

**AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN  
OAKLAND COUNTY AND  
[Insert Public Body]**

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This Agreement for Election Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is made between Oakland County, a Municipal and Constitutional Corporation, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 ("County"), and the [Insert Public Body] ("Public Body") [Insert Public Body Address]. In this Agreement, the County shall be represented by the Oakland County Clerk, in her official capacity as a Michigan Constitutional Officer. County and Public Body may be referred to individually as a "Party" and jointly as "Parties".

**PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT.** County and Public Body enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Michigan Election Law, 1954 Public Act 116, MCL 168.764 *et seq.*, for the purpose of County providing Ballot Counting Services for Public Body.

In consideration of the mutual promises, obligations, representations, and assurances in this Agreement, the Parties agree to the following:

1. **DEFINITIONS.** The following words and expressions used throughout this Agreement, whether used in the singular or plural, shall be defined, read, and interpreted as follows:
  - 1.1. **Act** means the Michigan Election Law, 1954 Public Act 116, MCL 168.764 *et seq.*
  - 1.1. **Agreement** means the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any other mutually agreed to written and executed modification, amendment, Exhibit and attachment to this Agreement.
  - 1.2. **Claims** mean any alleged losses, claims, complaints, demands for relief or damages, lawsuits, causes of action, proceedings, judgments, deficiencies, liabilities, penalties, litigation, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, reimbursement for reasonable attorney fees, witness fees, court costs, investigation expenses, litigation expenses, amounts paid in settlement, and/or other amounts or liabilities of any kind which are incurred by or asserted against County or Public Body, or for which County or Public Body may become legally and/or contractually obligated to pay or defend against, whether direct, indirect or consequential, whether based upon any alleged violation of the federal or the state constitution, any federal or state statute, rule, regulation, or any alleged violation of federal or state common law, whether any such claims are brought in law or equity, tort, contract, or otherwise, and/or whether commenced or threatened.
  - 1.3. **Confidential Information** means all information and data that County is required or permitted by law to keep confidential, including records of County's security measures, security plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, keys, and security procedures, to the extent that the records relate to ongoing security of County as well as records or information to protect the security or safety of persons or property, whether public or private, including, but not limited to, building, public works, and public water supply designs relating to ongoing security measures, capabilities and plans for responding to violations of the Michigan Anti-terrorism Act, emergency response plans, risk planning documents, threat assessments and domestic preparedness strategies.
  - 1.4. **County** means Oakland County, a Municipal and Constitutional Corporation, including, but not limited to, all of its departments, divisions, the County Board of Commissioners,

elected and appointed officials, directors, board members, council members, commissioners, authorities, committees, employees, agents, volunteers, and/or any such persons' successors.

- 1.5. **Day** means any calendar day beginning at 12:00 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m.
- 1.6. **Election Services** means the following individual Election Services provided by County's Clerk's Elections Division, if applicable:
  - 1.6.1. **Absentee Ballot Counting** means processing, including, but not limited to, opening, tabulating and reporting absentee ballots and related results.
- 1.7. **Exhibits** mean the following descriptions of Election Services which are governed by this Agreement only if they are attached to this Agreement and incorporated in this Agreement under Section 2 or added at a later date by a formal amendment to this Agreement:
  - Exhibit I: Absentee Ballot Counting Services
- 1.8. **Local Clerk** means the local elected or appointed Clerk for Public Body or their designee.
- 1.8. **Public Body** means the [Insert Public Body] which is an entity created by state or local authority or which is primarily funded by or through state or local authority, including, but not limited to, its council, Board, departments, divisions, elected and appointed officials, directors, board members, council members, commissioners, authorities, committees, employees, agents, subcontractors, attorneys, volunteers, and/or any such persons' successors. For purposes of this Agreement, Public Body includes any Michigan court, when acting in concert with its funding unit, to obtain Election Services.
- 1.9. **Public Body Employee** means any employees, officers, directors, members, managers, trustees, volunteers, attorneys, representatives of Public Body, licensees, concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, agents, and/or any such persons' successors or predecessors (whether such persons act or acted in their personal, representative or official capacities), and/or any persons acting by, through, under, or in concert with any of the above who use or have access to the Election Services provided under this Agreement. "Public Body Employee" shall also include any person who was a Public Body Employee at any time during the term of this Agreement but, for any reason, is no longer employed, appointed, or elected in that capacity.
- 1.10. **Points of Contact** mean the individuals designated by Public Body and identified to County to act as primary and secondary contacts for communication and other purposes as described herein.

## 2. **COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 2.1. County, through its County Clerk Elections Division, will provide the Election Services described in Exhibit I which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement. County is not obligated or required to provide any additional services that are not specified in this Agreement.
- 2.2. County, through its Board of Election Commissioners and authorized representatives, shall take the necessary and appropriate actions to comply with Section 764d(8) of the Act in the appointment of election inspectors to a County absent voter counting board and all other provisions under the Act governing such board.

- 2.3. County may access, use, and disclose transaction information and any content to comply with the law such as a subpoena, court order or Freedom of Information Act request. County shall first refer all such requests for information to Public Body's Points of Contact for their response within the required time frame. County shall provide assistance for the response if requested by Public Body's Points of Contact, and if able to access the requested information. County shall not distribute Public Body's data to other entities for reasons other than when it is required by law.

### **3. PUBLIC BODY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 3.1. Public Body shall comply with all terms and conditions in this Agreement, including Exhibit I to this Agreement, and the Act.
- 3.2. Public Body shall deliver the Agreement executed by its authorized representative(s) to County within the time-frame set forth in Section 764d(5) of the Act and, upon County's execution of the Agreement, the Agreement shall be deemed to be filed by Public Body with County in compliance with Section 764d(5) of the Act.
- 3.3. For each Election Service covered by an Exhibit to this Agreement, Public Body shall designate two representatives to act as a primary and secondary Points of Contact with County. The Points of Contact responsibilities shall include:
  - 3.3.1. Direct coordination and interaction with County staff.
  - 3.3.2. Communication with the general public when appropriate.
- 3.4. Public Body shall respond to and be responsible for Freedom of Information Act requests relating to Public Body's records, data, or other information.
- 3.5. Third-party product or service providers may require County to pass through to Public Body certain terms and conditions contained in license agreements, service agreements, acceptable use policies and similar terms of service or usage, in order to provide Election Services to Public Body. Public Body agrees to comply with these terms and conditions. Public Body must follow the termination provisions of this Agreement if it determines that it cannot comply with any of the terms and conditions.

### **4. DURATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.**

- 4.1. This Agreement and any amendments shall be effective when executed by both Parties with resolutions passed by the governing bodies of each Party or other written notice evidencing such Party's governing body's approval, except as otherwise specified below. The approval and terms of this Agreement and any amendments, except as specified below, shall be entered in the official minutes of the governing bodies of each Party. An executed copy of this Agreement and any amendments shall be filed by the County Clerk with the Secretary of State. If Public Body is a court, a signature from the Chief Judge of the court shall evidence approval by Public Body, providing a resolution and minutes do not apply. If Public Body is the State of Michigan, approval and signature shall be as provided by law.
- 4.2. Notwithstanding Section 4.1, the Chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign amendments to the Agreement to add Exhibits that were previously approved by the Board of Commissioners. An amendment signed by the Board Chairperson under this Section must be sent to the Elections Division in the County Clerk's Office to be filed with the Agreement once it is signed by both Parties.
- 4.3. Unless extended by an amendment, this Agreement shall remain in effect until cancelled or terminated by any of the Parties pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

5. **PAYMENTS.**

- 5.1. Election Services shall be provided to Public Body at the rates and for the charges specified in the Exhibits, if applicable.
- 5.2. If County is legally obligated for any reason, e.g. subpoena, court order, or Freedom of Information Request, to search for, identify, produce or testify regarding Public Body's records, data, or information that is stored by County relating to Election Services that Public Body receives under this Agreement, then Public Body shall reimburse County for all reasonable costs County incurs in searching for, identifying, producing or testifying regarding such records, data, or information. County may waive this requirement in its sole discretion.
- 5.3. County shall provide Public Body with an invoice/explanation of County's costs for Election Services provided herein and/or a statement describing any amounts owed to County. Public Body shall pay the full amount shown on any such invoice within sixty (60) calendar days after the date shown on any such invoice. Payment shall be sent along with a copy of the invoice to: Oakland County Treasurer – Cash Acctg, Bldg 12 E, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341.
- 5.4. If Public Body, for any reason, fails to pay County any monies when and as due under this Agreement, Public Body agrees that unless expressly prohibited by law, County or the Oakland County Treasurer, at their sole option, shall be entitled to set off from any other Public Body funds that are in County's possession for any reason, including but not limited to, the Oakland County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund ("DTRF"), if applicable. Any setoff or retention of funds by County shall be deemed a voluntary assignment of the amount by Public Body to County. Public Body waives any Claims against County or its Officials for any acts related specifically to County's offsetting or retaining of such amounts. This paragraph shall not limit Public Body's legal right to dispute whether the underlying amount retained by County was actually due and owing under this Agreement.
- 5.5. If County chooses not to exercise its right to setoff or if any setoff is insufficient to fully pay County any amounts due and owing County under this Agreement, County shall have the right to charge up to the then-maximum legal interest on any unpaid amount. Interest charges shall be in addition to any other amounts due to County under this Agreement. Interest charges shall be calculated using the daily unpaid balance method and accumulate until all outstanding amounts and accumulated interest are fully paid.
- 5.6. Nothing in this Section shall operate to limit County's right to pursue or exercise any other legal rights or remedies under this Agreement or at law against Public Body to secure payment of amounts due to County under this Agreement. The remedies in this Section shall be available to County on an ongoing and successive basis if Public Body becomes delinquent in its payment. Notwithstanding any other term and condition in this Agreement, if County pursues any legal action in any court to secure its payment under this Agreement, Public Body agrees to pay all costs and expenses, including attorney fees and court costs, incurred by County in the collection of any amount owed by Public Body.
- 5.7. Either Party's decision to terminate and/or cancel this Agreement, or any one or more of the individual Election Services identified herein, shall not relieve Public Body of any payment obligation for any Election Services rendered prior to the effective date of any termination or cancellation of this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination, cancellation, and/or expiration of this Agreement.

## 6. **ASSURANCES.**

- 6.1. **Responsibility for Claims.** Each Party shall be responsible for any Claims made against that Party by a third party, and for the acts of its employees arising under or related to this Agreement.
- 6.2. **Responsibility for Attorney Fees and Costs.** Except as provided for in Section 5.6, in any Claim that may arise from the performance of this Agreement, each Party shall seek its own legal representation and bear the costs associated with such representation, including judgments and attorney fees.
- 6.3. **No Indemnification.** Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, neither Party shall have any right under this Agreement or under any other legal principle to be indemnified or reimbursed by the other Party or any of its agents in connection with any Claim.
- 6.4. **Costs, Fines, and Fees for Noncompliance.** Public Body shall be solely responsible for all costs, fines and fees associated with any misuse of the Election Services and/or for noncompliance with this Agreement by Public Body Employees.
- 6.5. **Reservation of Rights.** This Agreement does not, and is not intended to, impair, divest, delegate or contravene any constitutional, statutory, and/or other legal right, privilege, power, obligation, duty, or immunity of the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of governmental immunity for either Party.
- 6.6. **Authorization and Completion of Agreement.** The Parties have taken all actions and secured all approvals necessary to authorize and complete this Agreement. The persons signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party have legal authority to sign this Agreement and bind the Parties to the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 6.7. **Compliance with Laws.** Each Party shall comply with all federal, state, and local ordinances, regulations, administrative rules, and requirements applicable to its activities performed under this Agreement.

## 7. **USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- 7.1. The Parties shall not reproduce, provide, disclose, or give access to Confidential Information to County or to a Public Body Employee not having a legitimate need to know the Confidential Information, or to any third-party. County and Public Body Employees shall only use the Confidential Information for performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may disclose the Confidential Information if required by law, statute, or other legal process provided that the Party required to disclose the information: (i) provides prompt written notice of the impending disclosure to the other Party, (ii) provides reasonable assistance in opposing or limiting the disclosure, and (iii) makes only such disclosure as is compelled or required. This Agreement imposes no obligation upon the Parties with respect to any Confidential Information when it can be established by legally sufficient evidence that the Confidential Information: (i) was in possession of or was known by prior to its receipt from the other Party, without any obligation to maintain its confidentiality; or (ii) was obtained from a third party having the right to disclose it, without an obligation to keep such information confidential.
- 7.2. Within five (5) business days after receiving a written request from the other Party, or upon termination of this Agreement, the receiving Party shall return or destroy all of the disclosing Party's Confidential Information.

## 8. **DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES.**

- 8.1. THE ELECTION SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY GOODS, PARTS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE PROVIDED TO PUBLIC BODY AS PART OF THE ELECTION SERVICES, ARE PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS "WITH ALL FAULTS."
- 8.2. COUNTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON- INFRINGEMENT.
- 8.3. COUNTY MAKES NO WARRANTY THAT: (I) THE ELECTION SERVICES WILL MEET PUBLIC BODY'S REQUIREMENTS; OR (II) THE ELECTION SERVICES WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, TIMELY, SECURE, OR ERROR-FREE.

9. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.**

- 9.1. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ANY OTHER PERSON, FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, AND/OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE OTHER PARTY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.
- 9.2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED HEREIN AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF COUNTY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT (WHETHER BY REASON OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE) SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PAID BY PUBLIC BODY TO COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR ELECTION SERVICE GIVING RISE TO SUCH LIABILITY.

10. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** All disputes relating to the execution, interpretation, performance, or nonperformance of this Agreement involving or affecting the Parties may first be submitted to County's Director of Elections and Public Body's Agreement Administrator for possible resolution. County's Clerk and Public Body's Agreement Administrator may promptly meet and confer in an effort to resolve such dispute. If they cannot resolve the dispute in five (5) business days, the dispute may be submitted to the signatories of this Agreement or their successors in office. The signatories of this Agreement may meet promptly and confer in an effort to resolve such dispute.

11. **TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT.**

- 11.1. Either Party may terminate or cancel this entire Agreement or any one of the Election Services described in the attached Exhibit(s), upon eighty-four (84) days written notice, or such other notice period as otherwise required by the Act, to the clerk of the other Party if either Party decided, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement or one of the Exhibit(s), for any reason including convenience. Each Party shall also comply with the requirements under the Act for filing the notice of termination, in which case, Public Body's timely delivery of a notice of termination to County shall be deemed to comply with its filing requirement.
- 11.2. Early termination fees may apply to Public Body if provided for in the Exhibit(s).
- 11.3. The effective date of termination and/or cancellation shall be clearly stated in the written notice. Either the County Executive or the Board of Commissioners is authorized to terminate this Agreement for County under this provision. A termination of one or more of the Exhibits which does not constitute a termination of the entire Agreement may be accepted on behalf of County by its County Clerk.

12. **SUSPENSION OF SERVICES**. County, through its County Clerk, may immediately suspend Election Services for any of the following reasons: (i) requests by law enforcement or other governmental agencies; (ii) engagement by Public Body in fraudulent or illegal activities relating to the Election Services provided herein; (iii) breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement; or (iv) unexpected technical or security issues. The right to suspend Election Services is in addition to the right to terminate or cancel this Agreement according to the provisions in Section 11. County shall not incur any penalty, expense or liability if Election Services are suspended under this Section.
13. **DELEGATION OR ASSIGNMENT**. Neither Party shall delegate or assign any obligations or rights under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
14. **NO EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIP**. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating an employee-employer relationship between County and Public Body. At all times and for all purposes under this Agreement, the Parties' relationship to each other is that of an independent contractor. Each Party will be solely responsible for the acts of its own employees, agents, and servants during the term of this Agreement. No liability, right or benefits arising out of an employer/employee relationship, either express or implied, shall arise or accrue to either Party as a result of this Agreement.
15. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**. Except as provided for the benefit of the Parties, this Agreement does not and is not intended to create any obligation, duty, promise, contractual right or benefit, right to indemnification, right to subrogation, and/or any other right in favor of any other person or entity.
16. **NO IMPLIED WAIVER**. Absent a written waiver, no act, failure, or delay by a Party to pursue or enforce any rights or remedies under this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of those rights with regard to any existing or subsequent breach of this Agreement. No waiver of any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement, whether by conduct or otherwise, in one or more instances shall be deemed or construed as a continuing waiver of any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement. No waiver by either Party shall subsequently affect its right to require strict performance of this Agreement.
17. **SEVERABILITY**. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds a term or condition of this Agreement to be illegal or invalid, then the term or condition shall be deemed severed from this Agreement. All other terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force.
18. **PRECEDENCE OF DOCUMENTS**. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of any of the documents that comprise this Agreement, the terms in the Agreement shall prevail and take precedence over any allegedly conflicting terms and conditions in the Exhibits or other documents that comprise this Agreement.
19. **CAPTIONS**. The section and subsection numbers, captions, and any index to such sections and subsections contained in this Agreement are intended for the convenience of the reader and are not intended to have any substantive meaning. The numbers, captions, and indexes shall not be interpreted or be considered as part of this Agreement. Any use of the singular or plural, any reference to gender, and any use of the nominative, objective or possessive case in this Agreement shall be deemed the appropriate plurality, gender or possession as the context requires.
20. **FORCE MAJEURE**. Notwithstanding any other term or provision of this Agreement, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause beyond the reasonable control of that Party and that Party cannot reasonably accommodate or mitigate the effects of any such cause. Such cause shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts, work

stoppages, other labor difficulties, or any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States government or of any other government. Reasonable notice shall be given to the affected Party of any such event.

21. **NOTICES**. Except as otherwise provided in the Exhibits, notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by express delivery service, certified mail, or first class U.S. mail postage prepaid, and addressed to the person listed below. Notice will be deemed given on the date when one of the following first occur: (i) the date of actual receipt; (ii) the next business day when notice is sent express delivery service or personal delivery; or (iii) three days after mailing first class or certified U.S. mail.
  - 21.1. If Notice is sent to County, it shall be addressed and sent to: Oakland County Clerk, Election's Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 16 East, Pontiac, MI 48341, and the Chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341.
  - 21.2. If Notice is sent to Public Body, it shall be addressed to: [insert Public Body Address].
  - 21.3. Either Party may change the individual to whom Notice is sent and/or the mailing address by notifying the other Party in writing of the change.
22. **GOVERNING LAW/CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE**. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted, and enforced by the laws of the State of Michigan. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, any action brought to enforce, interpret, or decide any Claim arising under or related to this Agreement shall be brought in the 6th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Michigan, the 50th District Court of the State of Michigan, or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, as dictated by the applicable jurisdiction of the court. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, venue is proper in the courts set forth above.
23. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS**. The following terms and conditions shall survive and continue in full force beyond the termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement (or any part thereof) until the terms and conditions are fully satisfied or expire by their nature: Definitions (Section 1); Assurances (Section 6); Payments (Section 5); Use of Confidential Information (Section 7); Disclaimer of Warranties (Section 8); Limitation of Liability (Section 9); Dispute Resolution (Section 10); No Employee-Employer Relationship (Section 14); No Third-Party Beneficiaries (Section 15); No Implied Waiver (Section 16); Severability (Section 17); Precedence of Documents (Section 18); Force Majeure (Section 20); Governing Law/Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue (Section 22); Survival of Terms (Section 23); Entire Agreement (Section 24).
24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**.
  - 24.1. This Agreement represents the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties regarding the specific Election Services described in the attached Exhibit(s). With regard to those Election Services, this Agreement supersedes all other oral or written agreements between the Parties.
  - 24.2. The language of this Agreement shall be construed as a whole according to its fair meaning, and not construed strictly for or against any Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, [insert name and title of public body official] hereby acknowledges that he/she has been authorized by a resolution of the [insert public body], a certified copy of which is attached, to execute this Agreement on behalf of Public Body and hereby accepts and binds Public Body to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.



EXECUTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert name of official, title, and name of public body]

WITNESSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert name, title]

AGREEMENT  
ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF APPLICABLE)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, David T. Woodward, Chairperson, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, hereby acknowledges that he has been authorized by a resolution of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, a certified copy of which is attached, to execute this Agreement on behalf of Oakland County, and hereby accepts and binds Oakland County to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

EXECUTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
David T. Woodward, Chairperson  
Oakland County Board of Commissioners

WITNESSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert name, title]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lisa Brown, in her official capacity as the Oakland County Clerk, a Michigan Constitutional Office, hereby concurs and accepts the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

EXECUTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Brown, Clerk/Register of Deeds,  
County of Oakland

WITNESSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT I

### ABSENT VOTER BALLOT COUNTING SERVICES

#### 1. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1.1. County, through its Board of Election Commissioners, shall, subject to Public Body's performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the Act, render absent voter ballot counting services in compliance with the Act for absent voter ballots received by the clerk for Public Body prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before an election. For clarification, County is not providing Election Services for absent voter ballots received by the clerk for Public Body after 4:00 p.m. on the day before an election; pursuant to Section 764d(10) of the Act, Public Body must deliver such ballots to the voting precinct of the elector on election day to be processed and counted.
- 1.2. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties, County shall cause absent voter ballots, including, the ballot return envelopes, secrecy sleeves, and ballots (collectively the "Ballots"), received by the clerk for Public Body prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before an election to be picked up from the clerk by 6:00 p.m. that day by an authorized representative of County.
- 1.3. Upon completing the process for counting the ballots, County shall place the ballots in ballot containers either provided by Public Body that comply with the requirements described below or provided by County, as determined in County's sole discretion, and seal the ballot containers in compliance with all applicable laws. County shall notify Public Body of its decision to require Public Body to provide ballot containers or to provide ballot containers at least sixty (60) days prior to each election for which County is providing Election Services to Public Body under this Agreement.
- 1.4. County shall retain the sealed ballot containers containing the Ballots for thirty (30) days after the day of the election for which the Ballots were submitted. County shall make arrangements with Public Body for an authorized representative(s) of Public Body to, after the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, pick-up from County the Ballots, mail trails, ballot envelopes, ballot boxes provided by Public Body, qualified voter list, and any other items related to the Ballots transferred by Public Body to County.

#### 2. PUBLIC BODY RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 2.1. Public Body shall perform its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the Act and take any other action necessary or appropriate to assist, and cooperate with, County in rendering the absent voter ballot counting services under this Agreement.
- 2.2. Public Body shall, by 4:30 on the day before an election, have available for transfer to County immediately upon arrival of County's representative, the Ballots received by the clerk for Public Body prior to 4:00 p.m. on that day properly organized in mailing trays, ballot containers, unless provided by County pursuant to this Agreement, in good condition and compliant with the required and appropriate sealing procedures, and a reconciled voter list from the qualified voter file that matches the number of Ballots being transferred to County.
- 2.3. Public Body shall, during any period County is actively rendering Election Services, provide to County access to Public Body's electronic qualified voter file for the sole purpose of County reconciling such list with the number of Ballot envelopes received by County and to make any necessary corrections to the list to reflect the number of Ballot envelopes received.

- 2.4. Public Body shall make arrangements with County to, no later than three (3) business days after the expiration of the thirty (30) day period described in Section 1.4, cause authorized representative(s) in number necessary to pick-up from County premises the Ballots, mail trays, ballot envelopes, ballot boxes provided by Public Body, qualified voter lists, and any other items related to the Ballots transferred by Public Body to County. At such time and on County premises, if County provided ballot boxes to seal the Ballots in providing the Election Services, Public Body shall bring ballot boxes for its authorized representatives to transfer into the Ballots from the County provided ballot boxes. If Public Body does not pick-up such items as required in this Section, at County's election exercised in its sole discretion, Public Body shall, within thirty (30) days of receiving an invoice from County, pay to County \$100\_\_\_\_\_for each day beyond the three (3) period set forth above that County remains in possession of such items and/or County may have its authorized representatives deliver such items to Public Body on such date and at such time during Public Body's clerk's regularly scheduled office hours County determines, in which case Public Body shall be deemed to have accepted possession of all such items.
- 2.5. Upon the earlier to occur of the expiration of the three (3) period set forth in Section 2.4 and the transfer of items to Public Body under Sections 1.4 and 2.5, above, Public Body shall be deemed to be responsible for all such items.

3. **PAYMENT; EXPENSES AND FEES.**

- 3.1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5 of this Agreement, until such time as County notifies Public Body otherwise, County shall provide the Election Services to Public Body for each election at no cost to Public Body.
- 3.2. At such time County determines it will require the payment of a fee and/or reimbursement for costs and expenses by Public Body for County's Election Services for an upcoming election(s), County shall provide written notice to Public Body in advance of such election(s) with sufficient time for Public Body to terminate this Agreement in accordance with its terms setting forth in detail such fees, costs, and expenses and Public Body shall pay such amounts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for Election Services rendered by County.