

Guess we better agree on the contents of the letter to Eagleton SOON

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----- Forwarded by Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV on 08/28/2006 09:37 AM -----



"Michael McDonald"
<mmcdon@gmu.edu>
08/28/2006 09:25 AM

To aambrogi@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov
cc "Daniel Tokaji" <tokaji.1@osu.edu>
Subject Data request from provisional ballot report

Tom and Adam,

Attached are two papers from Rutgers that appear to use data drawn from the EAC's grant to Rutgers and Ohio State for reports on provisional balloting (from a paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in April) and voter identification (from a paper to be presented at the upcoming American Political Science Association Conference this week). My check of the EAC's website this morning shows that these EAC commissioned reports have not been publicly released.

My requests for the basic legal data contained in these reports' appendices have been refused. It is unfair that Rutgers researchers are allowed to publish scholarly work from this data while it is being held by the EAC. When I worked on the Election Day Survey; at the EAC's direction, Kim Brace and I did not publish or make these data publicly available until our report was publicly released. Either the same standard must apply to all persons working under EAC grants or, if a new policy is in place, I would request again that these data be released to me for my research on provisional balloting. If not, it gives the appearance and has the effect that the data are being withheld so that Rutgers scholars can publish their EAC subsidized research in scholarly outlets before others like myself have a chance to do so.

Best regards,

-Mike

Dr. Michael P. McDonald
Assistant Professor, George Mason University
Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
03/30/2007 08:33 PM

To "Donetta Davidson" <ddavidson@eac.gov>, "Gracia Hillman" <ghillman@eac.gov>, Rosemary E. Rodriguez/EAC/GOV@EAC, Caroline C. cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>, "Julie Thompson" <jthompson@eac.gov>

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Subject Hinchey statement

Hinchey Statement on U.S. Election Assistance Commission's

Release of Report on Voter Identification Issues

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following report in response to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) release of a report on voter identification issues that was submitted to them by Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, through its Eagleton Institute of Politics, and Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law. Hinchey directly requested the release of the report when EAC Chairwoman Donetta Davidson appeared earlier this month before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services, of which the congressman is a member. Davidson told Hinchey at the hearing that she would provide the subcommittee with the report that is being released to the public today. Hinchey also requested the release of a separate report on voter fraud and intimidation. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires the EAC to conduct and make available to the public studies regarding certain voting issues.

"I am very pleased that following Chairwoman Davidson's appearances before Congress the EAC decided to do the right thing and make public the Eagleton Institute of Politics study on voter identification issues. I hope that this decision signals a new day of transparency and sets a precedent for all future and previous studies and reports submitted to the EAC.

"When Chairwoman Davidson came before our subcommittee a few weeks ago, I also requested that the EAC make public another report about voter fraud and voter intimidation submitted to them by two outside consultants. It is my hope they will release this report to the public as well. The EAC has the responsibility to keep the public informed on any findings it has with regards to voter fraud, intimidation, and any other electoral issues.

"As we work to increase voter turnout and make our democracy function more effectively, it is imperative that potential voters are assured that they will be able to cast their votes fairly and in an environment free of intimidation. To achieve that goal, the EAC must be open with the information it receives in order to help identify voting problems and make recommendations on fixing them."

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Rosemary E.
Rodriguez/EAC/GOV
04/17/2007 05:31 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Donetta L.
Davidson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gracia
Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Caroline C.
cc Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.
Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
bcc
Subject Re: FYI--Letter from Serrano

Dear all,

I wonder how many more requests like this are waiting in the wings? Is there any way we can anticipate these requests? How many reports are completed and outstanding? May I request a briefing?

Thanks.

RER

Gavin S. Gilmour
----- Original Message -----

From: Gavin S. Gilmour
Sent: 04/17/2007 05:27 PM EDT
To: Donetta Davidson; Gracia Hillman; Caroline Hunter; Rosemary Rodriguez;
Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Sheila Banks; Juliet Hodgkins; Elieen Kuala; Jeannie Layson; Karen
Lynn-Dyson; fms.eacfabre@yahoo.com
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A copy of Serrano's letter is attached.

GG

[attachment "Serrano Letter.pdf" deleted by Rosemary E. Rodriguez/EAC/GOV]

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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
04/17/2007 05:27 PM

To Donetta L. Davidson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Caroline C. Hunter/EAC/GOV@EAC, Rosemary E. cc Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV, Karen
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Serrano Letter.pdf

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leighley@email.arizona.edu
05/11/2006 03:05 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc

Subject Re: Many thanks for your active participation

History: This message has been replied to.

Thanks, Karen . . . am very interested in any future projects you have (well, most, I'm sure . . .).

Jan

Quoting klynndyson@eac.gov:

> Dr. Leighley-
>
> On behalf of the EAC our sincere thanks for your willingness to review the
> Eagleton paper on Voter Identification. Your insights and critique were
> extremely helpful and provided our agency with just the type of input which
> was needed.
>
> I'm please to know of your work and hope that I may be able to call upon
> your expertise at some point in the near future.
>
> Regards-
>
> Karen
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leighley@email.arizona.edu

05/11/2006 11:38 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov, abarrington@eac.gov

cc jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu

bcc

Subject conference call full?

History:

This message has been replied to.

Hi,

I'm trying to access the conference call but the system says it's full. I will keep trying for a few minutes.

Perhaps this is a problem because I was given two different times for conference calls?

I am currently at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if anyone is able to respond.

Jan

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leighley@email.arizona.edu

To klynndyson@eac.gov

05/09/2006 04:05 PM

cc

bcc

Subject Re: Materials for Thursday's 11:30 conference call

History:

This message has been forwarded.

That's fine--but I spoke to Aletha a couple hours ago and she said it was at 11.

I will go with 11:30 unless I hear otherwise.

Jan

Quoting klynndyson@eac.gov:

> Greetings-

>

> Please note that Thursday's call is at 11:30 EDT.

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> Thanks

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> Karen Lynn-Dyson

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> Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

> 05/09/2006 09:54 AM

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> To

> berinsky@mit.edu, leighley@email.arizona.edu, jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu,

> tom_oneill@verizon.net

> cc

> Aletha Barrington/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC

> Subject

> Materials for Thursday's 11:30 conference call

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> All-

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> Attached please find the complete packet of materials that will serve as

> the basis for our conference call on Thursday. You have already received

> the statistical analysis; the voter ID report was submitted this morning.

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> The Eagleton staff have noted that you may find the material contained in

> Appendix A useful to your review; the other appendices are likely to be

> less germane .

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> The call in information for Thursday:

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> 1-866-222-9044
> Passcode 62209#
>
> Thank you again for your assistance.
>
> Regards-
>
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>
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Aletha
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV

05/08/2006 04:05 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Verification that Voter ID paper was received

Karen,

I got a response back from everyone but Jay Leighley about their availability for the conference call, do you have a contact number for him?

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(202) 566-3128 (fax)

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 03:12 PM

To Aletha Barrington/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Verification that Voter ID paper was received

I assume you got verification from Jonathan Nagler, Adam Berinsky and Jan Leighley that they received the paper last Friday.

Also assume you will have a conference call in number to them and to Tom O'Neill by tomorrow, latest.

Thanks

K

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013596

Aletha
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV

05/05/2006 10:13 AM

To tanisha.johnsoncampbell@nyu.edu

cc jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Revised Voter ID Analysis

Good morning Tanisha,

To my understanding Dr. Nagler is out of the office today and I been informed to contact you with any information for him. I am attaching a copy of the Revised Voter ID Analysis. Will you please see that he receives it today? If you have any questions regarding this document feel free to contact me.

Thanks!

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VoterIDAnalysis VercRev0504.doc

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"Tom O'Neill"

05/04/2006 05:00 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc tokaji.1@osu.edu, foley.33@osu.edu,
lauracw@columbus.rr.com, "Tim Vercellotti"
<tim.vercellotti@rutgers.edu>, arapp@rci.rutgers.edu,
bcc

Subject Revised Voter ID Analysis

History:

This message has been forwarded.

Karen,

Attached is Tim Vercellotti's Voter ID analysis revised to use Citizen Voting Age population as the base for turnout calculations and to take account of comments or issues raised by the EAC and our Peer Review Group. This draft is for distribution to the reviewers who will meet by teleconference on May 11, at, we understand, 11:30 a.m.

You are receiving this at the same time that it is being distributed to the Eagleton-Moritz team so that the new reviewers will have a week to prepare for our conversation on the 11th. Early next week you will receive a revised summary paper on Voter ID that incorporates the new data and findings in Tim's revised analysis. That too will be for distribution to the new reviewers.

Tom O'Neill



VoterIDAnalysis VercRev0504.doc

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Aletha
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV

05/04/2006 04:36 PM

To berinsky@mit.edu, johnathan.nagler@nyu.edu,
leighley@email.arizona.edu, [REDACTED]
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Conference Call/ Eagleton Institute

Good afternoon everyone,

This is to inform you of a time set-up for the conference call on May 11, 2006 regarding Eagleton Institute/Voter Identification Research Project: it will be at 11:30 am, if everyone is available for this time then its a go, if not please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks!

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013599



"Adam Berinsky"
<berinsky@MIT.EDU>
05/03/2006 05:31 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc

Subject Re: Review of EAC research on Voter Identification

History: This message has been replied to.

I just got your phone message. I will still do the review, but I should note that I won't be able to do a full 90 minute phone call on the 11th -- perhaps we could schedule 30 minutes or so for me to be on the phone call.

At 05:36 PM 5/1/2006, you wrote:

Dr. Berinsky-

On behalf of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), thank you in advance for agreeing to assist us with the review of research conducted by the Eagleton Institute of Politics on voter identification. By **Friday, May 5, 2006**, you will receive, in electronic form, the research paper and relevant data analysis which supports the paper's findings. Through this independent review by a small group of experts familiar with elections data and research we are seeking feedback on:

- The research methodology which was used to support the paper's conclusions
- The specific statistical applications which were used to analyze the data and arrive at various conclusions

If there are alternate methodological and statistical approaches to analyzing the data on voter identification, and if there is other data on voter identification that you think should have been included in the analysis, please be certain to note this in your comments.

On **May 11, 2006** EAC will conduct a 60-90 minute phone call with key Eagleton Institute staff responsible for the research, members of Eagleton's peer review group and the EAC-identified reviewers who have been asked to consider the research. Through this dialogue EAC hopes to gather varying perspectives and insights on the research strategies and methods that were employed by Eagleton. As a result of this conversation, EAC anticipates that some revisions will be made to the Eagleton research paper. This paper is scheduled to be presented to EAC's Board of Advisors and Standards Boards in late May.

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Sincerely,

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013601



"Tom O'neill"

05/03/2006 03:29 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject May 11 teleconference

Karen,

Do you have a time for the May 11 teleconference? We're working to arrange the participation of members of our Peer Review Group and that is the key missing piece of information.

Thanks,

Tom O'Neill

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Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO
V

05/01/2006 04:49 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

I am concerned about the statement that EAC policy precludes us paying them. It is an issue of correctly soliciting and entering into a contract for the procurement of services. Perhaps there is a better way to phrase this, or is it even necessary

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

05/01/2006 02:58 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

Tom and Julie-

Please take a look at this draft e-mail and let me know if it captures all that it needs to.

Would like to get this out ASAP- appreciate your feedback..

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Dear Jan Leighley

Dear Adam Berinsky

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
05/01/2006 04:07 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

Then we are good to good

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 05/01/2006 03:03 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Juliet Thompson-Hodgkins
Subject: Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

It's my understanding that Julie thinks we are "good to go" as long as we don't pay them.

Correct?

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
05/01/2006 03:00 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

Did we resolve the contact issues on this?

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

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Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO
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05/01/2006 03:56 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

As long as we don't pay them, there is no contract issue.

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"Mike Alvarez"
<rma@hss.caltech.edu>
04/05/2006 07:39 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject

History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi -- nice to meet you in person, finally!

And thanks for inviting me to your gathering, I enjoyed it and hope I was helpful. Of course, any time you want anything, you do know where to track me down.

As to the potential reviewers of the Eagleton Voter ID study, here are my suggestions, in order:
Jonathan Nagler, New York University
Jan Leighley, University of Arizona
Ben Highton, UC-Davis
Adam Berinsky, MIT
Bernard Grofman, UC-Irvine

All have worked with the CPS turnout/registration data, and are very familiar with this research literature.

If these don't work, or you want more recommendations, let me know.

--

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"Tom O'Neill"

03/16/2006 10:27 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject RE: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

History:

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Karen,

Glad the paper arrived. Sorry it was a bit later than promised, but we reworked the statistical analysis on the basis of some insightful suggestions by the Peer Review Group. . .that took a few extra days (and nights). Looking back at my email to you, I realize the full statistical analysis was not attached as it should have been. It is appendix to the paper that will be of interest to those who want the details of our methodology. It is attached to this email.

I will be away, without access to email, until late Monday afternoon, but if you need to, you can reach me by cell phone at [REDACTED]

Tom O'Neill

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

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

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 9:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

Tom-

Thanks for getting this to me. I've forwarded it on to the Commissioners.

Will try to see if I can get feedback next week.

Regards-

K

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Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV
02/17/2006 02:28 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
cc
bcc
Subject working group

History

 This message has been replied to

is there a working group for the provisional voting/voter id project?

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"Tom O'Neill"

09/02/2005 04:48 PM

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cc klynndyson@eac.gov

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Subject New Peer Review Group Member

History:

 This message has been forwarded.

Tim O'Rourke, Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University in Maryland, has agreed to serve on the Peer Review Committee.

Tom O'Neill

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"Tom O'Neill"

09/01/2005 04:13 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
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Subject O'Rourke Bio

Karen:

I received the fax and will pass it around the team. Thanks,

Tom O'Neill

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"Tom O'neill"

09/01/2005 03:34 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

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Subject Peer Review Group member

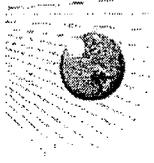
Karen,

I haven't received the fax about the potential new recruit for the Peer Review Group that you mentioned to me yesterday.

We have now completed the materials to be distributed to those attending the meeting at the EAC on September 6. You will receive a hard copy of all the material by express delivery tomorrow. The most important material to get to those attending in advance is the document with the answers to the 6 questions about topics of special interest on provisional voting outlined in our contract. The bulk of the material is backup to this summary report.

Tom O'Neill

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV
08/30/2005 02:31 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
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Subject Eagleton Peer Review Group

Karen,

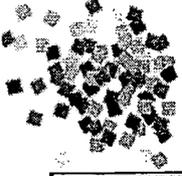
I have reviewed the Eagleton Peer Review Group recruitment list that you recently provided. Based on what I or Amie can determine from the bio's provided or an Internet search, it appears that at least 4 of the 7 people who have said yes to be on the group seem to have a liberal perspective, or have had a history of working on that side of the political spectrum. I could only identify one as being a Republican, and a moderate one at that (Verniero). Mike Alvarez has conducted a lot of research into election issues and generally seems to do it in a neutral way. I have been unable to obtain a bio or background information on Tim Storey, who is not an academic. The only person that I could identify on their list as being conservative was Brad Clark, who has declined to participate.

Therefore, based on this information regarding the Peer Review Group, I am not satisfied that they will provide Eagleton with the balanced review that I thought they would receive from such a group. I would urge you to ask them to seek the input of more conservative academics so that whatever study we receive from them will have the benefit of a balanced review. I am going to have Amie provide you with the background sheet on Professor Tim O'Rourke of Salisbury University in Maryland, whom they may want to consider for this panel. We have some calls into others who could suggest some conservative academics for this review panel.

Thanks.

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Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV
08/19/2005 03:55 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
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Subject Re: Peer Review Group

History: This message has been replied to.

I only got the original email on the September 6th meeting. Was this meeting confirmed by the commissioners?

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
08/19/2005 03:41 PM

To "Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Peer Review Group

Tom-

Thank you for sharing this list of your Peer Review Group members, to-date. I will share this list with the Commissioners and will be certain to let your know of their feedback, if any.

I will also be back in touch regarding Eagleton's research around voter fraud and the research project EAC will be undertaking, this fall, around voting fraud and voter intimidation. The EAC is presently in the process of finalizing a work and staff plan for this project and once it is completed, I will be certain to brief you on it.

In the meantime, EAC staff and several of the Commissioners looks forward to meeting with the Eagleton/Moritz team on September 6 at 1:30 PM.

Regards-

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"Tom O'Neill" <[REDACTED]>



"Tom O'Neill"
[REDACTED]
08/19/2005 02:20 PM

To klyndyson@eac.gov
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Subject Peer Review Group



Karen,

Attached is a report on the status of recruitment of members of the Peer Review Group. We extended 9 invitations. We have four confirmed members, one reluctant turn-down, one who has yet to respond to an initial inquiry, and are awaiting confirmation from 3 others who initially agreed. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Tom O'Neill



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08/19/2005 02:20 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

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Subject Peer Review Group

History:

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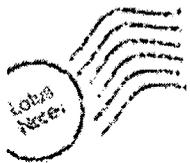
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STATUS OF PEER REVIEW GROUP RECRUITMENT

(As of August 17, 2005)

R. Michael Alvarez, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science California Institute of Technology	YES/CONFIRMED
Guy-Uriel Charles Associate Professor, School of Law University of Minnesota 612-626-9154	YES
Brad Clark Professor of Law George Washington University School of Law	NO
Pamela Susan Karlan Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law Stanford Law School 650-725-4851	YES
Martha E. Kropf, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Political Science University of Missouri-Kansas City 816-235-5948; KropfM@umkc.edu	YES/CONFIRMED
Daniel H. Lowenstein Professor of Law UCLA 310-825-4841	YES
John F. Manning Professor Harvard Law School	NO RESPONSE
Tim Storey Program Principal Legislative Management Program National Conference of State Legislatures	YES/CONFIRMED
Peter G. Verniero, Esq. Counsel Sills, Cummis, Epstein and Gross, PC (Former NJ Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice)	YES/CONFIRMED



Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

08/19/2005 12:06 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Paul DeGregorio" <pdegregorio@eac.gov>, "Ray Martinez" <rmartinez@eac.gov>, "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynn-dyson@eac.gov>, Juliet E.

bcc

Subject Fw: Eagleton

Tom: Please put this on the agenda for discussion when we get together on Friday in Denver.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Paul DeGregorio

From: Paul DeGregorio
Sent: 08/19/2005 11:06 AM
To: Gracia Hillman; Raymundo Martinez; Donetta Davidson; twilkey@nycap.rr.com; Juliet Thompson; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Carol Paquette
Subject: Eagleton

In his note regarding the Eagleton contract, Hans has raised some of the same concerns I raised from the beginning of any discussions I had regarding this contract with our staff, and at our first formal meeting with Eagleton. In reviewing their work product from time to time, I continue to have concerns about a lack of balanced input and have repeatedly voiced them with staff and with Eagleton. I did this when the initial peer review group was proposed and again during their presentation at our meeting in Pasadena (the outreach slide in their public presentation showed outreach to seven groups, of which only one could be considered conservative-leaning). Now, as I have just had the opportunity to read their July progress report, it appears that Eagleton seems to be going into a larger analysis of the voter fraud issue than was authorized in the contract. My suspicion is that Dan Tokaji is injecting his views into this to dismiss or diminish the concerns some people may have about voter fraud. I could be wrong, but his previous writings lead me to believe otherwise.

I only found one mention of voter fraud in the contract with Eagleton. It is in Section 3.5 regarding provisional voting, where it discusses "minimizing opportunity for voter fraud." Yet, on page 4 of the July progress report from Eagleton, in describing their work plan for the next month it states: "we will expand upon vote fraud research and examine further the relationship between instances of vote fraud and ensuing election reforms." This clearly seems to be going beyond the mandate we gave them as I thought they were going to be looking at voter fraud relating to provisional voting (as the contract calls for), not voter fraud as it relates to election reforms. While voter fraud was never mentioned in the contract regarding the voter ID issue, page 5 of their July report indicates that their narratives "will include an appraisal of the prevalence and nature of vote fraud." In addition to this, page 6 describes a look into the "relationship between voter ID regime and vote fraud."

Voter fraud is clearly an issue that is perceived differently from the Right and from the Left. I have struggled with determining what a clear definition of voter fraud is myself, and therefore want to obtain various perspectives and good analysis on this issue before I formulate a solid conclusion in my mind. It has been my understanding all along that the whole voter fraud/voter intimidation issue is going to be studied by the EAC using a balanced group of consultants--not Eagleton and Moritz, who are likely to focus on just on the number of prosecutions of voter fraud, rather than the complaints made or the fact that many election officials are frustrated that some prosecutors don't take their complaints about voter fraud seriously. I am not convinced at this point that we will get a balanced and objective study from Eagleton/Moritz on voter fraud. I am puzzled on why they seem to be expending a significant portion of their time on this and would want to know if we somehow authorized them to do more research into the voter fraud issue.

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The August 15th copy of the July report that I received from Karen did not include the attachment of the financial report of expenses incurred. I would like to see that attachment.

Outside of our NIST work, this contract represents our largest single outside expenditure of our operational funds. Any single expenditure of \$500,000+ needs to be closely monitored. I, for one, am not going to sign off on any report that appears to have been written from a biased viewpoint, especially one that doesn't appear to be interested in hearing from conservative organizations or right-leaning researchers, or seems to minimize any input from them. I've already had questions from congressional staff and others on why we picked Eagleton and Moritz, as they are perceived by some as biased against Republicans. I assured the critics that we have insisted all along on an objective study from Eagleton. An unbalanced or biased study from them will not only hurt my credibility, but also that of the EAC. I'm not suggesting that we stop their work, but I do want Tom and Julie to inform them in no uncertain terms that we will not accept a report that does not seriously consider all viewpoints on provisional voting and the voter ID issue, and that any study or interpretations they present to us reflect a diversity of opinions on these subjects. We also need for staff to determine whether their considerable work into the voter fraud area is authorized in the contract. We should not be paying for and receiving work we did not authorize.

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08/19/2005 11:06 AM

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"Tom O'Neill"

07/14/2005 02:31 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc arapp@rci.rutgers.edu

bcc

Subject

History:  This message has been replied to.

Karen:

As we discussed on Tuesday morning in the teleconference, we would like to reallocate within the current budget \$9,500 to the survey of local election officials. This will raise the budget for the survey to \$24,500 from \$15,000.

The additional funding will permit us to double the sample of local election officials from 200 to 400. The larger sample will allow more detailed comparisons between the experience of local election officials in states that offered some form of provisional ballot before HAVA and those that did not. This comparison is a topic of special interest identified in the contract.

The increase of \$9,500 is based on an estimate made by SRBI, the contractor that will actually administer the interviews. I can furnish you with a copy of the estimate if you like. We believe the additional funds will improve significantly our ability to provide relevant analysis to EAC on this important issue.

Tom O'Neill

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Tom-

I will be back to you early next week with EAC's feedback on this.

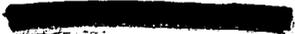
Our initial reaction is that the group needs to include some local and/or state-level election officials, who have first-hand experience with these issues.

We will get you additional names and reactions by mid-week next week.

Thanks

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"Tom O'Neill" 

06/22/2005 03:29 PM

To klyndyson@eac.gov
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Subject Peer Review Group

Karen,

As you probably recall, one of the features of our proposal was the creation of a Peer Review Group to look over our findings, conclusions and draft reports before we prepare final drafts for the EAC's review. The EAC asked that before recruiting members of the PRG we submit names for EAC's review. The aim, course, is to assemble a panel that is experienced, informed, and balanced.

Attached is a list of potential PRG members drawn from academia, the law, and non-profit organizations with interests in this area. Please look it over.

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"Tom O'Neill"
[Redacted]

07/13/2005 12:29 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Peer Review Group

Thank you, Karen.

Tom

Tom O'Neill

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2005 11:05 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: cpaquette@eac.gov; twilkey@eac.gov

Subject: RE: Peer Review Group

Tom-

I will take up the matter of next steps with the Peer Review Group, with Tom Wilkey, the EAC Executive Director ASAP.

I will have an answer regarding the EAC's suggested next steps on how to proceed on this matter as quickly as possible.

Regards-

K
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07/12/2005 07:17
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lauracw@columbus.rr.com, foley.33@osu.edu, rmandel@rci.rutgers.edu
Subject: RE: Peer Review Group

Carol,

I sent you the email on the Peer Review Group because you asked me to. When we discussed the issue in New York, you told me to send to you in writing our response to the Commission's suggestions for a new, more elaborate review process. I believe I copied Karen on that email.

Learning now, almost a week later, that you have taken no action is disheartening. As you know, our schedule is tight, and we need the counsel the Peer Review Group can provide. I hope, therefore, that Karen will take immediate action to resolve the situation so we can begin to recruit the review group in time to assure the quality of the resource design.

Tom O'Neill

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2005 6:37 PM

To: klynndyson@eac.gov

Cc: Foley, Ned; reed, ingrid; Weingart, John; Laura Williams; Mandel, Ruth; Tom O'Neill

Subject: Re: Peer Review Group

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Karen, Tom -

I am not taking any action on the email Tom sent a few days ago regarding the Peer Review Group because the Eagleton project is not my responsibility. As I indicated earlier to Karen, I didn't know why this was sent to me since Karen is the Project Manager. I endorse her comment below regarding the need for including her in all correspondence with anyone at the EAC regarding the project.

When I was the Interim Executive Director it was part of my job to stay on top of all EAC project work. I now have other responsibilities at the EAC, and while I am happy to continue involvement in other projects for continuity and transition purposes as needed, that needs to be very limited. My involvement with the Eagleton work has only been from the contracting perspective, and that is the only continuing role I have. Any substantive project activities have to be taken up with Karen.

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Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/G
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07/12/2005
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PM

To: "Tom O'Neill" <[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL
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<lauracw@columbus.r.r.com>, "Mandel, Ruth" <rmandel@rci.rutgers.edu>

Subject: Re: Peer Review Group [Link](#)

Tom-

I trust you are in contact with Carol and Julie regarding the information on the Peer Review Group and the July 28 hearing at Cal/Tech that you have requested of them, respectively.

While the EAC is a small agency with relatively few reporting layers, I suggest that for all future

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items requiring feedback and decisions from the EAC, that you are certain to carbon copy me on all e-mails.

This will ensure, that as your primary point of contact, I have a record of all communication that has taken place between the contractor and the agency.

Thanks

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07/08/2005

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To: "Paquette, Carol" <cpaquette@eac.gov>
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Subject: Peer Review Group

Carol,

After our discussion in New York, you asked me to put in writing our response to the EAC's suggestions for expanding the number and kinds of groups that would review and comment on our work. I hope after your review of this response, we will be able to quickly recruit a balanced Peer Review Group (PRG) and move ahead as the schedule in our work plan indicates. Attached is a revised list of the members we propose for appointment to the PRG. We will probably not be able to persuade all of them to serve, but the number and range of views included on the

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proposed list should ensure that the resulting group is well-balanced.

Tom

RESPONSE TO EAC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW GROUPS

EAC's Recommendations for the PRG

Karen Lynn-Dyson reported this response from the EAC commissioners to our proposal for the composition of the PRG.

1. Not sufficient conservative representation on the PRG
2. Create a "tiered process" of review in which:
 - A. The PRG will prepare a dispassionate analysis of the issues and draw some tentative conclusions.
 - B. PRG's analysis would be vetted by a defined/select group of local election officials.
 - C. A defined/select group of advocacy organizations would review the comments of the local election officials
 - D. Empanel a final focus group of local election officials, advocates and academics for an overall, interactive reaction to the analysis and recommendations.

Project Team Response

Creating three new committees to the review process to supplement the work of the Peer Review Group (PRG) is possible, but would add at least 8 weeks –and possibly 12 weeks-- to our completion of the guidance document on provisional voting. We believe this delay would risk limiting the value of this project for the 2006 election. In addition, the change would add at least \$30,000 to the cost of our work. (See the attached table showing the possible effect on our work plan, and note the optimistic assumptions such as the ability to hold a hearing the week after Christmas.). If the same groups were to be engaged in reviewing our work on Voter ID, the time for that work would also have to be stretched at a similar increased cost.

This additional cost and the added time might be worthwhile. . . if the new layers of review were to produce a consensus on how to strengthen the research, sharpen the analysis, and increase the relevance of the Guidance Document. Our team concluded, however, that additional review groups were unlikely to achieve these results.

PRG focuses on quality of research

We believe that our research would be strengthened by a balanced Peer Review Group that will focus on the design of the research and our conduct of it. Based on the EAC's recommendation, we have revised the composition of the PRG to include additional, well-recognized authorities in the field whose perspective is generally agreed to be conservative.

The PRG will focus on the strength of the research design and the quality of our analysis, not on the politics of our recommendations for the guidance document. The PRG will critique the research design and suggest how to strengthen it. Members of the group will review the quality of our analysis so that we can fill holes and correct errors before we make policy recommendations to the EAC. The PRG may or may not meet as a group. The likelihood is that most comments will come in writing from individual members, most of whose schedules would not permit attendance at meetings. In any case, the PRG members will not gather around a table to come to consensus on the study's recommendations.

While using the PRG as a forum to reach consensus on the knotty issues involved does not appear practical, the EAC can benefit from the work of other groups in this regard. It is not

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necessary for this project to duplicate the deliberative processes of the Carter-Baker Commission, the Century Foundation and the Election Center. The EAC itself as well as the project team can get the benefit of these reports without duplicating this "policy evaluation board" structure as part of this contract.

Project Team focuses on analysis and recommendations

Karen reported that the Commissioners believed that the PRG would "prepare a dispassionate analysis of the issues and draw some tentative conclusions." As we see it, the PRG will neither analyze data nor draw conclusions, tentative or otherwise. Its members will review and comment on how the Project Team has designed and carried out the research. Analysis, conclusions and recommendations are the responsibility of the Project Team. We have all seen in the preface to books or articles a sentence or two that read something like this, "The author thanks Mr. X, Ms. Y, and Dr. Z for their review and comment on the manuscript. Their analysis has strengthened the work, but they are in no way responsible for errors or for my conclusions." That is the way we think about the Peer Review Group.

In short, the PRG will help ensure that EAC's Guidance Document is founded on a solid base of data and analysis. The review and comment on the Preliminary Guidance Document by the EAC's Board of Advisors and Standards Board will provide participation by important stakeholder groups without the need for the other review committees. This Board is broad-based and represents a key stakeholder group. It also enjoys a significant advantage over a "defined/select" group we might empanel. Any group we define will be open to criticism or charges of bias by representatives of interest groups not represented.

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I'm assuming you will guide the conversation and keep us all on time and topic.

Thanks for the schedule with the details of the EAC's review of our work.

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Thursday at 11:30



A few items on timelines and materials for May 23-24 meetings:

The Commissioners will review the final Eagleton Voter ID and Provisional Voting reports at their Tuesday, May 16 meeting. At this meeting they will decide how they wish to present these reports to the EAC Board of Advisors and Standards Boards.

Your materials that will be distributed to the EAC Board of Advisors and Standards Boards must be finalized and ready for our Xeroxing process by Thursday, May 18. I will be in touch along the way to provide input/guidance on what these materials should be, based on the Commissioner's review and decisions

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Regards-

K
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"Adam Berinsky"
<berinsky@MIT.EDU>
05/03/2006 04:05 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Review of EAC research on Voter Identification

History:  This message has been replied to.

hello:

I just got your message by phone:

It would be best to send it to my home address:

61 Clay Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Also, in your original phone message you said that there would be an honorarium associated with the review process, but this e-mail states that there will be no compensation for the review. I of course did not expect to be compensated at my market rate for consulting jobs (which is \$225 an hour) but I was led to believe that I would be compensated in some manner for my time.

best

adam berinsky

At 05:36 PM 5/1/2006, you wrote:

Dr. Berinsky-

On behalf of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), thank you in advance for agreeing to assist us with the review of research conducted by the Eagleton Institute of Politics on voter identification. By **Friday, May 5, 2006**, you will receive, in electronic form, the research paper and relevant data analysis which supports the paper's findings. Through this independent review by a small group of experts familiar with elections data and research we are seeking feedback on:

- The research methodology which was used to support the paper's conclusions
- The specific statistical applications which were used to analyze the data and arrive at various conclusions

If there are alternate methodological and statistical approaches to analyzing the data on voter identification, and if there is other data on voter identification that you think should have been included in the analysis, please be certain to note this in your comments.

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On **May 11, 2006** EAC will conduct a 60-90 minute phone call with key Eagleton Institute staff responsible for the research, members of Eagleton's peer review group and the EAC-identified reviewers who have been asked to consider the research. Through this dialogue EAC hopes to gather varying perspectives and insights on the research strategies and methods that were employed by Eagleton. As a result of this conversation, EAC anticipates that some revisions will be made to the Eagleton research paper. This paper is scheduled to be presented to EAC's Board of Advisors and Standards Boards in late May.

While we are unable to offer financial compensation for your review of this research we greatly appreciate your willingness to assist us with this important task. We believe that the research findings we will provide on voter identification are important and will most certainly be enhanced by your insights and expertise.

Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
05/01/2006 03:00 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
cc
bcc

Subject Re: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

History: This message has been replied to.

Did we resolve the contact issues on this?

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 05/01/2006 02:58 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Thompson-Hodgkins
Subject: E-mail to Voter ID peer reviewers

Tom and Julie-

Please take a look at this draft e-mail and let me know if it captures all that it needs to.

Would like to get this out ASAP- appreciate your feedback..

Dear Jonathan Nagler
Dear Jan Leighley
Dear Adam Berinsky

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Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
04/28/2006 01:23 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

History: This message has been replied to.

How much of an honorarium and how fast do we get their review.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 04/28/2006 01:13 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

Tom-

You'll recall that we discussed the fact that the peer review group who Eagleton has assembled do not have the sufficient technical expertise to give us the expert/technical advice we need on the statistical analysis of the Voter ID piece. Only two persons on Eagleton's peer review group have a requisite research and statistical background and knowledge.

You may also remember that Mike told me that he thought that the paper needed an additional set of eyes and review by academics with a background and expertise in election statistics and analysis. When I initially proposed a review panel of six you said that was too many; we agreed that I would find three persons to do the review and that we would pay them a small honoraria for doing the review.

K

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
04/28/2006 02:07 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

History: This message has been replied to.

Sorry I could have told her what a pain her Mother is.
You are right..that will tell us if the data is totally unreliable

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 04/28/2006 02:00 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

If we get that many varying opinions from such experts, probably says this work is too controversial to take to a level of serious public review and discussion. That would be a good thing to know, and would save us the embarrassment, I think.

Get some rest. You missed my daughter yesterday- I wanted her to meet my boss.

K
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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
04/28/2006 12:50 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

History:  This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Karen,
Was this part of the contract. I thought their was a peer review group in place,

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 04/28/2006 12:44 PM
To: Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
Cc: arapp@rci.rutgers.edu; davander@eden.rutgers.edu;
dlinky@rci.rutgers.edu; foley.33@osu.edu; ireed@rutgers.edu; 'Johanna
Dobrich'" <jdobrich@eden.rutgers.edu>; joharris@eden.rutgers.edu;
john.weingart@rutgers.edu; lauracw@columbus.rr.com; rmandel@rci.rutgers.edu;
Tim Vercellotti" <tim.vercellotti@rutgers.edu>; tokaji.1@osu.edu
Subject: Re: Voter ID Paper --Final Draft

Tim, Tom, John, et.al--

The EAC has identified three academics who are going to serve as peer reviewers of the Eagleton Voter ID paper and research.

They are Jonathan Nagler of New York University, Jan Leighley, University of Arizona, and Adam Berinsky of MIT.

They are ready to review the documents as soon as they are available.

I would like to them one week to review the material and then have a joint conference call on **Thursday, May 11**, in which we would all have an opportunity to discuss the research methodology and statistical analysis, along with general comments and suggestions.

If you are able to get to me the paper and the supporting data analysis, I will distribute to the documents ASAP.

Also let me know, if you would, your availability on May 11 to do this conference all.

I anticipate that it will last approximately 90 minutes.

Regards-

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"Adam Berinsky"
<berinsky@MIT.EDU>
04/28/2006 09:57 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject your call

History:  This message has been replied to.

Hello: I just got your message (I'm on leave this year and not in the office much). I would be interested in doing the review, depending on the date of the conference call. As long as it is not on a Tuesday, I could do it.

best

adam berinsky

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"Mike Alvarez"
<rma@hss.caltech.edu>
04/07/2006 12:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc

Subject Re:

History:

⏪ This message has been replied to.

Glad to help. I don't want to step on toes, but I'd recommend that you think about some sort of single-blind peer review, of the sort that is employed by many research journals and other organizations (like the NSF or National Academies of Science). I think that if you offer them a modest honoraria (perhaps \$100) I think you'll find that the folks on that list would be likely to provide quick and thorough feedback to you.

Again, let me know if there is more that I can do to help.

I'm also willing to do a review for you myself. The issue is that I feel somewhat conflicted, given that I'm on their "peer review" panel. But on the other hand that does mean that I'm very well aware of the background of this project. I'd leave it up to you as to whether you think that a review from me would be appropriate or not.

Mike

On Thu, 6 Apr 2006 klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> Mike- Nice to finally meet you in person, as well. Indeed ,as discussed,
> I am likely to confer with your peers on a number of matters related to
> research methodology and statistical analyses,
>
> Thanks again for providing these names.
>
>
> K
> Karen Lynn-Dyson
> Research Manager
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> 1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100
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> tel:202-566-3123
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>
> "Mike Alvarez" <rma@hss.caltech.edu>
> 04/05/2006 07:39 PM
>
> To
> klynndyson@eac.gov
> cc
>
> Subject

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>
> Hi -- nice to meet you in person, finally!
>
> And thanks for inviting me to your gathering, I enjoyed
> it and hope I was helpful. Of course, any time you want
> anything, you do know where to track me down.
>
> As to the potential reviewers of the Eagleton Voter ID
> study, here are my suggestions, in order:
> Jonathan Nagler, New York University
> Jan Leighley, University of Arizona
> Ben Highton, UC-Davis
> Adam Berinsky, MIT
> Bernard Grofman, UC-Irvine
>
> All have worked with the CPS turnout/registration data, and
> are very familiar with this research literature.
>
> If these don't work, or you want more recommendations, let me know.
>
>

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
08/04/2005 05:44 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Re: List of centrist/conservative groups

Thanks for this list, Vice Chair. I've passed it along to Eagleton

Regards-

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To [REDACTED]

08/04/2005 06:08 PM

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: List of centrist/conservative groups

Tom-

Here is a list that can be included in your outreach efforts.

K

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— Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 08/03/2005 06:08 PM —

Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

08/04/2005 01:29 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject List of centrist/conservative groups



Here's a list of centist/conservative groups involved in voting issues that Grant prepared for me. I thought it would be helpful to you.

Paul

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Grant T. Gelner

From: Grant T. Gelner
Sent: 08/04/2005 01:11 PM
To: Paul DeGregorio
Subject: Re: Excel file

Here is the updated excel file. Sorry I didn't get it to you earlier, but I had a four hour front desk shift this



morning and was unable to check email from there. Enjoy the cool Oregon weather. Conservative+Orgs.xls

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Phone	Webpage	Address	Contact / Email	About Org
770-386-8372	http://www.theadvocates.org/about-us.html	The Liberty Building 213 South Erwin Street Cartersville, GA 30120	http://www.theadvocates.org/contact-us.html	<p>The Advocates for Self-Government is a non-profit, non-partisan libertarian educational organization. Founded in 1985 by Marshall Fritz, our current president is Sharon Harris.</p> <p>The American Center For Voting Rights (ACVR) was founded in February 2005 to protect the election process and zealously guard the constitutional right of all citizens to participate in deciding elections in a fair and equal manner free from discrimination, intimidation and fraud.</p> <p>The American Conservative Union is the nation's oldest conservative lobbying organization.</p>
202.962.0311	http://www.ac4vr.com/	1300 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1050 Washington DC, 20005	http://www.ac4vr.com/contact/default.html	<p>We believe in a system in which taxes are simpler, fairer, flatter, more visible, and lower than they are today.</p>
703-836-8602	http://www.conservative.org/	1007 Cameron Street Alexandria, VA 22314	http://www.conservative.org/about/directors.asp	
202-785-0266	http://www.atr.org/	1920 L Street NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036	http://www.atr.org/home/about/staff.html	

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
08/19/2005 03:41 PM

To "Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
bcc Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC; Thomas R.
Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC; Raymundo
Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC; Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC;
Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC; Adam
Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC; Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Peer Review Group

Tom-

Thank you for sharing this list of your Peer Review Group members, to-date. I will share this list with the Commissioners and will be certain to let your know of their feedback, if any.

I will also be back in touch regarding Eagleton's research around voter fraud and the research project EAC will be undertaking, this fall, around voting fraud and voter intimidation. The EAC is presently in the process of finalizing a work and staff plan for this project and once it is completed, I will be certain to brief you on it.

In the meantime, EAC staff and several of the Commissioners looks forward to meeting with the Eagleton/Moritz team on September 6 at 1:30 PM.

Regards-

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"Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]



"Tom O'Neill"
[REDACTED]
08/19/2005 02:20 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
Subject Peer Review Group

Karen,

Attached is a report on the status of recruitment of members of the Peer Review Group. We extended 9 invitations. We have four confirmed members, one reluctant turn-down, one who has yet to respond to an initial inquiry, and are awaiting confirmation from 3 others who initially agreed. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Tom O'Neill

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
10/25/2005 01:13 PM

To "Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL"
cc
bcc Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC; Raymundo
Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: EAC input on the Eagleton draft provisional voting
document

Tom-

Our legal department has been inundated with legal requests in the last two weeks, so please pardon our delay in getting our written comments on the draft document back to you.

Julie informs me that you should have these in the next several days.

Hope that the work of the Peer Review Group and work on Voter Id is continuing to progress.

Regards-

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
11/14/2005 11:58 AM

To "Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED] SSAEXTERNAL"
cc
bcc Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC; Thomas R.
Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject RE: EAC input on the Eagleton draft provisional voting
document

Greetings Tom-

I write to get an update on how things are progressing with your peer group and staff work on the development of the draft documents.

I would imagine your October monthly report will come in this week.

Regards-

Karen Lynn-Dyson
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tel:202-566-3123

"Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]



"Tom O'Neill"
[REDACTED]
10/25/2005 01:44 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: EAC input on the Eagleton draft provisional voting
document

Karen,

Thanks. We are aiming to complete drafting the recommendations for Guidance and Best Practice for Provisional Voting in the next 10 days, so the written comments will be most helpful if they arrive in that time. And, of course, we will be revising the analysis documents in line with the comments from the EAC and the PRG during that time period as well.

Tom O'Neill

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2005 1:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On May 24, 2005 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission awarded an eight month contract (December 30, 2005) in the amount of \$560,002.00 to the Eagleton Institute of Politics (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) to provide research assistance to support development of guidelines on the topics of provisional voting and voter identification procedures.

On November 15, 2005, John Weingart, Associate Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, requested via e-mail, a no-cost extension on this contract (E4014127). Mr. Weingart has requested an extension to complete the work of this contract to February 28, 2006.

In subsequent correspondence, Mr. Weingart notes the following as the reason for the request:

“The original work schedule called for EAC to publish in mid-October, voluntary guidance and/or recommended best practices for provisional voting, based on Eagleton’s research. In making that time estimate, we did not provide sufficient time for the EAC to review and consider the draft reports that would form the basis for that publication.... The additional time required to complete the work on provisional voting has delayed the completion of our analysis of Voter Identification issues. The draft report of that topic will be submitted to the EAC in mid-January”.

He further notes:

“If EAC does not object, funds originally allocated for the hearings would be available for transfer to support the additional staff and consultant time necessary to complete the work....

“The total project budget is \$560,002. As of October 31st, the EAC has been invoiced for \$259,081.79; the balance remaining is \$300,920.21. We anticipate that the project will be complete and the balance of funds fully expended by February 28, 2006. The final invoice for the contract will be submitted to the EAC within 75 days of the close of the project”.

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
12/12/2005 04:49 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC, Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Re: Fw: No Cost Extension Request

Gavin-

See quote in attached Memorandum for the Record, regarding re-allocation of funds.

Will also send you his e-mail with the full explanation.

Nicole and Tamar-

Please provide Gavin with the paperwork which has been prepared for the Chair's signature

Thanks

K
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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
12/12/2005 04:41 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Fw: No Cost Extension Request

Karen,

I am not sure I understand what is meant by the term "re-allocation of funds." Any insight?? He seems to be referencing some other request?

Also, I have not seen the paperwork regarding this no cost extension.

GG

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

12/12/2005 04:31 PM

cc

Subject Fw: No Cost Extension Request

Gavin-

Is it correct to say that this paperwork that has just gone to the Chair includes an approval of the re-allocation of funds?

Thanks

K



Eagleton no-cost extension.doc Karen Lynn-Dyson
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— Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 12/11/2005 04:28 PM —



"John Weingart"
<john.weingart@rutgers.edu>
12/12/2005 03:07 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc

Please respond to
john.weingart@rutgers.edu

Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

Karen - Does that also include the request to reallocate funds or is that just something that doesn't require EAC approval? Thanks, John

-- John Weingart, Associate Director
Eagleton Institute of Politics
(732) 932-9384, x.290

klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

>
> John-
>
> The no-cost extension materials have gone to the Chair for signature
> and review.
>

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> The process should be complete within the week.
>
> Also, EAC staff will be turning their attention to the provisional
> voting best practices document after Wednesday of this week.
>
> As always, thanks for your patience.
>
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> K
>
> Karen Lynn-Dyson
> Research Manager
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> Washington, DC 20005
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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

12/12/2005 04:50 PM

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

Karen Lynn-Dyson
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----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 12/11/2005 04:49 PM -----



"John Weingart"
<john.weingart@rutgers.edu>

11/30/2005 05:05 PM

Please respond to
john.weingart@rutgers.edu

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc "Tom O'Neill" <[REDACTED]>

Subject Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

Karen - There were two typos on the copy I just sent. Please use the attached instead. To minimize confusion, I dated this document December 1st (the first one says November 30). Thanks, John

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-- John Weingart, Associate Director
Eagleton Institute of Politics
(732) 932-9384, x.290



Extension Justification.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
12/13/2005 10:23 AM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected 

Yes all of your assumptions are correct.

Should these somehow be stated in the Memorandum for the Record?

K
Karen Lynn-Dyson
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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
12/13/2005 09:58 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected 

Karen,

I am assuming that there original proposal included an estimate for public hearing proposals and that they want to shift money from this expense to labor.

Thus I am assuming that you have determined that there will be no public hearing and therefore this shift is appropriate.

Are these assumption correct? Perhaps a quick explanation regarding this processes would be helpful.

GG

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1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100
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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

12/12/2005 04:50 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

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"John Weingart"
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11/30/2005 05:05 PM

Please respond to
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To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc "Tom O [REDACTED]"

Subject Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

Karen - There were two typos on the copy I just sent. Please use the attached instead. To minimize confusion, I dated this document December 1st (the first one says November 30). Thanks, John

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-- John Weingart, Associate Director
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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

12/19/2005 09:56 AM

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Subject Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

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FYI-

See response below.

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Subject Re: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected

Karen - At this time, we anticipate reallocating funds primarily from the public hearings line item and spending approximately \$35,500 more than originally budgeted on personnel, \$23,250 more on the subcontract with Ohio State and \$20,250 more on consultants. There are other additional variances but they are not significant (e.g. less on honoraria, less on travel, and more on general operations such as phone expenses). Let me know if you need additional detail or information.

Thanks, John

-- John Weingart, Associate Director
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klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

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> John-

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> Quick question-

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> How much money do you anticipate will be re-allocated from the

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> original line items outlined in the contract to other project costs?

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> Thanks

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
12/19/2005 12:26 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
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Subject Re: Fw: Request for No-Cost Extension-corrected 

Gavin-

Just spoke with John Weingart- he explains that it will be the same work and tasks (no new or additional products) and merely work that will now extend for an additional two months rather than ending December 31.

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12/20/2005 04:27 PM

To john.weingart@rutgers.edu
cc "Tom O'Neill" [REDACTED]
bcc Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV@EAC; Juliet E.
Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

John-

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He indicates that we need a bit more information that will accompany the material we will send to the Commissioners for a vote (hopefully next week)

We need to know the number of labor hours, the labor costs and a brief description of the tasks to be performed by each of the staff who will be working on the EAC contract until its completion.

Since we have eliminated the public hearing (a major contract deliverable) it is unclear why staff labor hours and costs will continue at the same level and rate.

As always, thanks for your patience and prompt response.

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To john.weingart@rutgers.edu
cc "Tom O'Neill" <[REDACTED]>
bcc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

Thanks for providing this explanation, John.

Once I've had a chance to review it with our contracting folks, I'll be back in touch.

Best wishes for a restful holiday-

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To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc "Tom O'Neill" <[REDACTED]>
Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

Karen - Our request for a no-cost, reallocation of resources is based on (a) the fact that our personnel costs have already been higher than we anticipated and (b) the reality that keeping the project operating for at least nine months, instead of seven as planned, will require the participants to devote more time than anticipated. While we are not producing more product than originally promised, the time involved in our work continues to increase. Both Provisional Voting and Voter ID have proved to be very dynamic topics requiring us to continually monitor developments and update our data, analysis and evolving work products as we learn of new or revised information. As a result, despite the extension of the schedule, the staff and consultants on this project have had no "down" time. We anticipate this research, monitoring and revising to continue for the months added to the project, necessitating significantly more hours by all members of the project team than anticipated.

Our request asks for changes to three line items which I will address below on the assumption that the EAC response to our already-submitted Provisional Voting draft and to-be-submitted Voter ID draft will be sufficiently timely to enable us to complete our work on both topics by the end of February.

1. Eagleton Institute of Politics personnel: We originally budgeted \$110,695 (\$15,813 average per month) for Eagleton faculty, staff and graduate student assistants for the seven-month project from May 24

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2005-December 31, 2005. Our actual costs have been approximately \$14,500 more than that. In addition, we are anticipating needing another \$21,000 for personnel costs in January and February, calculated on the basis of 2/3 of the original monthly estimate. Therefore, we are asking to raise this line item from \$110,695 to approximately \$146,000.

2. Consultant Services: We originally budgeted \$79,50 (\$11,357 average per month) for consultant services which we have used to engage Tom O'Neill as the project manager. We anticipate no additional cost for the original contract period of May 24, 2005-December 31, 2005, but do anticipate needing his services during January and February at a slightly reduced rate of \$10,125 per month or \$20,250 total additional. Therefore, we are asking to raise this line item from \$79,500 to \$99,750.

3. Moritz School of Law: We originally budgeted \$84,744 (\$12,106 average per month) for staff and overhead for the May 24, 2005-December 31, 2005 period. We anticipate needing an additional \$23,171 (\$11,585 average per month) to support their time on this project in January and February. Therefore, we are asking to raise this line item from \$84,744 to \$107,915.

With these revisions, approximately \$22,000 of the EAC contract award to Eagleton would remain not yet allocated, primarily because the cost for the public hearings would have incurred Rutgers University overhead whereas the additional expenditures for consultants and the subcontract with Moritz do not.

I hope this provides you the information you need. While Rutgers is shutting down until January 3rd, I will be checking email at least every day or two.

-- John Weingart, Associate Director
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To John.Weingart@rutgers.edu
cc Bornheim@rci.rutgers.edu
bcc Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC; Juliet E.
Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

Happy New Year, John-

Connie needs to provide the breakdown of staff costs starting with the November invoice which was submitted. She will need to re-submit this invoice.

For the purposes of the no-cost extension document I need the information from January forward.

I'm told that EAC senior management will be turning their attention to the Provisional Voting Best Practices document this week.

Regards-

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12/29/2005 12:19 PM

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To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request

Karen - Turns out I could locate Connie's email though most likely she won't see mail until Tuesday: Bornheim@rci.rutgers.edu.

To clarify your phone message, do you need us to provide the number of hours for each staff person and consultant going forward from January 1st onward or going back to the start of the project?

Thanks.

> John-

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> A quick request- May I get Connie Bornheimer e-mail address (again). You
> may recall I had an incorrect one.

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> I have received the invoice for November services and cannot process it
> until it has the breakdown of salaries for particular personnel.

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> This request is along the lines of that I have requested from you in order

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> to extend the contract.
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> Thanks
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01/06/2006 02:10 PM

To John.Weingart@rutgers.edu

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Subject Re: No Cost Extension Request 

John-

Attached please find a copy of a portion of the memo that is part of the paperwork related to the no-cost extension.

While I am the Contracting Officer Representative on this project, I never received your project's cost proposal, and am unable to locate a copy. Otherwise, I would have completed more of the chart.

Please, take a moment to fill in the information on the attached chart, and, if you could, have one of the Eagleton staff send me the cost proposal which originally accompanied the technical proposal.

Thanks so much.

Regards-

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Mr. Weingart further notes:

“We anticipate reallocating funds primarily from the public hearings line items and spending approximately \$35,500 more than originally budgeted on personnel, \$23,250 more on the subcontract with Ohio State and \$20,250 more on consultants”.

Specifics of the Extension

The contractor has provided the following breakdown and explanation of the personnel and consultant costs, associated with this extension.

Original Project Personnel costs- \$195,439 (May-December)

Original Project labor hours-xxxxx (May-December)

Projected Project Personnel costs -\$253,915 (January-February)

Projected Project labor hours-xxxxx (January-February)

	Original Budget	Projected Budget
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Project Director		
Project Manager		
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Overhead		
Total	\$110,695	\$146,000
<i>Moritz School of Law</i>		
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Overhead		
Total	\$84,744	\$107,915

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

03/29/2005 12:41 PM

cc Brian Hancock/EAC/GOV@EAC, Troy
Griffis/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Evaluation Criteria, Provisional Voting RFP

Carol-

Here is my take on the evaluation criteria for the RFP.
Feel free to revise.
Let me know next steps in the review process, when you can.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA Provisional voting.doc Karen Lynn-Dyson
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Request for Proposal-Development of voluntary guidance on provisional voting and voter identification procedures

These are the criteria and possible point values that will be used to evaluate proposals.

1. Appropriateness of research methodology and adequacy of analytical strategy (15 points)
2. Principal Investigator's relevant experience (10 points)
3. Relevant organizational experience (10 points)
4. Compliance with proposal instructions (5 points)
5. Reasonableness of allocation of resources to work components (10 points)
6. Results of reference checks (5 points)

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

06/23/2005 01:45 PM

cc

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Subject Fw: Peer Review Group

Tom-

When you get a moment- could you review Eagleton's proposed Peer Review Group roster and offer your thoughts/suggestions.

Thanks

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"Tom O'Neill"

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Subject Peer Review Group

Karen,

As you probably recall, one of the features of our proposal was the creation of a Peer Review Group to look over our findings, conclusions and draft reports before we prepare final drafts for the EAC's review. The EAC asked that before recruiting members of the PRG we submit names for EAC's review. The aim, course, is to assemble a panel that is experienced, informed, and balanced.

Attached is a list of potential PRG members drawn from academia, the law, and non-profit organizations with interests in this area. Please look it over.

We may conclude that the PRG should also include two or three former government officials now in academia or related fields. We have a conference call with our partners at Moritz planned for tomorrow or Friday to decide a) if former officials should be included in the PRG and b) if so, who they should be. I'll keep you informed of our thinking as it develops.

Tom



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PROPOSED MEMBERS OF PEER REVIEW GROUP

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Alvarez has taught political science at Caltech since 1992. He received his B.A. in political science from Carleton College; his M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University. Alvarez focuses on the study of electoral politics. He has published many articles on electoral behavior and public opinion. Support for his research has come from the National Science Foundation, The IBM Corporation, the Carnegie Corporation, of New York, and the Knight Foundation. Alvarez edits the Analytical Methods for Social Research book series and is on the editorial boards of a number of academic journals. He is Co-Director of the Caltech-MIT Voting Technology Project

Deborah Goldberg, Ph.D

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Goldberg supervises the Democracy Program's litigation, scholarship, and public education. She was the principal author of *Writing Reform: A Guide to Drafting State & Local Campaign Finance Laws*, and was lead counsel to the intervenor in the Supreme Court case *Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC*. She serves on the Steering Committee of a coalition to restore voting rights to persons with past felony convictions. Goldberg is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Before joining the Brennan Center, she was in private practice. She holds a Ph.D. in philosophy and taught ethics at Columbia University.

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Kropf has been on the faculty at Missouri since 1999. She received her BA Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Kansas State University and her PhD in Political Science from American University. Her work concentrates on Research Methods, Urban Politics, American Government, and Political Behavior. Before joining the faculty at Missouri, she was Project Coordinator at the University of Maryland Survey Research Center. She has published recent on undervoting in presidential elections, and on invalidated ballots in the 1996 presidential election, and on the incremental process of election reform in Missouri.

Wade Henderson, Esq.

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Wade Henderson is the Executive Director of the LCCR and Counsel to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF), and leads the organizations' work on issues involving nationwide election reform. He is a graduate of Howard University and the Rutgers University School of Law. During its over 50 years of existence, LCCR has worked to redefine civil rights issues in broad and inclusive ways. Today, it includes over 180 national organizations. Previously Henderson served as Washington Bureau Director of the NAACP. He began his career as a legislative counsel of the ACLU.

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