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NATIONAL VOTING RIGHTS TASK FORCE

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

California Secretary of State Shirley Weber
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Order Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) for September 14th recall election results

Dear Secretary Weber,

The California recall election will be closely watched. The public needs assurance that counting is accurate, and that any errors would be found and corrected. Normal California election audits can or may omit the millions of ballots counted after election day. That is an invitation to doubt and despair, no matter who wins.

California has authority to do Risk Limiting Audits (RLAs), which cover all ballots, even the late ones, with enough sample size to assure the public that results will be correct.

It's fairly likely that no matter what the results are, there will be controversy, especially in light of the recent illegal and unauthorized release of Dominion EMS software (which so many counties in CA use) by a Mesa County Colorado Registrar of Voters. The voters of California would benefit greatly by having the position of pre-ensuring the validity of the outcome.

The office of Secretary of State should order a Risk Limiting Audit for the recall election, announce it before the election, cover it in the regulations, and get money from the legislature for it.

Please take action to institute the Risk-Limiting Audit now — and give staff time to get started so you will be well organized to make it happen efficiently — thus giving voters and candidates a high degree of confidence in the results.

We understand it is your decision.

Respectfully,

Jim Soper & Carl Carter

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