

>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > her. He works for her
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
> >
> >
> >
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
> >
> > To
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> > Subject
> > Re: new working group representative
> >
> >
> >
> >
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize
> > he
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> > fill
> > that position since I am one down.
> >
> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:
> >
> > > is Jon Greenbaum
> > >
> > > Here' s his info in full:
> > >
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>
[http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum
.htm](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)
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> >
> > > 1
> > >
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > > the Lawyers Committee
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing
> > Barbara
> > > Arnwine, the Executive
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
> > >
> > > His contact and mailing info is:
> > >
> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org
> > > 202-662-8315
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> > > Suite 400



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"Job Serebrov"
[Redacted]
04/17/2006 12:44 PM

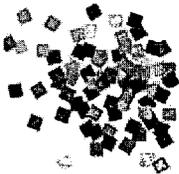
To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.
Peggy

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Thanks, again!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 12:37 PM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/21/2006 11:09 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc
Subject interview summaries 3

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04/19/2006 03:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
cc
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"
cc
Subject existing research summaries 2

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
04/18/2006 11:38 AM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.

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(202) 566-3127 (fax)
dscott@eac.gov

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To sarahball.johnson@ky.gov
cc  wang@tcf.org, ecortes@eac.gov
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

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"Tova Wang"
 <wang@tcf.org>
 04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
 cc
 Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Devon E. Romig

From: Devon E. Romig
Sent: 04/19/2006 12:24 PM
To: Rivers@BlankRome.com
Cc: Margaret Sims
Subject: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

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Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM

To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"
 <wang@tcf.org>
 04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
 cc
 Subject case charts 2

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"Tova Wang"
 <wang@tcf.org>
 04/21/2006 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
 Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc
Subject methodology review

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"Tova Wang"
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04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc
Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

04/21/2006 12:13 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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"Tova Wang"
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04/21/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject job's case charts 1

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
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04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM
To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM ---

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:
>
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.
>
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back
> to say she would be
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and
> next week for the
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and
> Job?
>
> --- Peggy
>
>
>
> wang@tcf.org
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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> Subject
> donsanto again
>
>
>
>
>
>
> Hi Peg,
>
> Happy Easter!
>
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about
> this latest initiative,
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova
>
>
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc
Subject interview analysis

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
>
05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

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ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

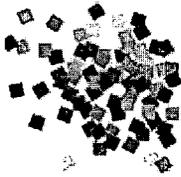
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]

Cc: dromig@eac.gov

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the
> following files that appear
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?
> --- Peggy
>
>
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>

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov,
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject list of interviewees

[REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
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To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig
cc
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy
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"Job Serebrov"
[Redacted]
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]>



"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I
> combined both of your
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a
> reference to the fraud having
> to have an actual impact on the election results
> (because fraud can be
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed
> the results of the
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples
> (e.g.; reference to
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may
> be legitimate reasons
> for not doing so).
>
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and
> am waiting to hear if
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.
> --- Peggy
>
>

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To: dromig@eac.gov

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject: RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: psims@eac.gov

Subject: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

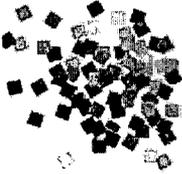
I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
>
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
>
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
>
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

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To: wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]
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To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> her. He works for her
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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>
>

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov
> cc
> [REDACTED]
> Subject
> Re: new working group representative

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> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> fill
> that position since I am one down.

>
> --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

>
> > is Jon Greenbaum
> >
> > Here' s his info in full:
> >

>
> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> > 1
> >
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > the Lawyers Committee
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> > Arnwine, the Executive
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
> >
> > His contact and mailing info is:
> >
> > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org

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"Tova Wang"
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To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov
cc [REDACTED]
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM
To: wang@tcf.org; [redacted]
Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

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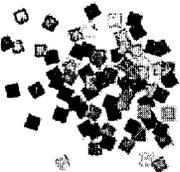
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson
cc
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org,
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,
dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,
[redacted]
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
202.566.2377 phone
202.566.3128 fax
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED] dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I
> called him back but had
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If
> you hear from him and
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.
> We need to have him
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements
> ASAP. Thanks. ---
> Peggy

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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
>
> Subject
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims
> > tomorrow. Depositions all
> > day today. Thanks, Pat

> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > Patrick J. Rogers
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.
> > P.O. Box 2168
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168
> > Tel: 505-848-1849
> > Fax: 505-848-1891

> >

> >

> >

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]

>

> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM

> > To: Patrick J. Rogers

> > Subject: Working Group meeting

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> > Pat:

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> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud

> > project is scheduled for

> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.

> > Could you come? If so,

> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

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> > Regards,

> >

> > Job

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> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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> > e-mail or by calling

> > 505.848.1800, so that our address record can be

> > corrected. Thank you.

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"Tova Wang"
 <wang@tcf.org>
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov
 cc psims@eac.gov
 Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM
To: wang@tcf.org
Cc: psims@eac.gov
Subject: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

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 Washington, D.C. 20005
 (202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"
 [Redacted]
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov
To: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
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email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> out of the office
> attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that
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> "Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]>
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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> To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc

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> Subject
> Re: Fraud Definition

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> wang@tcf.org
> Subject
> Re: Working Group-Perez
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> if
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> > to
> > find a nonpartisan
> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.
> > I
> > proposed that I find
> > someone from Texas because of that State's
> > colorful
> > history of voting
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> > it.
> > In those Texas
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run
> > elections, rather than
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
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> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the
> > association of Texas
> > election officials and the two largest
> organizations
> > of election officials
> > in this country: the International Association of
> > Clerks, Recorders,
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
> The
> > Election Center. He
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the
> > Legislative Committee for the
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He
> > currently serves on
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
> plans
> > the educational
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted
> > at that organization's
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
> Election
> > Center have selected
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> > his professional
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
> Mr.
> > Perez also has access
> > to information from other States through his
> > membership in IACREOT and The
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> > which you will note if you
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
> that
> > might be useful in the
> > upcoming meeting.
> >
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
> the
> > county had over 65
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
> > doubled the number of
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
> > county's
> > population claims
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,

> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> > --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc

> > Subject
> > Re: Working Group

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> > Peggy:

> > What political party is Perez with? How political
> is
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?
> > Who
> > appointed Perez?
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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting
> knocked
> > off Tova's list?

> > Job

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"Job Serebrov"
<[REDACTED]>
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc



Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html.

500 Fourth Street NW

P.O. Box 2168

Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

(505) 848-1800

Fax: (505) 848-1891

Asst: Carol Casstevens

patrogers@modrall.com

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
- >
- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tova Wang
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov
Subject: research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

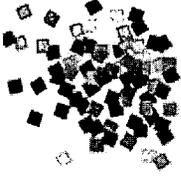
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To
cc
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"
<marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com>
>

To dromig@eac.gov
cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM
To: marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com
Cc: psims@eac.gov
Subject: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
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To dromig@eac.gov
cc psims@eac.gov
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM
To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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wang@tcf.org
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov
To: [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org
Cc: dromig@eac.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM
Subject: Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears to be the best possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not available to attend in person that day (he is available only 2 days during the first three weeks of May). We won't have confirmation of the availability of Secretary Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.

I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can schedule a teleconference on Monday afternoon. ---
Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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wang@tcf.org

05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing_research_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
To: <wang@tcf.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~
>
> Are you talking about this?
>
> J~
>
> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:
>
>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go
>> into the office over the weekend, which is
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc [REDACTED]
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.html>

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arnwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

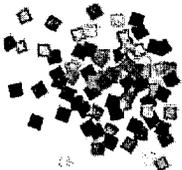
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Working Group 

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.

--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:
>
> Teleconference
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
>
> Working Group Members
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the
> nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
> objections to him. He
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
> Rogers office, but
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any
> pull with him, you
> may want to contact him, too.
>
> Travel Arrangements
> You should make your own travel arrangements,
> including hotel. Travel
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
>
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is
> \$48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445 per
> mile

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>
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a
> travel authorization
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> Afterwards, when you turn in
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> receipt (or mileage
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> transportation receipts and a
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> total travel expenses due
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> meal receipts.
>
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> for personal reasons are
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> however, is to give me a
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,
> and per diem of doing
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,
> ground transportation,
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> should be no problem to
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,
> we may only pay up to
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> apply to me when I
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> you will spend the
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
>
> Peggy
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>

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has
> vacancies and pillow top beds.
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
>
> Subject
> Latham
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>
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Update 

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG
Gavin S. Gilmour
Associate General Counsel
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(202) 566-3100
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject FW: bibliographic form



From: Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM
To: psims@eac.gov
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org
Subject: bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.
 Thanks

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wang@tcf.org
 08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.
 ----- Original Message -----
 From: <psims@eac.gov>
 To: <wang@tcf.org>
 Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM
 Subject: Re: direct deposit

>
 > Tova:
 >
 > I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the
 > form you requested. --- Peggy
 >
 > (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)
 >

Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject John Tanner Comments

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To twilkey@eac.gov
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy

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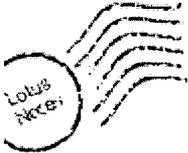
Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To artslevine@yahoo.com

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
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Subject Re: Interview Request 



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Cc: Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims
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cc: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
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Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"



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10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov
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Sincerely,

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Margaret Sims
----- Original Message -----

From: Margaret Sims
Sent: 10/11/2006 12:34 PM
To: Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 01:03 PM

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Sent: 10/11/2006 12:34 PM

To: Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.

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10/11/2006 11:42 AM

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cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Peggy -- I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov
cc "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"
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Subject Does EAC have access to stats on --

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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Subject Re: Funding 

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and Job are hoping mad
Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

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Sent: 10/13/2006 01:30 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott
Cc: Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu
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FYI.

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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Regards,
Jim

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To Bryan Whitener

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

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Salon.com


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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?
Is it a report or just a staff document ?
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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10/12/2006 10:59 AM

To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

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"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

To: "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!!! What does the data you got show?

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!

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Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

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Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
Subject: Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,
Adam

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10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

psims@eac.gov wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioners but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

From: Bryan Whitener

Sent: 09/22/2006 05:10 PM

To: Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin
Gilmour

Cc: Jeannie Layson

Subject: Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,
Bryan

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I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.
We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.
Thanks for your help.
Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



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