a precinct 1105. There are two areas where we track that activity. One is in the voter registration database where we have our pole book that signs voters in. That varies from time to time. What we tally into the system as a vote does not change. So if I end up with 50

votes in my voter registration, but then only 49 in my Democracy Suite or tabulation for voting systems, I have a discrepancy and because there were 50 votes in that I can't determine exactly which individual it was affected by, but I know that I'm off. And so, we go through with every single precinct by tally type: mail, early voting and election day and wherever there's a discrepancy, it should be a balance. It should be 50/50 but where we have areas in a Precinct where is 51 and 50 or 49 and 50 there's a discrepancy there. And so, we search through our documentation to identify if the team leader has identified with paperwork to document that so that we can explain it. If we don't have documentation, then we can't make a determination as to exactly why that discrepancy occurred but we know we have one. In the Commission C race, I've identified 139. That's the only race in the entire election where we have any concern related to the outcome and it's because of the close margin. It's a district with 218 precincts A margin to 10 is very difficult to audit.

MR. SEGERBLOM: So to follow up on that. If there's a recount, the recount would still be the same based on this discrepancy.

MR. GLORIA: Not necessarily. I couldn't guarantee it would come out 100% the same. In 2016, we recounted over 800,000 ballots I believe it was, and at the end of the day, we had a discrepancy of 4 so it was very tight and all those votes that were cast, it was only changed by 4. That's pretty tight as far as the process and the fact that we counted fairly accurately in that election. I can't tell you whether or not it would be that close or if there would be a wider margin with a recount.

MR. SEGERBLOM: But I'm saying this discrepancy would not be identified by the recount because the recount just counts the 50 or the 49.

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MR. GLORIA: Precisely. According to statute, we would count those ballots in the exact same way we counted them in for this result.

MR. SEGERGLOM: So I'm going to ask the attorney then what happens if we if we have a recount and the same thing happens? Is there ... the winner have a recourse to go to court or something?

MS. MILLER: Contestant's always have the ability to file a contest rather than a recount and the contest grounds are more Broad. In this case, there would be grounds for a contest because there were enough discrepancies to raise a question about the final vote. So, rather than a recount, it be more likely that somebody would file a contest. As Mr. Gloria said, a recount's not going to solve those discrepancies for you.

MR. SEGERBLOM: And just one more question. So, if we do certify today that this does not prevent a request for a recount or for the other processes you talked about.

MS. MILLER: Well, for the other races, they can file their contest. You can't file a contest of a race that hasn't been certified because technically there's not a winner. Somebody hasn't been declared a winner

in there. There might the other legal avenues that they could follow but
not technically a contest.

MR. SEGERBLOM: So, If we don't certify then, are we then saying potentially we're going to ask for a revote ourselves?

MS. MILLER: That's what the Board has done in the past, is set up a special election just with those two candidate to re-run the election.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Can I ask who bears that cost? Do we as the County? Is that what we did? I feel like there is a public administrator that we did this for.

MS. MILLER: It's not the only time. It's not an unusual practice. So that most recently did we did it with the Republican primary for the public administrator in 2018. It happens more likely in assembly races because they're smaller and then they're more likely to be close then a bigger race, but

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Jones.

MR. JONES: Ms. Miller, what's the statutory basis for holding a special election? I'm trying to understand that.

MS. MILLER: In this case, you could use the same statute that you cited saying that because there's a catch-all clause there. You could determine that the will of the voters had not been determined then hold a special election.

MR. JONES: Which statute specifically?

MS. MILLER: I think you cited 293.045

34 MS. KIRKPATRICK: All these attorneys up here feel nervous. Commissioner 35 Naft.

MR. NAFT: Thank you Madame Chair. While he's reviewing that...Ms. Miller, could you speak a little bit more to where the proper forum for this to proceed would be? I understand, from your interpretation, it is in this body's ability not to certify but if we don't, it would go to the court process leaving candidates some options still to protest the outcome.

MS. MILLER: If you certified the results, the candidates - the losing candidate could file a contest tomorrow. I believe that's the deadline is why I mentioned tomorrow.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: So explain to me again. What does that mean?

MS. MILLER: So a contest is going to court and essentially doing the same sort of analysis that a judge would the same sort of analysis you are doing today and determine whether or not the person declared the winner was legally declared the winner.

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Commissioner Weekly. MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK. MR. WEEKLY: And with that being said, Ms. Miller, the judge could

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MS. MILLER: Yes.

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MR. WEEKLY: Or the judge could defer it back to us for us to make a 8 9 decision. Could it go back that way as well? I'm just trying to 10 understand as well.

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MS. MILLER: They would - the judge would probably say yes there has to 12 be another race, but the County Commissioners have to call that and the 13 circumstances under which is called that he wouldn't set the date for 14 15 probably.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Gibson. 17

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In the motion, it seems as though the objective there would MR. GIBSON: 19 be a special election. 20

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MR. GIBSON: Because you can't, I mean, unless the candidate who is 26 behind gives up in a negotiation and says I'm not going to contest this, 27 Otherwise, the only way you get something that you can certify is by 28 taking into... once you given you have to take into account these discrepancies would be if you held the election again. So the question 30 is what if... Do we have authority to withhold a certification and direct 31 that there be a second vote? Do we have that authority? 32

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MS. MILLER: Yes.

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MR. GIBSON: Does it require that all the parties or the two parties come together and agree to that end?

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MS. MILLER: No.

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MR. GIBSON: Or do we have authority, Plenary Authority, under the statutes today or in 2 weeks?

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MS. MILLER: I don't know that its plenary authority, but you do have authority to declare that there's enough concerns about an election in a particular race that you won't certify the result and direct staff to you guys have to call this special election.

> MR. GIBSON: So we have that Authority today. We don't need to wait for a judge to decide that.

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MS. MILLER: Yes, that's correct.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Brown.

MR. BROWN: Thank you. Couple questions. Joe, the discrepancies that you have referenced, are they common in all elections?

MR. GLORIA: Commissioner Brown, yes. There's no election that goes without discrepancies that are identified in particular this time with such a large mail ballot number that the number that I've identified is actually in the thousands of percent. So it was fairly accurate where it gets as a result of such a close margin of victory with 218 precincts in the margin of victory of ten, it's very difficult to get through that without having the discrepancy being larger than the margin of victory.

MR. BROWN: So the past practice of disregarding discrepancies in those races that the total number would have no impact on the outcome. That has been standard practice at the county and probably challenged on a rare occasion.

MR. GLORIA: That is correct, Commissioner Brown. We have, for as long as I can remember since I've been here, it is always been the practice to go through and identify what the discrepancies are and ensure that the margin of victory surpasses that so that you can certify.

MR. BROWN: In the, Joe or Mary on this one, questions that were brought up in the earlier speakers reference to the letter received. Do we have the ability to, or do we have an obligation, to look into those accusations?

MS. MILLER: In the letter that you were sent it is certainly within the board's discretion. There's not a lot of backup on there. You'd have to create your own back up to support those allegations or perhaps that candidate would provide it to you.

MR. BROWN: And to Commissioner Segerblom's point, so a recount is going to serve no purpose to change what we know today? Is that correct? Other than perhaps 4 out of 800,000 that you reference. It doesn't address the discrepancies.

MR. GLORIA: No, it does not. We have the ability to recount and we would recount in the same manner according to statute as we read them originally into the system, but that wouldn't change the discrepancies that I've identified.

MR. BROWN: Madam Chairwoman and, MaryAnn correct me if I overstep here, but I'd like to amend the last portion of my Amendment where I indicated at the next regular meeting with options for the District C race only. I would say the Registrar to come back at the next regular scheduled meeting with options for a special election in that race only. Would that be allowable?

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Can I ask for some clarification Commissioner Brown, tomorrow is our next regular scheduled meeting, so you don't mean tomorrow, right?

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MR. BROWN: How about the first meeting in December? Is that appropriate? 1 And during that time again, I for one, with less than 20 hours of 2 briefing, have so many additional questions if we could during that two-3 week time frame meet with Joe and Counsel to find out all the other pieces that have come into this and I'm quessing would it be appropriate as was mentioned really at the register reach out to both candidates to 6 7 get some sense of what a special election looks like from a programmable standpoint, from a practical standpoint, from a timing standpoint. Would 8 9 that be appropriate?

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That would certainly be my recommendation. MS. MILLER:

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Naft, and then Commissioner Jones.

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MR. NAFT: Commissioner Brown, I was going to suggest if there is more briefings that's required which I think would be helpful. Do we then want to broaden the direction to Mr. Gloria rather than make it more specific?

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MR. BROWN: That was by earlier motion, but I got the sense that we are focusing in on the only thing that could happen.

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MR. NAFT: That might be the will of the Board. I just raised the question if there if there is more briefings required or perhaps you you're meaning more briefing specifically on what a future subsequent election would look like.

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Jones.

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MR. JONES: Thank you Madame Chair. NRS 293.387 requires us to canvas -31 32 complete our canvas today. So, I guess in terms of reviewing 33 discrepancies before the December meeting. Do we even have discretion Ms. 34 Miller to do anything other than hold a special election if we don't 35 certify today?

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MS. MILLER: I'm not aware of any other options.

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MR. JONES: So we either certify today or we don't and it has to go to a special election.

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MS. MILLER: That's my understanding.

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MR. JONES: Okay, so we're not gonna look at discrepancies because looking at discrepancies isn't going to matter, right?

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> MS. MILLER: [not audible]

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MS. KIRKPATRICK: Commissioner Segerblom and then Commissioner Gibson. 49

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51 MR. SEGERBLOM: Just to clarify, Commissioner Jones, when you initially stated this, you said, I thought you said, you interpreted state law to 52 53 say our only obligation was to certify. That's your legal interpretation 54 of what's at stake, right?

MR. JONES: Yes. I'm not counsel for the board, though.

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MR. SEGERBLOM: I know, but I'm saying there's certainly an argument to be made that we don't have the discretion to say were going to call and election. We're just saying certified.

MR. KIRKPATRICK: Anything else, Commissioner? Any other Commissioners? Commissioner, Gibson.

MR. GIBSON: Of course, when the phone started ringing last week and people from both sides were reaching out, the first thing that occurred to me was this is easy. We'll just do a recount and that'll be the end of it. This additional complication in my estimation elevates it to a place where the transcendent importance of the commission and this institution, the County, Mr. Gloria's reputation, and the entire Election Department's reputation in my estimation is affected by the action that we take. And I believe that the way that we address it, as imperfect as it may be, may apparently only is to do a special election. So I guess for that reason, since there really are no other viable options, we can either wait and some Court tells us to do a special election or we can get out of the way and get something going, so the people at District C can find a new Commissioner and it's disappointing that there have been things like the ones that are described. I imagine there are other things that have happened. Were any of the ballots returned and not readable? Marked in a way that is confusing? Did that happen? I don't know how you do that. But are there any other things? Is there any voter negligence in the way that these discrepancies get characterized?

MR. GLORIA: In the hundreds of thousands of ballots, Commissioner, that were reviewed, there are issues with ballots. That's why we have a duplication board that can take a look at the ballot and as long as we follow the prescribed determinations that we've reviewed with our County DA they have the ability to duplicate a ballot and then we can get it into the system.

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The system performed relatively flawlessly because we are able to review the document and make sure that it's not in a condition that would damage the machine. So, there weren't many instances where the ICC scanner was unable to read ballots, but we did see ballots that were identified. We did see ballots that were damaged that had to be duplicated to run into the system. But nothing that would reach to the level of we call it a discrepancy. That's just the normal course of an election.

Mr. GIBSON: So the work that would be done for any race was on this ballot has been done. Everything has been reviewed and what we're suggesting here today has no implication, or bears not at all on outcomes in any other race. It is only in this race. We had a couple up here I went back and looked at the report and looks like there's several thousand votes different in the case of some of the people whose names were mentioned as candidates who are seeking relief and then maybe there is something they can do but I see this so dramatically differently from

any of the rest of them because of the number and you've isolated it down to 139, I think you said, of ballots and I just don't think we have any option. I think that the credibility of everything that we do is something that can be affirmed by simply doing that rather than waiting for some Court to tell us how to conduct our business. So I think that's where I come down. But thank you very much Madame Chair.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK, Commissioner Jones.

MR. JONES: What is the estimated cost of a special election commissioner?

MR. GLORIA: That would depend how we hold the election, commissioner. So, I will have those costs with me when I present to you and what the options are in if there are any discussions between now and the next Commission meeting. I would be prepared to have those numbers.

MR. JONES: If a, Ms. Miller, a contest where if we certified today and a contest were filed and a judge were to not agree with our certification canvas of the result. Would the cost then be borne by Mr. Anthony?

MS. MILLER: Not the cost of the election. I think they can recover court costs against the other parties to the contest but if a judge orders a new election, that the jurisdiction bears the cost of that election.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK, Commissioner Naft.

MR. NAFT: Ms. Miller, could you speak a little bit more to the eventuality that the court would rule or your estimation that a court would rule that a revote needs to occur.

 MS. MILLER: I don't think because of the nature of the discrepancies then any Court presented with these discrepancies would be comfortable saying that with the results really reflect the will of the voters and Commission C. It's just such a close race. We're unable to go back and find out which way those votes went one way or the other a Court would not be able to do that in any event, so the court would really be in very similar situation to you, where the Commissioners are today.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK. Commissioner Brown you want to receipt your amended motion?

MR. BROWN: Thank you Madame Chair. I would like to make the following motion that we accept the canvas of the vote and certify the election results, with the exception of County Commission District C. The Commissioners received into individual briefings and over the last 24 hours and some of the discrepancies Outline by the Registrar indicate that the discrepancies surpassed the narrow margin of victory in that race, calling into question the validity of the election results in just the District C race. I would like to ask the Registrar to come back at the next regular meeting. No, I take that back. I would like the Registrar to come back at the first meeting in December with options for a special election in the District C race only, and submit a copy of the

abstract of votes cast for the Nevada Secretary of State 4AB4.

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Mr. Gloria, outside of that long discussion we just had. So, what happens to the people that voted twice? I hope that we're going to go after them. Correct? If we can prove that it was egregious and on purpose?

 MR. GLORIA: There would need to be an investigation done where they interview the individuals. We definitely have the evidence to provide that they did in fact vote twice, so I can't tell you exactly in each scenario what might or might not happen, but we'll definitely be submitting them to the Secretary of State.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: And then how long does that process? I mean, I just would like you to put us back in the loop because I just want to make sure that we keep up with the integrity of elections and we remind folks of the importance of doing it the right way.

MR. GLORIA: Sure, at your request Madame Chair. I'll be sure to stay abreast of what's going on in the investigation once we submit.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: OK. Ms. King, does that conclude us?

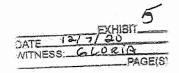
MS. KING: Yes it does, Madame Chair.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: This is the second time set aside for public comment. Anybody wishing to speak on public comment? Seeing none, we're going to go ahead and close the public comment and we are adjourned.

Clark County Election Department Absentee/ Offical Ballot Statement- VEMACS/DSuite 2020 General Election

City/County = ALL

County/City	Precinct	VEMACS	DSuite	Difference	Justifications Column1
AS	3040	564	563	1.	Unreconcilable
CC	3152	31	30	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3217	638	636	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3361	622	623	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3364	754	756	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3372	482	481	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3373	585	586	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3374	430	431	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3380	191	190	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3381	539	540	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3383	599	598	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3413	479	480	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3414	396	395	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3431	464	462	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3464	526	527	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3547	780	778	2	1 Lead Card Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3557	768	766	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3565	493	494	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3576	289	288	1	Unreconcilable



LAS	3587	492	493	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3602	834	832	2	1 Lead Card Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3604	907	905	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3606	418	417	1	Unreconcilable
CC.	3609	442	444	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3610	589	590	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3613	518	519	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3705	414	413	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3707	671	670	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3708	429	430	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3709	945	942	3	Unreconcilable
CC	3711	75	76	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3716	295	294	1.	Unreconcilable
LAS	3719	674	671	3	2 Lead Cards Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3721	416	413	3	2 Lead Cards Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3724	470	468	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3726	701	699	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3727	745	746	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3729	474	473	1	Unreconcilable
LÁS	3730	697	696	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	Unreconcilable
cc	3731	2	3	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3738	204	203	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3739	469	466	3	2 Lead Cards Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
CC .	3741	183	184	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3743	559	558	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3746	645	646	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3747	410	411	1	Unreconcilable

LAS	3749	645	647	2	1 CAP/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3754	819	818	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3755	405	404	1	Unreconcilable
СС	3758	356	355	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3760	703	704	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3764	665	664	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3768	438	440	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3769	448	446	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3770	516	517	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3771	335	337	2	1 CAP/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3772	520	519	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3775	335	336	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3780	603	602	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3783	474	476	2	1 CAP/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3784	374	373	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3788	744	741	3	2 Lead Cards Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3789	611	612	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3790	602	600	2	1 Lead Card Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3792	413	414	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3794		384	1:	Unreconcilable
LAS	3795	318	317	1	Unreconcilable
CC	3803	35	36	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3807	565	566	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3814	394	395		Unreconcilable
LAS	3815	388	387	1	Unreconcilable
LAS	3826	160	162	2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3841	564	566	2	Unreconcilable

LAS	3842	482	479	3	2 Lead Cards Missing/ 1 Unreconcilable 1
LAS	3844	353	351	-2	Unreconcilable
LAS	3863	403	402	1	Unreconcilable
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Clark County Election Department Early Voting - Official Ballot Statement - Vemacs/Dsuite 2020 General Election

COUNTY	CITY PRECINCT VEM	ACS D-SUIT	E DIFFEREN	CE ISSUE
LAS	3217	755	756	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3361	505	506	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3363	674	675	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3375	717	718	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3381	827	828	1 Unreconcilable
LAS .	3464	496	497	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3465	389	390	1 Unreconcilable
CC	3532	185	186	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3576	424	425	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3588	545	546	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3719	622	623	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3749	515	516	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3751	284	286	2 Unreconcilable
LAS	3759	628	629	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3789	370	371	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3792	247	248	1 Unreconcilable
LAS	3841	455	456	1 Unreconcilable

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Clark County Election Department Election Day - Official Ballot Statement - VEMACS/D-Suite 2020 General Election

COUNTY/CITY	PRECINCT	VEMACS	D-SUITE	DIFFERENCE	code	comments
LAS	3217	171	172		17	17. Unknown
LAS	3363	97	98		14	14. Cancelled check in incorrectly (Nelson, Ronal #1374320)
LAS	3371	59	60		17	17. Unknown
LAS	3465	60	62		2 17, 17	17. Unknown
LAS	3565	80	81		16	16. Check In Error / Not on PP Report (Carney, Toi Nicole #1367683)
LAS	3606	124	125		14	14. Cancelled check in incorrectly (Katherine, Nicole Belcher)
LAS	3730	159	160		16	16. Check in error / not on pp report (Luna, Samantha #1610845)
LAS	3749	194	195		17	17. Unknown
LAS	3753	34	35		1 17	17. Unknown
LAS	3764	139	140		15	15. Reactivated Card improperly (Ayadi, Nizar #2787554)
LAS	3787	137	138		1 17	17. Unknown
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<u>MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS</u>

I, JACOB A. REYNOLDS, declare:

- 1. I am a resident of Nevada, and am an attorney at the law firm of Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC, acting as counsel for Stavros Anthony in this matter.
- 2. As part of Mr. Anthony's Motion for writ of mandamus, I submit this declaration to confirm Joe Gloria submitted his affidavit, attached to this Motion at Exhibit 3, to the Clark County Commission on November 23, 2020.
- 3. I received the email attached hereto from his Counsel Mary-Anne Miller on November 23, 2020, in confirmation of our conversation that Mr. Gloria would be submitting an affidavit to the Commission pursuant to NRS 293.465. The email clearly indicated it had been submitted to the members of the Commission directly by Mr. Gloria. Ms. Miller directly confirmed this with me as well.
- 4. The email from Ms. Miller to me indicated Clerk Lynn Goya's email address because I had asked counsel to whom we should direct Mr. Anthony's follow-up application for a new election to fulfill the requirements of NRS 293.465.
- 5. I have not included the attachment to the email as it is already attached to the Motion at Exhibit 3.
- 6. I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct based upon my knowledge, information, and belief.

/s/ Jacob A. Reynolds	
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN AND FOR CLARK CITY, STATE OF NEVADA

ROSS MILLER, and individual,

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity; and DOES I-X, inclusive,

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24 STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual,

25 Intervenor-Plaintiff,

26 VS.

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government Case No.: A-20-824971-W

Dept. No.: 11

PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE **CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW **ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT C**

Hearing Date: December 18, 2020

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entity; ROSS MILLER, an individual; and DOES I-X, inclusive,

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Plaintiff/Petitioner, Ross Miller ("Plaintiff" or "Mr. Miller"), by and through counsel of

record, submits his Opposition to Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros Anthony's Motion for Writ of

Mandamus ("Motion") that requires the Clark County Board of Commissioners (the Board) to

hold a new election in Clark County Commission District C. This Opposition is based on the

memorandum of points and authorities below, any affidavits and exhibits attached hereto, all

papers and pleadings on file, and any oral argument this Court sees fit to allow at a hearing on this

I. INTRODUCTION

Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros Anthony ("Intervenor" or "Mr. Anthony") is requesting the same relief that this Court has already denied: an order from this Court undoing the canvass and certification of the reported vote results, and requiring the Board to conduct a new election in District C pursuant to NRS 293.465. In denying Intervenor's motion for preliminary injunction, this Court stated that: "NRS 293.465 is clear that the election must be prevented ... There's a lot of different ways the election could have been prevented. That is not what is included in Mr. Gloria's affidavit. There are discrepancies of 139. *That does not mean that there was any election that was prevented in any precinct or district*[.]" *See* Tr. Hr'g (Nov. 30, 2020), at 21:18-23-7, attached to Intervenor's Motion as Exhibit 7 (emphasis added). Nothing has changed since that time, and in fact Intervenor's claim that an election was prevented and that Clark County Registrar of Voters, Joe Gloria (the "Registrar" or "Mr. Gloria"), submitted an affidavit to that effect has only become less plausible following his deposition in this action.

Following the Court's hearing on Intervenor's motion for preliminary injunction, on December 1, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to reconsider its decision not to canvass the results of the General Election for the District C race, and subsequently voted unanimously to canvass those results and directed the Registrar to submit a copy of the abstract of votes cast in the

District C race to the Nevada Secretary of State. *See* Joint Meeting of the Board of Clark County Commissioners, Summary of Final Action, Agenda Items No. 1, 33 (available at https://clark.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view_id=17&clip_id=6923&doc_id=75d3b9d8-342a-11eb-bc32-0050569183fa) (December 1, 2020) (last accessed Dec. 13, 2020). The Board complied with its ministerial, non-discretionary statutory obligations of NRS 293.387.

Intervenor now moves this Court for a writ of mandamus that requires the Board to hold a new election in District C, again arguing that the District C election was *prevented* pursuant to NRS 293.465. Mr. Anthony is asking this Court to overturn the expressed will of the people and have results be declared null and void. NRS 293.465, Intervenor's statutory basis for his motion for writ of mandamus, is simply not applicable here, under any analysis. NRS 293.465 does not apply to these facts, and there is no statute in Nevada that permits the Board, or this Court, to annul a properly-held election and hold a new election for District C. The Court should deny Intervenor's Motion.

II. PERTINENT BACKGROUND

The Court is well aware of the basic facts of this matter. Little has changed since the Court denied Intervenor's motion for preliminary injunction on December 4, 2020, except that Plaintiff's victory margin has widened. On December 3, 2020, Intervenor requested a recount of the results of the District C race, and the Clark County Elections Department finished the five-day recount on December 11, 2020. See "Republican Stavros Anthony files for recount in Clark County Commission race he lost by 10 votes," The Nevada Independent, (available at https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/republican-stavros-anthony-files-for-recount-in-clark-county-commission-race-he-lost-by-10-votes) (last accessed Dec. 13, 2020); see also Election Summary Report, General Election, Clark County, November 3, 2020, Summary for: County Commissioner District C, Recount Unofficial Summary (Dec. 11, 2020), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. After the recount, Plaintiff's margin increased from 10 votes to 30; Mr. Miller's vote count increased from 76,586 votes to 76,633, and Mr. Anthony's vote count increased from 76,576 to 76,603. See Exhibit 1. Recounts of votes in any precinct—and, hence, any district comprised of precincts—are final under Nevada law. NRS 293.405(4).

III. ARGUMENT

A. A Writ of Mandamus Should Not Be Issued

A writ of mandamus is available "to compel the performance of an act which the law especially enjoins as a duty resulting from an office, trust or station." NRS 34.160. Here, Intervenor seeks a writ—"requiring the [the Board] to order a new election for Clark County Commission District C"—pursuant to NRS 293.465. *See generally* Motion. NRS 293.465 has no application here whatsoever.

NRS 293.465 reads, in full:

If an election is prevented in any precinct or district by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct, or any other cause, the appropriate election officers in that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that fact and transmit it to the appropriate board of county commissioners. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the application of any candidate for any office to be voted for by the registered voters of that precinct or district, the board of county commissioners shall order a new election in that precinct or district.

NRS 293.465 (emphases added). In other words, NRS 293.465 concerns instances in which an election is prevented from occurring altogether. It makes provision for a new election under those narrow, limited, and specific circumstances. NRS 293.465 provides a mechanism to respond to unforeseen circumstances that prevent an election from being carried out; for instance, if an earthquake, fire, or the loss of ballots prevents the completion of an election in a particular precinct. It is not a statute permitting a new election if one's own preferred candidate is not elected, or when results declared by the Registrar indicate a closely-run election.

1. No election was prevented on November 3, 2020

Clark County had an election on November 3, 2020. The results of every race have been canvassed and certified. No precinct failed to complete its election. NRS 293.465 cannot apply here, by its express terms. This Court agreed when denying Intervenor's motion for preliminary injunction:

The Motion for a Preliminary Injunction or Temporary Restraining Order is denied. NRS 293.465 is clear that the election must be prevented. There are a number of ways it could be prevented that don't include natural disasters. There could be an accident that is transmitting the vehicle that has the thumb drives in it. There's a lot of different ways the election could have been prevented. That

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Q. So, Mr. Gloria, would you agree that the 139 discrepancies identified in

clarifies that he cannot accurately describe what the discrepancies are, but that they are not voting

1	your affidavit are simply the result of errors in the conduct of the election?
2	A. Again, I'd have to clarify and say that many of those discrepancies, I don't
3	know exactly what they are. They are discrepancies because we don't have anythingwe're off from our VEMACS total, which is our poll vote to our
4	Democracy Suite total, which are our actual votes that do not change. And because I don't balance there, I have a discrepancy.
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6 7	Q. Now, [Intervenor's] counsel has been referring to these as errors. You never used the word "error" to the County Commission, did you?
8	A. No, we called them pretty clearly discrepancies, except for the areas where we could explain exactly what happened.
9	Q. Right. And you call them discrepancies because you don't know if they're errors. You don't know what happened in these 139 instances, correct?
10 11	A. Unfortunately, with a majority of them I do not. I can only give an idea of what they could be, but I don't know what those are.
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13	Q. We don't even know if there were any ballots associated with these
14	discrepancies, there may not be any ballots. There may just be discrepancies that will never be reconciled or explained, correct?
15	A. That is also correct.
16	Q. Okay. And there's certainly no way to understand whether these discrepancies favored or disfavored any particular candidate, correct?
17 18	A. There's no way for me to know.
19	Gloria Depo., at 22:12-23, 63:18-64:20. The 139 discrepancies are not errors that prevented an
20	election; they are not even errors. The Registrar describes them as an accounting imbalance, tally
21	sheets that do not reconcile. They are not "lost" ballots. Intervenor cannot establish that the 139
22	discrepancies favored Mr. Miller, nor can he establish that the discrepancies—which Mr. Gloria
23	has stated time and again are normal in any election—mandate a new election pursuant to
24	NRS 293.465. ¹
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26	The Court may also note the following exchange regarding the utter normality of this situation:
27	Q. I think you told the Commission there were some 900 total discrepancies, correct?
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1	4. Mr. Anthony has an adequate remedy at law
2	There is an established, exclusive, mandatory, statutory process including a recount and an
3	election contest available to address any issues that a defeated candidate may wish to adjudicate.
4	Mr. Anthony has already begun the process by demanding a recount, which is now complete. The
5	petition for mandamus should be denied.
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15	A. It was in thee area of 900, that's correct.
16	Q. And 139 of them actually within Commission District C. Are those within the normal range of discrepancies given the size of the vote pool?
17	A. I would say those are historically lower.
18	Q. Historically lower?
19 20	A. Yes, in a normal election. It was the margin of victory that did us in.
21	Q. So had this not been such a close result, you would have been incredibly
22	proud of the fact that you emerged from an election during a pandemic with all the things you had to do to prepare and logistics and all of those things,
23	you emerged from this election with a lower frequency of discrepancies than you normally would, correct in your mind?
24	A. Yes, I would agree with that. It was a tremendous achievement by my staff.
25	Q. So you just got a bit unlucky that there was a really close election, right?
26	A. Yes, I did.
27	Gloria Depo., at 66:12-25, 67:1-13.
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1	IV.	CONCLUSION
2		For all the reasons described above, Mr. Anthony's motion should be denied by this Court.
3		DATED this 14th day of December, 2020.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on this 14th day of December, 2020, a true and correct copy of the PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT C was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Odyssey eFileNV system and serving all parties with an email address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 1402 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R. By: /s/ Dannielle Fresquez. Dannielle Fresquez, an Employee of WOLF, RIFKIN, SHAPIRO, SCHULMAN & RABKIN, LLP

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Election Summary Report

General Election Clark County

November 03, 2020

Summary for: County Commissioner District C, All Districts, All Tabulators, All Counting Groups

Recount Unofficial Summary 12/11/2020

County Commissioner District C (Vote for 1)

Candidate	Party	Total	
Anthony, Stavros	REP	76,603	
Miller, Ross	DEM	76,633	
Total Votes		153,236	

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PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENT TO **OPPOSITION TO INTERVENOR'S** MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO** ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR **CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT C**

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COMMISSIONERS, a local government 1 entity; ROSS MILLER, an individual; and 2 DOES I-X, inclusive, 3 Defendants. 4 5 Plaintiff/Petitioner, Ross Miller ("Plaintiff" or "Mr. Miller"), by and through counsel of 6 record, submits the following Supplement to his Opposition to Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros 7 Anthony's Motion for Writ of Mandamus filed on December 14, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 1 is a true and correct copy of an email from Joe P. Gloria dated December 14, 2020, regarding 9 official results update of the Election Summary Report. The updated Election Summary Report 10 details that Plaintiff's margin increased from 10 votes to 15; Mr. Miller's vote count increased 11 from 76,586 votes to 76,592, and Mr. Anthony's vote count increased from 76,576 to 12 76,577. See Exhibit 1. 13 DATED this 14th day of December, 2020. 14 /s/ Bradley S. Schrager 15 DOMINIC P. GENTILE Nevada Bar No. 1923 16 JOHN A. HUNT Nevada Bar No. 1888 17 CLARK HILL PLLC 3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy., #500 18 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 Tel: (702) 862-8300/Fax: (702) 862-8400 19 dgentile@clarkhill.com ihunt@clarkhill.com 20 BRADLEY S. SCHRAGER, ESQ. 21 Nevada Bar No. 10217 DANIEL BRAVO, ESQ. 22 Nevada Bar No. 13078 WOLF, RIFKIN, SHAPIRO, 23 SCHULMAN & RABKIN, LLP 3556 E. Russell Road, Second Floor 24 Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 Tel: (702) 341-5200/Fax: (702) 341-5300 25 bschrager@wrslawyers.com dbravo@wrslawyers.com 26 Attorneys for Plaintiff/Petitioner Ross Miller 27 28

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I hereby certify that on this 14th day of December, 2020, a true and correct copy of the PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT C was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Odyssey eFileNV system and serving all parties with an email address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 1402 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R.

By: <u>/s/ Dannielle Fresquez</u>

Dannielle Fresquez, an Employee of WOLF, RIFKIN, SHAPIRO, SCHULMAN & RABKIN, LLP

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Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:58 AM **To:** Piers R. Tueller; Bradley Schrager

Cc: Mary-Anne Miller; Lorena Portillo; Dan Kulin

Subject: Official Results Update - Clark County Commission District C

Attachments: 2020 Recount ElectionSummaryReportRPT_SR1.pdf

We have finished our review of the recount and were able to identify the issue we shared with you on Friday. They were in fact duplicate batches of ballots that were read into the system. With assistance from our vendor we were able to identify the batches and have them removed. I have attached the new vote totals and will be canvassing these results tomorrow at the commission meeting.

We are working on getting the images for the adjudicated ballots to you for the November count and an updated batch for the recount, as there were some duplicates in what was originally provided. The files are large so we may need to get them to you with a flash drive. If you have any questions please let me know.

Joe P. Gloria, MPA, CERA

Registrar of Voters

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2020 Recount
Commission District C
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County Commissioner District C (Vote for 1)

Candidate	Party	Total	
Anthony, Stavros	REP	76,577	
Miller, Ross	DEM	76,592	
Total Votes	'	153,169	

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1	Defendant Clark County Board of Commissioners joins Plaintiff's Opposition to				
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3	Commissioners to Order a New Election for Clark County Commission District C in its				
4	entirety, thereby adopting the supporting points and authorities filed herein.				
5	DATED this 14 th day of December, 2020.				
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15	foregoing JOINDER TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO INTERVENOR'S				
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1 Miller's ("Miller") Opposition and asks this Court for a Writ of Mandamus that requires the Clark 2 3 County Board of Commissioners ("the Commission") to hold a new election for Clark County 4 Commission District C pursuant to Nevada law, including NRS 293.465.

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1. Legal Analysis.

A. Miller deliberately ignores the correct legal standard of statutory interpretation.

The Court and the Commission must "construe statutes to give meaning to all of their parts and language, and this court will read each sentence, phrase, and word to render it meaningful within the context of the purpose of the legislation. Further, no part of a statute should be rendered meaningless and its language should not be read to produce absurd or unreasonable results." Harris Assocs. v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist., 119 Nev. 638, 642, 81 P.3d 532, 534 (2003) (internal citations and quotations omitted). Moreover, when possible, the interpretation of a statute or constitutional provision should be harmonized with other statutory or provisions to avoid unreasonable or absurd results. See Nevada Power Co. v. Haggerty, 115 Nev. 353, 364, 989 P.2d 870 (1999); see also Banegas v. State Indus. Ins. Sys., 117 Nev. 222, 225, 19 P.3d 245, 247 (2001)("[W]) ords within a statute must not be read in isolation, and statutes must be construed to give meaning to all of their parts and language within the context of the purpose of the legislation."); Orion Portfolio Servs. 2, LLC v. Cty. of Clark ex rel. Univ. Med. Ctr. of So. Nev., 126 Nev. 397, 403, 245 P.3d 527, 531 (2010) (The Court must "not render any part of the statute meaningless," or read it in a way that "produce[s] absurd or unreasonable results.").

Intervening Party Stavros Anthony ("Anthony," "Intervening Plaintiff") hereby Replies to Ross

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These are the canons of statutory interpretation that must be followed by all lawyers and courts in Nevada. In this case the statutory scheme expressly identifies the standard by which the provisions of the NRS 293 et seq. are to be interpreted: "1. This title must be liberally construed to the end that: . .. (c) The real will of the electors is **not** defeated by any informality or by failure substantially to comply with the provisions of this title with respect to the giving of any notice or the conducting of an election or *certifying* the results thereof." See NRS 293.127 (emphasis added.)

Miller ignores this statutory mandate ("must be"), and fails to make a single reference to any

part of the statute throughout his entire opposition. It is as if NRS 293.127 does not exist.

Instead Miller makes the argument, which is his clear and unmoving legal argument, that: "The Board complied with its ministerial, non-discretionary statutory obligations of NRS 293.387." (See Opp'n at 3:4-5.) However, as discussed in the Motion, this argument also *ignores* NRS 293.387(2)(b), which states clearly the Board is supposed to "(b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery [of errors], *so that* the result declared represents the *true vote cast*." (Emphasis added.) Miller literally makes no effort to reconcile this portion of the statute with his absolute legal position that, if an election happens, it must be certified.

Miller makes no counterargument to the obvious fact that the statutory scheme expressly mandates that steps be taken to *avoid* "certifying an incorrect election outcome." *See* NRS 293.394(2)(b). It is as if NRS 293.387(2)(b) and NRS 293.394 also do not exist.

Under Miller's reasoning, NRS 293.465, NRS 293.127, and NRS 293.387(2)(b) are rendered meaningless. Miller's legal interpretation of NRS 293.387(2)(a) is that that regardless of the troubling discrepancies that admittedly *prevented* the Registrar from certifying the election results in District C because he could not identify the actual will of the voters, the election nonetheless should be certified by the Commission as a "ministerial, non-discretionary statutory obligation[] of NRS 293.387." (*See* Opp'n at 3:5.)

Ironically, this legal approach and interpretation also renders the use of the term "certify" in this context completely meaningless, other than only to certify what Miller suggests – *i.e.*, that an election happened: "Ballots were not lost, there was no natural disaster. No election is perfect, but an election *did* take place in Clark County on November 3, 2020." (*See* Opp'n 5:4-6) (emphasis *in original*). The Court cannot allow this meaningless interpretation of the statute to stand, which requires simply certifying that an election *happened*.

¹ (Mot., Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. ¶ 3) ("In the case of the Commission, District C race, the members of counting and auditing boards found discrepancies such that the margin of victory in that race is called into doubt. There are 218 precincts in District C. There were 139 discrepancies which the election boards were unable to reconcile. As a result, I cannot certify that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters in that district, and in my professional opinion as an election official, it raises a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the election.")

As argued in the Motion, the election certification by the Commission should be a certification that the results represent "the true vote cast" (NRS 293.387(2)(b)) and the "real will of the electors" (NRS 293.127(1)(c)). *That* certification was *prevented*, within the meaning of NRS 293.465, by the conduct of the election, which yielded 139 irreconcilable discrepancies that far outnumber the margin of victory in this race.

B. Miller's narrow interpretation of "prevented" is wrong.

Miller misconstrues the catchall phrase in NRS 293.465 that the election may be prevented by "any other cause." In fact, when Miller discusses NRS 293.465 he only italicizes the language "by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots" for emphasis. (*See* Opp'n 4:9-13.) Once again, this argument ignores the statutory mandate to interpret the provisions of NRS 293 *et seq.* liberally: ""1. This title *must be liberally construed* to the end that: . . . (c) The real will of the electors is *not* defeated by any informality or by failure substantially to comply with the provisions of this title with respect to the giving of any notice or the conducting of an election or *certifying* the results thereof." *See* NRS 293.127 (emphasis added).

Miller ignores this statutory mandate for a *liberal* construction and *expressly* argues the opposite—*i.e.*, that NRS 293.465's catchall phrase should be read narrowly, limited, and specifically: "In other words, NRS 293.465 concerns instances in which an election is prevented from occurring altogether. It makes provision for a new election under those narrow, limited, and specific circumstances." (Opp'n at 4:14-16.)

Of course, this interpretation directly contradicts the statutory mandate for liberal construction in NRS 293.127. This interpretation of the statute also yields an absurd result in contradiction of the principles of statutory construction that, whenever possible, the interpretation of a statute or constitutional provision should be harmonized with other statutory or constitutional provisions to avoid unreasonable or absurd results. *See Nevada Power Co. v. Haggerty*, 115 Nev. 353, 364, 989 P.2d 870 (1999); *Orion Portfolio Servs. 2, LLC v. Cty. of Clark ex rel. Univ. Med. Ctr. of So. Nev.*, 126 Nev. 397, 403, 245 P.3d 527, 531 (2010) (The Court must "not render any part of the statute meaningless," or read it in a way that "produce[s] absurd or unreasonable results.").

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The admittedly absurd result of Miller's analysis is that it only analyzes *preventing* an election from the obstruction side of the coin—*i.e.*, "an earthquake, fire, or the loss of ballots prevents the completion of an election." (Opp'n at 4:17-18.)

This myopically one-sided interpretation means that hypothetically if it was known that 100 ballots were burned or lost that the election would *then* be considered "prevented," *but* if there were 100 ballots thought to be wrongfully *added* to the election pool, then the election would *not* be prevented. After all, the election happened.

But why would 100 ballots being *added* to the pool not merit the same remedy as 100 ballots being *subtracted* from the pool? In a tight election like the one in this case 100 additional ballots are *just* as troublesome to the public policy considerations, and in fact the general public perception, as are 100 lost or destroyed ballots because both have the *equal* capability of changing the outcome of the election. The Registrar specifically testified before the Commission that these errors (both the missing ballot and extra ballot variety) could represent discrepancies that affected the outcome of the election.²

Therefore, Miller's interpretation of the term *prevented* in NRS 293.465 is baselessly narrow and confined, especially for a catchall general phrase that is *supposed* to be interpreted *liberally*. As previously shown Miller's proposed interpretation of "prevented" ignores other statutes in NRS 293 *et seq.*, which clearly require determining the "real will of the electors," certifying the "true vote cast," and taking steps to avoid "certifying an incorrect election outcome." The Commission is not simply certifying that an election *happened*.

(1) The correct reading of "prevented" in NRS 293.465 embraces a cohesive reading of NRS 293.

All of these problems of statutory interpretation are solved if the Court determines that the correct interpretation of "prevented" in NRS 293.465 is simply this: An election is "prevented" pursuant to NRS 293.465 if it cannot be determined "by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots

² The Registrar specifically testified to the Commission that these are errors that "we can't reconcile and so they very much or *very well could represent a discrepancy that would affect the outcome of the election.*" (*See* Mot., Exhibit 1, Tr. Special Meeting, Nov. 16, 2020 at 6:47-53) (emphasis added).

³ NRS 293.127. ⁴ NRs 293.387.

⁵ NRS 293.394.

intended for that precinct, or any other cause" what the "true vote cast" is or what the "real will of the electors" is.

This interpretation recognizes problems of ballot loss, ballot destruction, *and* ballot addition all equally, as they *should* be. Rather than the ramrod approach of merely certifying elections because they "happened," this interpretation allows discretion for the Commission to order a new election that in this case *must* occur based on the existence of NRS 293.465. This is the most logical interpretation of "prevented," which allows the Court to read the statutory scheme in NRS 293 *et seq.* as a cohesive whole. It is also a simple interpretation to apply, and promotes greater public confidence in election outcomes.

C. Miller cannot change the Registrar's classification of the 139 discrepancies as errors.

Miller's Opposition, "Section 3," is focused on contending that it is Anthony who calls these discrepancies errors and not the Registrar. Miller goes so far as to represent to the Court that these are Anthony's words only, and quotes the deposition transcript to suggest the Registrar denied using the term "errors" at all.

The assertion that the Registrar does not believe these are errors, or that the term "errors" is not his word but Anthony's, is simply not true. The truth is that weeks before his deposition, the Registrar referred to these discrepancies as errors as part of his *prepared* report, which he read to the Clark County Commission at the Special Meeting on November 16, 2020:

Six voters have been identified who voted twice in this election. The mail ballot discrepancies represent issues related to tracking the process of ballots, moving from signature verification to manual signature verification, the ballot cure process and counting board process. The early voting and election day discrepancies are related to inadvertent canceled voter check-ins, reactivated voter cards, duplicate activations or check-in *errors*.⁶

It is therefore a misrepresentation of the record to even suggest that it is *Anthony* alone who calls the discrepancies *errors* when plainly, before Anthony was able to ask the Registrar any deposition questions at all, the Registrar referred to these discrepancies as errors.

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ (See Mot., Exhibit 1, Tr. Special Meeting 5:14-16) (emphasis added).

return, then we don't have an ability for our system to read that precinct into the system. And so that wouldn't have been a discrepancy that we counted against the margin of victory. But right next to that is one unreconcilable. So you can see that I have a 1 off to the right there, and that's what was tallied into the discrepancies. Not the 2 under the "Difference" column. I don't know if that helps to clarify, but I thought I would make that clear.

Q. Thank you very much for that clarification. It does help. So let me reword so I can understand. So where it says -- all three of these Exhibits 5, 6 and 7 have a column. In Exhibit 7, you're only saying "unknown;" you never say "unreconcilable." In Exhibits 5 and 6, it says "unreconcilable."

A. Yes.

Q. So but where -- but there's also instances where you identify a specific thing that you -- so staying with Exhibit 5, the exhibit you had, if I go down to the next page on Precinct 3719, exhibit -- excuse me, Precinct 3719, it says there are 2 lead cards missing and there's 1 unreconcilable. Do you see that?

A. I do. And you'll notice off to the right there's a 1.

Q. Correct.

A. And so that 1 was counted into the discrepancy category, not the 3 because we were able to explain the first 2.

Q. Great. And so you're able to explain the first two problems. And then the next one is unreconcilable; you don't know what caused it. Is that --

A. That is correct.

Q. All right. So then just referring to these unreconcilable notations, would you attribute those to errors in the way the election was conducted?

A. It could be.

(See Mot. Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. at 23:13-26:25.)

Miller appears to believe that he wins on hairsplitting the "discrepancies" from "errors." But the Registrar himself, in his prepared report to the Commission, used the term *errors*. When directly asked about any discomfort he had in the term discrepancy vs. error he stated relating to the unknown/unreconcilable instances "I wouldn't disagree that they're simply *errors in the election*." Upon further clarification the Registrar specifically agreed *twice* that the *unreconcilable* and *unknown*

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discrepancies identified in his reports⁷ could be classified as "errors." Those are the Registrar's words from his own report to the Commission, and his own words under oath at his deposition when being *squarely* and *fairly* asked about the difference.

Accordingly, these 139 unreconcilable discrepancies represent errors in the conduct of an election, that the Registrar specifically testified may have had an affect on the outcome of the election.⁸

D. The significance of *errors* in the conduct of an election.

No one in this case is blaming the Registrar for poorly conducting an election. However, Miller seems to believe that emphasizing the fact that this was an extremely good election with a statistically *acceptable* rate of discrepancy generally, which may prove there was no mass *fraud* or conspiracy (something Anthony has never alleged here), is *also* grounds for simply washing hands, ignoring the 139 discrepancies entirely, and ignoring the statutory constructions designed to prevent certifying an election outcome that fails to reflect the true vote cast or the will of the voters.

Miller goes so far as to *baldly* assert that he *is* the choice of the people: "Mr. Anthony is asking this Court to overturn the expressed will of the people and have results be declared null and void." (Opp'n 3:8-9.) Literally, nothing could be further from the truth.

First, *who* has declared, other than Miller himself, that the current results canvassed are the will of the people? No one. On December 1, 2020, the Commission made clear that the Commissioners were voting the way they did because they thought the Court ordered them to do so during its hearing on November 30, 2020. On December 1, 2020, the Commissioners voted the way they did because

⁷ (See Mot., Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. at Exs. 5-7 of the deposition.)

⁸ (Mot., Exhibit 1, Tr. Special Meeting 6:47-53 ("I've identified 139 discrepancies in the Commission C race that follow pretty closely to what I described in the canvass document. Basically, there are records that were transferred back and forth from different responsibilities within the mail process that canceled check-ins and things of that nature that we can't reconcile and so they very much or *very well could represent a discrepancy that would affect the outcome of the election.*") (emphasis added)).

⁹ Video of December 1, 2020, meeting *available at*

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/board_of_county_commission_sion_meeting_agendas.php. The discussion on the item begins at 2:16:20 of the "Video" link and is where discussion of Canvass begins. At 2:17:25 – 2:20:25. Commissioner Gibson begins speaking and specifically cites his understanding that he previously voted for a new election based on his understanding that the Commission had the ability to do so under NRS 293.465. But based on his current understanding of the Court's ruling the Commissioners no longer believe that they have authority under NRS 293.465 to order a new election. At 2:20:25 Joe Gloria, Registrar of Voters, begins testifying and immediately begins

they thought it was as Miller puts it in his brief: "The Board complied with its ministerial, non-discretionary statutory obligations of NRS 293.387." Hardly a ringing endorsement of Miller's self-declared "expressed will of the people."

The errors are so problematic *because* they expressly *prevent* anyone (including and especially Miller) from declaring what the "real will of the electors" is or the "true vote cast." As the Registrar forthrightly stated in his affidavit submitted to the Commission on November 23, 2020:

In the case of the Commission, District C race, the members of counting and auditing boards found discrepancies such that the margin of victory in that race is called into doubt. There are 218 precincts in District C. There were 139 discrepancies which the election boards were unable to reconcile. As a result, I cannot certify that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters in that district, and in my professional opinion as an election official, it raises a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the election. 10

If the Registrar himself, after performing yeoman's work in trying to canvass the election, "cannot certify that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters," how can Miller make this assertion? How can the Court disregard the Registrar's sworn statement? How can so little deference be given to the election professional whose job it is to identify the real will of the voters?

These 139 discrepancies are not just any type of discrepancy. These are *unreconcilable* errors resulting from the conduct of an election by the Registrar's own admission.¹¹ The specific cause of the error is unknown.¹² Meaning, they *could* represent extra ballots cast as duplicates, or they *could* represent ballots were intended to be cast but not accepted.¹³ The Registrar has been clear he *does not know.*¹⁴ He *cannot* reconcile them.¹⁵ But he does know from his decades of election experience that

describing errors that are supposed to be counted "against the margin of victory." The Registrar specifically identifies that duplicate votes may have been submitted. (2:21:50-2:22:20.) The discussion of reconsideration ends at 2:26:34.

Commissioner Brown begins speaking and then by 2:29:45 Commissioner Brown makes clear that he is relying on this Court's ruling on the preliminary injunction to make the determination to vote *for certification*. At 2:30:35 the vote is cast to certify election.

¹⁰ (Mot., Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. ¶ 3) (emphasis added).

²⁵ Mot., Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. 35:16-36:12) ("Q. And those errors just simply result from the conduct of the election, correct? A. I would agree with that.").

 1^{2} (Mot. Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. ¶ 3.)

¹³ (Mot. Exhibit 1, Tr. Special Meeting 5:14-16) (specifically identifying duplicate activations in prepared report to the commissions); (Mot. Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. 35:16-36:12) (specifically discussing the possible scenario of ballots being cast twice instead of just once, or a voter who tried to vote but the vote wasn't counted).

¹⁴ (Mot. Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. 35:16-36:12) (closing discussion of various possible causes of the voting discrepancies with statement he doesn't know exactly what happened).

the Missing Ballot example, and the Extra Ballot examples described in the Motion, are *real* possibilities. ¹⁶ For this reason, and the Registrar made this abundantly clear *several* times during his deposition testimony, these *irreconcilable* discrepancies *should* be counted *against* the margin of victory. ¹⁷

Or as the Nevada Supreme Court has stated in its only case analyzing NRS 293.465: "The fundamentals of suffrage require that electors shall have the opportunity to participate in elections and that the real will of the electors should not be defeated by errors in the conduct of an election. NRS 293.127." *LaPorta v. Broadbent*, 91 Nev. 27, 29, 530 P.2d 1404, 1406 (1975).

E. Miller ignores LaPorta.

It is telling that Miller does not cite or otherwise attempt to distinguish *LaPorta*. It is as if the case does not exist. Once again, Miller should not prevail in this case by simply ignoring applicable statutes and never addressing applicable Nevada Supreme Court precedent.

In *LaPorta* the Nevada Supreme Court issued a writ of mandamus to the Clark County Commission based on NRS 293.465 simply because staff failed to correctly setup a voting machine. The machine worked properly in *LaPorta*, it was just set up incorrectly. Accordingly, because of the staff's error in setting up the machine, people could not vote for a representative in their district.

In *LaPorta*, it was *unknown* how many people voted on the machine in its impaired state.¹⁸ It was *unknown* if the number of people who voted in the election was sufficient to change the outcome of the election.¹⁹ It was *unknown* which candidate the error favored in the election.²⁰ What *was* known was that staff failed to set up a machine properly at a voting location, that the problem lasted

24 Mot., Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. ¶ 3.)

¹⁶ (Mot. Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. 35:16-36:12); (*see also id.* at 30:5-10) (explaining Registrar knows from experience that it happens in elections and that "It's not uncommon."); (*see also id.* at 33:1-36:2) (Registrar specifically identifying his experience as explaining possibilities for extra ballots being cast erroneously and noting same for questions about missing ballots as a possibility).

ballots as a possibility).

17 (Mot., Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo. 24:17-25:18; 27:11-28:17; 30:24-31:11; 36:19-37:12; 55:14-24) (multiple times wherein the Registrar testified that these discrepancies *should* be counted against the margin of victory).

¹⁸ LaPorta v. Broadbent, 91 Nev. 27, 28-29, 530 P.2d 1404, 1406 (1975).

^{28 19} *Id.*

²⁰ *Id*.

approximately three hours, and that the error in conducting the election *could* have prevented the "real will of the electors" from being determined.²¹

When errors in the conduct of an election *prevent* a just determination of the "real will of the electors" then the election has been effectively *prevented* and a new election must be ordered pursuant to NRS 293.465 in light of the statutory mandates in NRS 293 et seq. as discussed previously.

F. The Registrar's affidavit fulfills the requirement of NRS 293.465.

Miller claims that the Registrar "affirm[ed] that his affidavit does not fall within the scope of NRS 293.465." (Opp'n at 5:7-8.) Miller then quotes the deposition testimony exchange wherein the Registrar was asked whether he understood he was submitting the affidavit to comply with NRS 293.465. The quoted response: "No, I don't believe I correlated the two. I simply was following the directive given to me in preparing the affidavit by my civil DA." (*See* Opp'n at 5:7-16) (quoting Mot. Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo at 14:3-9). Miller's argument is legally unsound for multiple reasons.

One, the Registrar is not an attorney. Two, the Registrar stating that he drafted the affidavit at the direction of his attorney is not the same as him saying the affidavit *does not* fulfill NRS 293.465's requirements. Third, the fact that the Registrar directly points to his Civil DA's directive as the reason for creating the affidavit in this instance actually establishes that the purpose of the affidavit *was* to fulfill NRS 293.465's requirements because the Civil DA informed counsel that the affidavit *was* going to be submitted for that purpose. *See* Mot., Exhibit 9, Reynolds Decl. ¶¶ 2-4 (describing that Anthony was prepared to immediately submit his application for a new election on November 23, 2020, *because* counsel had previously agreed that the Registrar would be submitting an affidavit pursuant to NRS 293.465).

However, regardless of counsel's intent to comply with NRS 293.465, what ultimately makes the affidavit satisfy the NRS 293.465 requirement is that it does in fact identify the basis of why the Registrar was *prevented* from certifying the election results. For this reason, the Motion was clear that this case turns on the interpretation of "prevented." At the hearing on the Motion for preliminary injunction the Court concluded that the affidavit did not meet the requirements of NRS 293.465 only

²¹ *Id.* ("The fundamentals of suffrage require that electors shall have the opportunity to participate in elections and that the real will of the electors should not be defeated by errors in the conduct of an election. NRS 293.127.")

because the Court determined that no election was *prevented* –i.e. from an "obstruction" of the election perspective:

THE COURT: Thank you. The Motion for a Preliminary Injunction or Temporary Restraining Order is denied. NRS 293.465 is clear that the election must be prevented. There are a number of ways it could be prevented that don't include natural disasters. There could be an accident that is transmitting the vehicle that has the thumb drives in it. There's a lot of ways the election could have been prevented. That is not what is included in Mr. Gloria's affidavit. There are discrepancies of 139. That does not mean there was any election that was prevented in any election or district.

See Mot., Exhibit 7, Tr. Hr'g Nov. 30, 2020 at 21:18-22:4.

This Motion for Writ of Mandamus directly addresses this concern of the Court. The term *prevented* cannot be limited to the narrow and preliminary definition that the Court employed at the hearing for preliminary injunction. As shown previously, a more accurate and meaningful interpretation of the term "prevented" is one that actually gives NRS 293 *et seq.* a cohesive reading – *i.e.* that an election is "prevented" pursuant to NRS 293.465 if it cannot be determined "by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct, or any other cause" what the "true vote cast" is or what the "real will of the electors" is.

If the Court embraces this interpretation of *prevented* in NRS 293.465, then the Registrar's affidavit *clearly* meets the bill, because the Registrar's affidavit directly connects the fact that the nature of the 139 unreconcilable discrepancies *prevents* him from certifying the results of the election:

In the case of the Commission, District C race, the members of counting and auditing boards found discrepancies such that the margin of victory in that race is called into doubt. There are 218 precincts in District C. There were 139 discrepancies which the election boards were unable to reconcile. As a result, I cannot certify that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters in that district, and in my professional opinion as an election official, it raises a reasonable doubt as to the outcome of the election.²²

Moreover, the affidavit — by its own terms²³ and as the Registrar clearly testified during his deposition²⁴ — was meant to incorporate the Registrar's statements to the Commission on November

²² (Mot., Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. ¶ 3.)

²³ (Mot., Exhibit 3, Gloria Aff. 1.)

²⁴ (Mot., Exhibit 8, Gloria Depo 13:11-15.)

16, 2020, by reference. As part of that report the Registrar clearly stated to the Commission an additional basis for his concern as to *why* the 139 discrepancies *prevented* him from certifying the election:

I've identified 139 discrepancies in the Commission C race that follow pretty closely to what I described in the canvass document. Basically, there are records that were transferred back and forth from different responsibilities within the mail process that canceled check-ins and things of that nature that we can't reconcile and so they very much or *very well could represent a discrepancy that would affect the outcome of the election.*²⁵

NRS 293.127 expressly requires the Court to construe the affidavit requirement in NRS 293.465 *liberally* so that a new election is not defeated simply because the Registrar's affidavit does not *cite* NRS 293.465, or because it incorporates testimony to the Commission by reference rather than spelling it out again at length.

Therefore, as stated in the Motion, the affidavit requirement is satisfied under the factual circumstances and appropriate statutory standard. What remains for the Court to determine is whether the 139 unreconcilable discrepancies that *prevented* the Registrar from certifying the election in Commission District C constitute an election "prevented" pursuant to NRS 293.465.

G. Housekeeping with the Recount of the Election.

As part of Miller's Opposition he submitted the *preliminary* results of the Recount of the election for District C, and then subsequently submitted a supplement with the final recount numbers. The Recount shows that Miller increased his lead from 10 to 15 votes. However, this does not change the analysis of the effect of the 139 discrepancies. Attached as Exhibit 10 are the Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission. Of significance he admits that: (1) the new net difference of 15 is still less than the number of irreconcilable differences the Registrar previously identified;²⁶ (2) the Recount did not affect the 139 discrepancies previously identified;²⁷ and (3) the Recount did not lead to any additional information or explanation of the 139 discrepancies.

²⁵ (Mot., Exhibit 1, Tr. Special Meeting 6:47-53) (emphasis added).

²⁶ See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #3.

²⁷ See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #4.

Further, the Responses to Requests for Admission are perhaps muddled somewhat because of the speed of response. For example, the Registrar quibbles with the term that he did not "identify" seven additional ballots as part of the recount, that were not previously tabulated. Granted his response is clear that he did not "identify" seven additional ballots, meaning that he did not locate and positively identify seven *specific* ballots that were not identified previously. However, he also clearly affirmed that (1) the attachment to the Requests for Admission was a "true and authentic copy" of the "Election Summary Report for the Recount; and (2) the attachment for that summary was certified as correct by him in his official capacity as Registrar. And then it is a matter of simple math to reveal that the number of tabulated votes increased by seven. Anthony increased his vote total by one and Miller increased his vote total by six. This yielded that net result of a new 15-vote margin of victory for Miller, which the Registrar *does* admit. However, even if the Registrar did not identify seven *specific* ballots that were not tabulated in the initial canvass, the Recount underscores that the original tabulation was incorrect. The significance of this of course is that in the *Montandon* case, this Court relied on the vote tabulations being correct as part of its legal analysis. This is a different case than *Montandon*.

2. Conclusion.

The Court should issue a writ of mandamus requiring the Commission to order a new election for Clark County Commission District C pursuant to Nevada law, including NRS 293.465.

The election was prevented because the election for District C produced a miniscule margin of victory and 139 irreconcilable discrepancies — which based on the Registrar's experience could

²⁸ See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #7.

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³⁰ See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #11.

^{25 | &}lt;sup>31</sup> See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #12.

³² In the tabulation identified in the Recount, Anthony has 76,577 votes and Miller has 76,592 votes. *See* Exhibit 10, Responses to Requests for Admission at *Exhibit 1*. As admitted in Miller's Opposition, before the Recount Anthony had 76,576 votes and Miller had 76,586 votes. *See* Opp'n at 3:25-27. This means that the Recount yielded one extra ballot for Anthony and six extra ballots for Miller, netting five additional votes for Miller.

³³ See id.

³⁴ See Exhibit 10, Registrar's Responses to Requests for Admission #2.

³⁵ Exhibit 11, Montandon v. City of North Las Vegas, 2011 WL 12524104 (2011) (finding of fact 16).

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2	problematic scenarios in conducting the election — that have <i>prevented</i> the Registrar from		
3	"certify[ing] that the vote is an accurate representation of the will of the voters in that district." ³⁶		
4	DATED this 16 th day of December, 2020.		
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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC and that on this 16th day of December, 2020, I caused the above and foregoing document entitled **REPLY IN**SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY

COMMISSION DISTRICT C to be served through the Court's mandatory electronic service system, per EDCR 8.02, upon the following:

TO ALL THE PARTIES ON THE E-SERVICE LIST

/s/ Suzanne Morehead
An Employee of Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC

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EXHIBIT 10

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10	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA		
11	ROSS MILLER, an individual,)		
12	Plaintiff/Petitioner, Case No: A-20-824971-W		
13	vs.) Dept No: 11		
14	CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,		
15	a local government entity; and DOES I-X, inclusive, Defendant.		
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18	DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS		
19	COMES NOW, the Defendant, CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,		
20	in answer to the Intervening Plaintiff's Request for Admissions, and makes the following		
21	admissions for the purpose of this action only and subject to all pertinent objections to		
22	admissibility which may be interposed at the trial.		
23	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1:		
24	Admit that on Monday, December 14, 2020, You – as the Clark County Registrar of		
25	Voters – and the Clark County Election Department completed the recount of the 2020		
26	General Election ballots for Clark County Board of Commission, District C (the "Recount").		
27	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1:		
28	RESPONSE: Admit		

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1	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2:	
2	Admit that as part of the Recount, Candidate Ross Miller netted additional votes,	
3	increasing his margin of victory to 15 votes over Stavros Anthony.	
4	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2:	
5	RESPONSE: Admit	
6	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3:	
7	Admit that after the Recount was completed, the margin of victory between Candidat	
8	Ross Miller and Stavros Anthony is still less than the number of irreconcilable discrepancies	
9	You previously identified in the race.	
10	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3:	
11	RESPONSE: Admit	
12	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4:	
13	Admit that the recount did not affect the 139 discrepancies You previously identified	
14	in Your report to the Clark County Board of Commissioners (the "Commission") on	
15	November 16, 2020.	
16	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4:	
17	RESPONSE: Admit	
18	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5:	
19	Admit that, as You previously testified, it is Your opinion that the 139 discrepancies	
20	You previously identified should be counted against the margin of victory.	
21	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5:	
22	RESPONSE: Deny; that was not my testimony or statement.	
23	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6:	
24	Admit that You discovered no new information or explanation for the 139	
25	discrepancies You previously discovered in the District C race as part of the Recount.	
26	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6:	
27	RESPONSE: Admit; I did not investigate the 139 during the Recount	

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:

Admit that as part of the Recount you identified 7 ballots in the Clark County Commission District C race that had not been previously tabulated.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:

RESPONSE: Deny: I did not identify any particular ballots as not previously tabulated.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:

Admit that on November 16, 2020, when you gave Your canvass report to the Clark County Board of Commissioners that the ballots in District C had not been correctly tabulated.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:

RESPONSE: Deny; I stated that the ballots had been correctly tabulated.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:

Admit that as part of the Recount, there are over 130 ballots in the District C race that required adjudication ("Adjudicated Ballots") because those ballots had been improperly marked by the voter, in some manner, indicating a potential vote for both Candidate Stavros Anthony and Candidate Ross Miller.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:

RESPONSE: If by adjudication, you mean paper ballots that had to be duplicated to be read by the tabulation machine, DENY; there are many reasons that a ballot would need to be duplicated, and all the reasons are not necessarily the fault of the voter.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10:

Admit that there is no known relation or connection between the Adjudicated Ballots and the 139 discrepancies, You previously discovered and reported to the Clark County **Board of Commissioners**

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10:

RESPONSE: Admit; I am unaware at this time of a relation or connection between the duplicated ballots and the 139 discrepancies, although there could be a relationship.

1	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11:	
2	Admit that the Election Summary Report for the Recount, attached hereto as Exhibit	
3	1, is a true and authentic copy of the genuine original document.	
4	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11:	
5	RESPONSE: Admit	
6	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12:	
7	Admit that the Election Summary Report for the Recount, attached hereto as Exhib	
8	1, is certified as correct by You, in Your official capacity – authorized to make such a	
9	certification.	
10	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12:	
11	RESPONSE: Admit	
12	DATED this 13th day of January, 2021.	
13	STEVEN B. WOLFSON DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
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15	By: <u>/s/ Mary-Anne Miller</u> MARY-ANNE MILLER	
16	County Counsel State Bar No. 001419	
17	500 South Grand Central Pkwy. 5th Flr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2215	
18	Attorneys for Defendant Clark County Board of Commissioners	
19	VERIFICATION	
20	STATE OF NEVADA)	
21	COUNTY OF CLARK) ss.	
22	JOSEPH P. GLORIA, being first duly sworn, upon oath says: That he is the Registrar of Voters for the Clark County Election Department. That he is has read the foregoing RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION	
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25	That he knows the contents thereof and that the same are to the best of his knowledge,	
26	based on information and belief.	
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28	JOSEPH P. GLORIA	
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SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to me before me this 15th day of December 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC

CARMEN ANAYA
Notary Public, State of Nevada
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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Clark County District

Attorney and that on this 13th day of January, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS** (United States District Court Pacer System or the Eighth Judicial District Wiznet), by e-mailing the same to the following recipients. Service of the foregoing document by e-mail is in place of service via the United States Postal Service.

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EXHIBIT 1



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Election Summary Report

General Election Clark County

November 03, 2020

Summary for: County Commissioner District C, All Districts, All Tabulators, All Counting Groups

Clark County
Official Final Results
2020 Recount
Commission District C
SR1

County Commissioner District C (Vote for 1)

Candidate	Party	Total	
Anthony, Stavros	REP	76,577	
Miller, Ross	DEM	76,592	
Total Votes		153,169	

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EXHIBIT 11

2011 WL 12524104 (Nev.Dist.Ct.) (Trial Order)
District Court of Nevada.
Clark County

Michael MONTANDON and Jay King, Plaintiffs,

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CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, et al, Defendants. Dr. Wade WAGNER, an individual, Plaintiff,

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CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, et al, Defendants.

No. 11A643 35. July 12, 2011.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; and Order Granting Permanent Injunction

Elizabeth Gonzalez, Judge.

*1 Plaintiff Wade Wagner's ("Wagner") Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction; Writs of Mandamus and Prohibition; Defendants City of North Las Vegas', Councilwoman Anita Wood's, Councilman Robert Eliason's, and Councilman William Robinson's (collectively the "City") Motion for Summary Judgment; and, Plaintiffs Montandon's and King's Motion for Summary Judgment on Open Meeting Law having come on for hearing before the above-entitled Court on July 8, 2011, Plaintiffs Michael Montandon and Jay King being represented by Mark Hutchison and Richard Doxey of the law firm of Hutchison Steffen; Plaintiff Wagner being represented by Todd Bice of the law firm of Pisanelli Bice; the City being represented by Matthew Griffin of the law firm of Griffin, Rowe and Nave and Sandra Douglas Morgan of the North Las Vegas City Attorneys Office; Defendant Richard Cherchio ("Cherchio") being represented by Bradley Schrager and Matthew Milone of the law firm of Jones Vargas. Pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2), all parties have stipulated to the consideration and consolidation of these motions and advancement of the trial on the merits for Plaintiff Wagner's Application for Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction and Writs of Mandamus and Prohibition. The Court having considered the motions, conducted the trial, examined the exhibits admitted and heard the testimony of Harvard L. Lomax ("Lomax") and Cherchio. Having fully considered the pleadings and papers on file herein, the evidence presented during the evidentiary hearing, and the argument of counsel and with good cause appearing, the Court enters the following findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to NRCP 52:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The City of North Las Vegas ("City") is divided into four wards, each having an elected representative on the City Council. The Mayor represents the City at-large and sits as the fifth member of the City Council.
- 2. Defendant Richard Cherchio ("Cherchio") was the incumbent Councilmember for Ward 4, having been appointed in July 2009, to serve as the replacement for Councilmember Shari L. Buck, who had successfully run for Mayor. Cherchio's term of office expired on June 30, 2011, and he was seeking to be elected as Ward 4 Councilman in the 2011 North Las Vegas general election.

- 3. The 2011 North Las Vegas general election consisted of three races. Wagner and Cherchio were on the ballot for the Ward 4 City Council position. There were also two candidates for the Ward 2 City Council seat and two candidates for Municipal Court Judge. While only those voters registered in Ward 4 or Ward 2 were entitled to vote in the races for those seats, every North Las Vegas voter was entitled to vote in the Municipal Court race.
- 4. The City held its general election on June 7, 2011. To vote in the City Council race, voters are required to be registered in their respective Ward and vote in their designated precinct. Within Ward 4, there are 21 individual precincts.
- *2 5. The City of North Las Vegas and Clark County have entered into an interlocal agreement, whereby the City's elections are overseen and processed by the Clark County Registrar of Voters, who is presently Lomax.
- 6. After all polling stations closed, Lomax reported the election results in the Ward 4 race as follows: 1,831 votes for Wagner to 1,830 votes for Cherchio. The margin of victory was one vote.
- 7. Subsequently, while examining the participation results, Lomax learned that a ballot for the Ward 4 election had been provided to a voter registered in Ward 3. A poll worker assigned to Precinct 4306 in Ward 4 permitted an individual who was now living in Ward 4, but registered at an address in Ward 3, to obtain a ballot containing the Ward 4 race.
- 8. While this voter had the ability to cast a ballot in the Ward 4 race, no evidence was presented that the voter actually voted in that race, as two people who voted in Precinct 4306 did not vote in the City Council race. And if such a vote were cast, no evidence was presented for which candidate any such vote might have been cast. Thus, all that can be said is that an illegal vote may have been cast in the Ward 4 race, and if it was, then it is possible that such an illegal vote could, if cast for Wagner, make the race a tie.
- 9. Lomax has confirmed that there is no dispute as to the true vote cast in the Ward 4 race: 1,831 for Wagner, 1,830 for Cherchio.
- 10. On June 15, 2011, the North Las Vegas City Council, acting as Canvassing Board, was scheduled to canvass the returns for the 2011 general election. The agenda item that was published under Nevada's Open Meeting Law identified the canvassing of the returns as the only item up for discussion and action relating to the general election.
- 11. On June 15, 2011, shortly before the City Council meeting commenced, Cherchio executed an application for a new election under NRS 293C.710.
- 12. Cherchio's application was not on the agenda for consideration, discussion or action. The only persons who could have been aware of it were those in attendance at the June 15, 2011 City Council meeting as Cherchio had only signed it moments before the meeting commenced.
- 13. As for the canvassing of the returns for the Ward 4 race, Mayor Shari Buck and Councilmember Cherchio recused themselves from consideration of the matter. That left only Councilmembers Woods, Eliason and Robinson to conduct the canvass of the Ward 4 returns.
- 14. The three of them voted not to canvass the returns for the Ward 4 election and instead took action upon Cherchio's application, declaring that they would order a new election pursuant to NRS 293C.710, and limit it to all eligible voters in Precinct 4306.
- 15. On June 21, 2011, Wagner filed a Verified Complaint against the City and Cherchio challenging the City's authority to grant Cherchio's application for a new election and the City Council's refusal to canvass the votes. Subsequently, on June 29, 2011, Wagner filed a First Amended Verified Complaint.

- 16. On June 23, 2011, former North Las Vegas Mayor Montandon and North Las Vegas resident King, both of whom reside in Ward 4, filed suit against the City alleging that it violated Nevada's Open Meeting Law by taking action on Cherchio's application at the June 15, 2011 meeting. That same day, The Honorable Allen Earl of the Eighth Judicial District Court entered a temporary restraining order precluding the City from taking any action toward a new election based upon the June 15, 2011 meeting.
- *3 17. Subsequently, on June 24, 2011, the City issued a proper notice under the Open Meeting Law identifying that it would undertake discussion and possible action concerning a new election at a special meeting on June 30, 2011. This notice complied with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, as the earlier notice had not.
- 18. At the June 30, 2011 meeting, the City Council again voted to accept Cherchio's application and hold a new election, predicated upon NRS 293C.710. Thereafter, on July 5, 2011, Montandon and King filed an Amended Complaint, adding causes of action previously asserted by Wagner and contesting the City's claim that it could order a new election,
- 19. On July 5, 2011, as Presiding Civil Judge, this Court consolidated the Wagner action into the Montandon/King action so that the matter could be heard expeditiously by The Honorable Allen Earl.² By agreement of the parties, Judge Earl had set the matter to be heard for July 8, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. However, Judge Earl was unable to proceed, and thus the undersigned, acting as Presiding Civil Judge, held a telephone conference with all counsel on July 7, 2011, wherein all parties stipulated and agreed to have this matter heard on July 8, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. before the undersigned.
- 20. Any finding of fact more appropriately designated as a conclusion of law shall be so designated.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Although this matter is not a statutory election contest,³ the statutory provisions governing such contests are instructive in addressing the scope of a canvassing board's authority based upon allegations that an illegal vote may have been cast and may have affected the election. Under NRS 293.410(2), an election, including a municipal election, may be contested on the following grounds:
- (a) That the election board or any member thereof was guilty of malfeasance.
- (b) That a person who has been declared elected to an office was not at the time of election eligible to that office.
- (c) That illegal votes were cast and counted for the defendant, which, if taken from the defendant, will reduce the number of the defendant's legal votes below the number necessary to elect the defendant.
- (d) That the election board, in conducting the election or in canvassing the returns, made errors sufficient to change the result of the election as to any person who has been declared elected.
- (e) That the defendant has given, or offered to give, to any person a bribe for the purpose of procuring his or her election.
- (f) That there was a possible malfunction of any voting or counting device.
- 2. Thus, Nevada law provides a mechanism for prompt judicial resolution of the precise situation presented in the Ward 4 race (*i.e.*, allegations that an improper vote affected the election). Under the law, the losing candidate who challenges an election must establish that "but for" any such improper vote, the outcome of the election would be different.
- 3. Nevada law does not vest the City Council, acting as a canvassing board, with authority or jurisdiction to resolve such election contests. That authority is vested with the judiciary pursuant to a properly-commenced statutory election contest.

- *4 4. The City Council's role as a canvassing board is to canvass the returns, which is specified in NRS 293C.387, and provides in pertinent part:
- 2. After the governing body of a city receives the returns from all the precincts and the districts in the city, it shall meet with the mayor to canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the sixth working day following the election.
- 3. In completing the canvass of the returns, the governing body and the city and the mayor shall:
- (a) note separately any clerical errors discovered; and
- (b) take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.
- 4. After the canvass is completed, the governing body and the city and mayor shall declare the results of the canvass.
- 5. No "clerical error" occurred in the recording, reporting or calculating of the total vote cast. And, no evidence was presented of any clerical error.
- 6. The City Council's duty, acting as a canvassing board, is to canvass the return as presented by election officials. The City Council's duty in that regard is ministerial, and it has no authority to refuse to perform that duty.
- 7. "This Court may issue a writ of mandamus to compel the performance of an act which the law requires as a duty resulting from an office, or where discretion has been manifestly abused or exercised arbitrarily or capriciously." *Redeker v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 142 Nev. 154, 167, 127 P.2d 520, 522 (2006); *see also Reed v. Wheeler, 11* Nev. 6, 358 P.2d 112 (1961) (recognizing that mandamus is the proper remedy to compel performance of canvassing board's duty to canvass returns of election).
- 8. Here, both NRS 293C.387(2) and North Las Vegas Municipal Code § 2.08.180 mandate that the City Council meet as the Canvassing Board and canvass the returns. Thereafter, they are required to declare the winner of the election, which the North Las Vegas Municipal Code defines as the "candidate receiving the highest number of total votes cast". North Las Vegas Municipal Code § 2.08.190.
- 9. Wagner is the candidate receiving the highest number of total votes cast.
- 10. The Court finds that the entry of a writ of mandamus is appropriate to compel the North Las Vegas City Council to canvass and certify the Ward 4 election returns as final, in that Wagner has no plain, speedy and accurate remedy in the ordinary course of law, and the City Council exceeded its legal authority and acted arbitrarily and capriciously and abused its discretion in refusing the canvass the Ward 4 returns.
- 11. The Court also finds that a writ of prohibition should issue in this case to preclude the City Council from ordering a new election based upon the allegations that one improper vote may have been cast in the Ward 4 race.
- 12. "A writ of prohibition will be issued to arrest the proceedings of any tribunal, corporation, board or person exercising judicial functions, when such proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdiction of such tribunal, corporation, board or person, and where no plain, speedy and adequate remedy at law exists." *Gaughan v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 93 Nev. 151, 152, 560 P.2d 1372, 1373 (1977) (citing *Heilig v. Christensen*, 91 Nev. 120, 532 P.2d 267 (1975)); Las *Vegas Police Protective Ass'n Metro, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 122 Nev. 230, 130 P.3d 182 (2006) ("[W]rits of prohibition are available to arrest the proceedings of any tribunal or board when such proceedings are without or in excess of the tribunal's or board's jurisdiction."); accord *Whitehead v. Nev. Comm'n on Judicial Discipline*, 110 Nev. 128, 906 P.2d 230 (1994). The "classic role of the writ of

prohibition is to provide a speedy remedy at law when a tribunal of limited jurisdiction asserts a power it does not possess." Willamette Val. Lumber Co. v. Ellis, 359 P.2d 98, 100 (Or. 1961).

- *5 13. Additionally, Nevada's Open Meeting Law requires that the City provide an agenda consisting of a "clear and complete statement of the topics scheduled to be considered during the meeting." NRS 241.020(2)(c)(1). NRS 241.020(2)(c)(2) also mandates that the City provide "a list describing the items in which action may be taken and clearly denoting that action may be taken on those items." The City is required to strictly comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Sandoval v. Board of Regents of University, 119 Nev. 148, 154, 67 P.3d 902, 905 (2003).
- 14. Actions taken in violation of Nevada's Open Meeting Law are void. Thus, actions taken by the City concerning a new election at the June 15, 2011 City Council meeting are void.
- 15. The Court also finds that Wagner is entitled to permanent injunctive relief precluding the City from granting Cherchio's application and moving forward with any new election under NRS 293C.710, as the Statute does not authorize a new election here. NRS 293C.710 applies when an election has been "prevented" due to lost or destroyed ballots or some other cause: Loss or destruction of ballots, or other cause preventing election in precinct or district; new election. If a city election is prevented in any precinct or district by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct or district, or any other cause, the election officers for that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that fact and transmit it to the governing body of the appropriate city. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the application of any candidate for any city office to be voted for by the registered voters of that precinct or district, the governing body of the city shall order a new election in that precinct or district.
- 16. No election was prevented here. Lomax confirmed that the election occurred and that all voting machines operated appropriately and that all ballots were correctly counted and tabulated. No evidence was presented of any election being prevented.
- 17. NRS 293C.710's "any other cause" language cannot be read in isolation from the remainder of the statute. As stated in *Young Electric Sign Co. v. Irwin Electric Co.*, 86 Nev. 822, 825, 477 P.2d 864, 867 (1970), where "a general term in a statute follows specific words of a like nature, it takes its meaning from those specific words, and it is presumed to embrace the kind of things designated by the specific words." *See also Orr Ditch Water Co. v. Justice Ct.*, 64 Nev. 138, 147, 178 P.2d 558, 562 (1947) ("Indeed, it is improper, in construing a statute, to take a few words from its context, and, with them thus isolated, attempt to determine their meaning.").
- 18. NRS 293C.710 concerns actions that prevent an election from actually taking place, whether it is lost ballots, destroyed ballots, power failures, a fire at the precinct house, etc. This statute mandates a new election under such circumstances, because the election was "prevented," as people could not vote or have their votes counted. The terms "any other cause" relate to matters of a like nature, which "prevents" the election from having actually occurred.
- 19. The Court finds that Wagner will face irreparable harm if the City is not enjoined from its attempt to grant Cherchio's application and hold a new election, as Wagner won a majority of the votes cast, and the City has no legal authority pursuant to N.R.S. 293C.710 to order a new election here.
- *6 20. Any conclusion of law more appropriately designated as a finding of fact shall also be so designated.

The Court will issue separate orders entering Writs of Prohibition, Mandamus and Summary Judgment in favor of Montandon and King on the Open Meeting Law.

THEREFORE, THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES that the City lacks legal authority to grant Cherchio's application and order a new election pursuant to NRS 293C.710;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a permanent injunction shall issue precluding the City of North Las Vegas, its City Council, officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys or those persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive actual notice of this injunction by personal service or otherwise, from effectuating or attempting to effectuate a new election in the 2011 Ward 4 North Las Vegas City Council race based upon NRS 293C.710.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, as this is a permanent injunction following a trial, no security is required.

THIS ORDER disposes of all claims, rights, and liabilities of all the parties to this action, and is final in all respects.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 11th day of July, 2011

<<signature>>

Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Court Judge

Footnotes

- 1 This matter was heard by this court as Presiding Civil Judge due to the illness of the assigned judge.
- 2 At that time, Judge Earl had a preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for July 6, 2011.
- 3 The Court specifically noted that is was making no ruling or considerations on the merits of a contest and that the parties could choose to file such after the certification of election if they deemed it appropriate.

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NOTICE OF ENTRY ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

1	DOES I-X, inclusive,	
2	Defendants.	
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4	TO: ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:	
5	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR MOTION FOR	
6	PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION was signed by the Judge on the 3rd day of December, 2020 and	
7	filed with the Eighth Judicial District Court on December 4, 2020, a true and correct copy of	
8	which is attached hereto.	
9	DATED this 29th day of December, 2020	
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12	By: /s/ Bradley S. Schrager	
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2 NOTICE OF ENTRY ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

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IN AND FOR CLARK CITY, STATE OF NEVADA

ROSS MILLER, and individual,

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

VS.

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity; and DOES I-X, inclusive,

Defendant.

STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual,

Intervenor-Plaintiff.

VS.

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity; ROSS MILLER, an individual, and DOES I-X, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. A-20-824971-W

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ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY **INJUNCTION**

On November 25, 2020, Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros Anthony ("Intervenor"), by and through counsel of record, filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction ("Motion for Preliminary Injunction"). Intervenor requested an order enjoining the Clark County

Commission from certifying the election of Clark County Commission, District C, or 2 otherwise reconsidering its vote to hold a new election for District C at its December 1, 3 2020 meeting or thereafter until this Court has ruled on the merits of this case. 4 On November 30, 2020, an opposition to Intervenor' Motion for Preliminary 5 Injunction was filed by Plaintiff Ross Miller ("Plaintiff"), and Intervenor filed a reply. 6 The Court held a hearing on November 30, 2020. The hearing was conducted by 7 teleconference. Mark A. Hutchison, Esq., appeared and argued on behalf of Intervenor. 8 Bradley S. Schrager, Esq. appeared Plaintiff. Mary-Anne Miller, Esq., appeared argued on 9 behalf of Defendant Clark County Board of Commissioners ("Defendant" or the "Board"). 10 Upon review of the papers and pleadings on file herein, the arguments of counsel, 11 and good cause appearing, 12 Intervenor's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is DENIED. 13 December 3, 2020 14 IT IS SO ORDERED. 15 16 17 Submitted by 18 **HUTCHISON & STEFFEN** 19 20 21 MARK A. HUTCHISON, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 4639 22 JACOB REYNOLDS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10199 23 PIERS TUELLER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 14633 24 10080 w. Alta Dr., #200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 25 Attorneys for Intervenor-Plaintiff, Stavros Anthony 26 27 28

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CLARK CITY, STATE OF NEVADA

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Intervenor-Plaintiff,

VS.

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Defendants.

Case No.: A-20-824971-W Dept. No.: XI

ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A **NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT C**

On December 10, 2020, Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros Anthony ("Intervenor"), by and through counsel of record, filed a Motion for Writ of Mandamus ("Motion for Writ of Mandamus"). Intervenor requested an order requiring the Clark County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") to order a new election for Clark County Commission District C.

On December 14, 2020, an opposition to Intervenor' Motion for Writ of Mandamus was filed by Plaintiff Ross Miller ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Clark County Board of Commissioners filed a joinder thereto. On December 16, 2020, Intervenor filed a reply in support of his Motion for Writ of Mandamus.

ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

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Upon review of the papers and pleadings on file herein, the arguments of the parties, and good cause appearing, Intervenor' Motion for Writ of Mandamus is DENIED. The Court finds the following facts and states the following conclusions of law¹ as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Intervenor, in his Motion for Writ of Mandamus, argues that pursuant to NRS 293.465, the Clark County Board of Commissioners is required to proceed with a new election for Clark County Commission, District C. Intervenor's Motion for Writ of Mandamus included an affidavit by the Clark County Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar"), which states that there were 139 discrepancies in the District C election.

The Court finds that NRS 293.465 does not apply in this case. NRS 293.465 states in full:

If an election is prevented in any precinct or district by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct, or any other cause, the appropriate election officers in that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that fact and transmit it to the appropriate board of county commissioners. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the application of any candidate for any office to be voted for by the registered voters of that precinct or district, the board of county commissioners shall order a new election in that precinct or district.

NRS 293.465 applies in instances in which an election, or a portion of one, is prevented from occurring, for instance due to a natural disaster, or an accident suffered by the vehicle transmitting the ballots, or some similar incident preventing an election from occurring and makes provision for a new election in those circumstances. The Court finds that NRS 293.465 cannot apply here because the Clark County Commission, District C election was not prevented. Clark County had an election on November 3, 2020. The results of every race have been canvassed and certified. No precinct failed to complete its election.

The Court further finds that the Registrar's affidavit is not an NRS 293.465 affidavit, either by its own terms—as the Court has already stated when denying Intervenor's Motion

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5	election.	
6	THEREFORE, the Court DENIES Inte	ervenor' Motion for Writ of Mandamus.
7	DATED this 31st day of December, 2020).
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10		DISTRICT)COURT JUDGE
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12	Submitted by:	
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IN AND FOR CLARK CITY, STATE OF NEVADA

Case No.: A-20-824971-W

DENYING INTERVENOR

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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR

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NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK

Dept. No.: 11

DISTRICT C

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

ROSS MILLER, an individual, 4

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

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STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual,

Intervenor-Plaintiff,

VS.

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Defendants.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED PARTIES:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order Denying Intervenor Plaintiff's Motion For Writ Of Mandamus Requiring The Clark County Board Of Commissioner To Order A New Election For Clark County Commission District C was filed above-entitled matter on the 31st day of December, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2020.

STEVEN B. WOLFSON DISTRICT ATTORNEY

By: /s/ Mary-Anne Miller MARY-ANNE MILLER, County Counsel

State Bar No. 001419 500 South Grand Central Pkwy. 5th Flr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2215 Attorneys for Defendant Clark County Board of Commissioners

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE** 2 I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Clark County District Attorney and that on this 31ST day of December, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of the 3 foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR PLAINTIFF'S 4 5 MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS REQUIRING THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK COUNTY 6 7 COMMISSION DISTRICT C (United States District Court Pacer System or the Eighth Judicial District Wiznet), by e-mailing the same to the following recipients. Service of the 8 foregoing document by e-mail is in place of service via the United States Postal Service. Dominic P. Gentile, Esq. 10 MARK A. HUTCHISON (SBN 4639) CLARK HILL PLLC JACOB A. REYNOLDS (SBN 10199) PIERS R. TUELLER (SBN14633) 3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy., #500 11 Las Vegas, NV 89169 **HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, PLLC** Peccole Professional Park dgentile@clarkhill.com 12 10080 West Alta Drive, Suite 200 Bradley S. Schrager, Esq. Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 13 Daniel Bravo, Esq. WOLF RIFKIN SHAPIRO SCHULMAN Attorneys for Intervenor-Plaintiff 14 Stavros Anthony & RABKIN LLP 3556 E. Russell Road, 2nd Floor 15 Las Vegas, NV 89120 bschrager@wrslawyers.com 16 dbravo@wrslawyers.com 17 Attorneys for Plaintiff Ross Miller 18 19 20 21 /s/ Afeni Banks 22 An Employee of the Clark County District Attorney's Office – Civil Division 23 24 25 26

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ODM 1 2 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CLARK CITY, STATE OF NEVADA 3 ROSS MILLER, an individual, 4 Case No.: A-20-824971-W Dept. No.: 11 Plaintiff/Petitioner, 5 ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR 6 VS. WRIT OF MANDAMUS CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF REQUIRING THE CLARK COMMISSIONERS, a local government COUNTY BOARD OF entity; and DOES I-X, inclusive, **COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER A NEW ELECTION FOR CLARK** Defendant. **COUNTY COMMISSION** 9 **DISTRICT C** STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual, 10 Intervenor-Plaintiff, 11 VS. 12 CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF 13 COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity; ROSS MILLER, an individual; and 14 DOES I-X, inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 On December 10, 2020, Intervenor-Plaintiff Stavros Anthony ("Intervenor"), by and 17 through counsel of record, filed a Motion for Writ of Mandamus ("Motion for Writ of 18 Mandamus"). Intervenor requested an order requiring the Clark County Board of 19 Commissioners (the "Board") to order a new election for Clark County Commission District 20 C. 21 On December 14, 2020, an opposition to Intervenor' Motion for Writ of Mandamus 22 was filed by Plaintiff Ross Miller ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Clark County Board of 23 Commissioners filed a joinder thereto. On December 16, 2020, Intervenor filed a reply in 24 support of his Motion for Writ of Mandamus. 25 . . . 26 27 28

ORDER DENYING INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

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4	1.	The District Court's Order denying Intervenor Stavros Anthony's Motion for
5		Preliminary Injunction entered in this action on December 4, 2020; and
6	2.	The District Court's Order denying Intervenor Stavros Anthony's Motion for Writ of
7		Mandamus entered in this action on December 31, 2020; and
8	3.	Any and all orders and judgments rendered appealable by the foregoing.
9	DATI	ED this 1st day of January, 2021.
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ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

This Court has previously resolved the complaint filed by plaintiff/petitioner Ross Miller. Plaintiff in Intervention Stavros Anthony filed an amended complaint raising claims for injunction, declaratory relief, and mandamus. In an order entered on December 31, 2020, this Court denied Anthony's motion for a writ of mandamus. The finding of fact and conclusions of law set forth in that order necessarily resolve all claims raised in the amended complaint in intervention against Anthony.

Therefore, all claims asserted in Anthony's amended complaint in intervention are denied. This order constitutes this Court's final judgment in this matter.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2021.

District Court Judge

Submitted by:

HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, PLLC

/s/ Mark A. Hutchison

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order Dismissing Complaint in Intervention was

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Case No. A-20-824971-W

Dept No. 11

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

A copy is attached hereto. DATED this 6th day of January, 2021. /s/ Jacob A. Reynolds Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 Attorneys for Stavros Anthony

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6th day of January, 2021, I served a true and correct 3 copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT IN 4 5 **INTERVENTION** to all parties identified on the Clark County E-File Electronic Service List. 6 Tanya Bain tbain@clarkhill.com 7 Daniel Bravo dbravo@wrslawyers.com 8 Maddy Carnate-Peralta mcarnate@hutchlegal.com 9 Kaylee Conradi kconradi@hutchlegal.com 10 Dannielle Fresquez dfresquez@wrslawyers.com 11 Dominic P. Gentile dgentile@clarkhill.com 12 Mark A. Hutchison mhutchison@hutchlegal.com 13 Kimberly King kking@clarkhill.com 14 Mary-Anne Miller mary-anne.miller@clarkcountyda.com 15 Ross Miller rmiller@clarkhill.com 16 Suzanne Morehead smorehead@hutchlegal.com 17 Craig Mueller electronicservice@craigmuellerlaw.com 18 Catherine Ramsey cathy@craigmuellerlaw.com 19 Jacob Reynolds jreynolds@hutchlegal.com 20 Bradley Schrager bschrager@wrslawyers.com 21 Piers Tueller ptueller@hutchlegal.com 22 Susie Ward susie@craigmuellerlaw.com

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14	ROSS MILLER, an individual,	Case No. A-20-824971-W Dept. No. XI
15	Plaintiff/Petitioner, v.	Dept. No. 21
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17	CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity;	ORDER
18	and DOES $I - X$, inclusive,	
19	Defendant	
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21	STAVROS ANTHONY, an individual,	
22	Intervening Plaintiff,	
23	V.	
	CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF	
24	COMMISSIONERS, a local government entity;	
25	ROSS MILLER, an individual,	
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26	Defendants.	

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

This Court has previously resolved the complaint filed by plaintiff/petitioner Ross Miller. Plaintiff in Intervention Stavros Anthony filed an amended complaint raising claims for injunction, declaratory relief, and mandamus. In an order entered on December 31, 2020, this Court denied Anthony's motion for a writ of mandamus. The finding of fact and conclusions of law set forth in that order necessarily resolve all claims raised in the amended complaint in intervention against Anthony.

Therefore, all claims asserted in Anthony's amended complaint in intervention are denied. This order constitutes this Court's final judgment in this matter.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2021.

District Court Judge

Submitted by:

HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, PLLC

/s/ Mark A. Hutchison

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1	Notice	e is given that Stavros Anthony, Intervening Plaintiff in the above captioned matter,
2	appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the following Orders:	
3	1.	The District Court's Order Denying Intervenor Stavros Anthony's Motion for
4		Preliminary Injunction entered in this action on December 4, 2020;
5	2.	The District Court's Order Denying Intervenor Stavros Anthony's Motion for Writ of
6		Mandamus entered in this action on December 31, 2020;
7	3.	The District Court's Order Dismissing Complaint in Intervention entered in this action
8		on January 6, 2021; and
9	4.	Any and all orders and judgments rendered appealable by the foregoing.
10	DATE	ED this 6 th day of January, 2021.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC and that on this 6th day of January, 2021, I caused the above and foregoing document entitled **SECOND** AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL to be served through the Court's mandatory electronic service system, per EDCR 8.02, upon the following: TO ALL THE PARTIES ON THE E-SERVICE LIST /s/ Kaylee Conradi An Employee of Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC