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Anoka County Election

Pam LeBlanc, Director of Property Records and Taxation
2100 Third Ave
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Dear Director LeBlanc,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of St. Francis, we respectfully submit this formal request regarding the postelection review process conducted under Minnesota Statutes, Section 206.89.

Minnesota law requires that the county canvassing board randomly select precincts for a postelection review of ballots following the general election, and that the manual count compare results from the voting system for state and federal offices. The statute also expressly allows the post-election review of official discretion to include additional precincts beyond those required by law.

If the City of St. Francis is not selected through the County's random post-election review process, the City Council respectfully request that at least one precinct within the city be included for review. This request is intended to promote transparency and public confidence in the election process, particularly at the local level where offices and ballot questions directly impact our residents.

For any precinct selected for post-election review within the City, Council requests that the scope of the review include a count of ballots cast for all contested state, county and city offices, excluding judicial races. Conducting a comprehensive review of contested contests will help ensure consistency and reinforce confidence across all levels of the ballot.

In addition to any required or randomly selected post-election reviews, the City Council may request that the County conduct additional reviews of one or more precincts when the City determines such review would be beneficial for verification, transparency, or public confidence. When such a request is made, and with the understanding that all reasonable costs associated with the additional review shall be borne by the City, the County is requested to afford the City the opportunity to have the requested review conducted and to work cooperatively with the City.

This request is made in the interest of election integrity and public trust and in recognition of the biennial postelection review as an important part of Minnesota's election administration. We appreciate the County's care and diligent administration of this process.

Thank you for your consideration. The City Council is available to discuss this request in further detail.

Thank you,

Mayor Mark Vogel

Councilmember Kevin Robinson

Councilmember Joe Muehlbauer

Councilmember Amy Faanes

cc:

Anoka County Commissioner John Heinrick

Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad

County Administrator, Jim Dickinson