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## WEICU CALLS FOR AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE ELECTION IRREGULARITIES BEFORE A CITIZEN GRAND JURY

Washington Election Integrity Coalition United ("WEiCU") filed court pleadings this past week in Lincoln County Superior Court Case No. 212-00042 22, calling on Judge Michael P. Price, the assigned judge out of Spokane, to appoint an independent special prosecutor to assist in the investigation of a Verified Complaint before a citizen Grand Jury.

The complaint outlines election procedural maladministration including massive unexplained vote swings between candidates in multiple races documented by WEiCU following an analysis of National Election Pool and Secretary of State data for the 2020 Election.

The defendants in the action, Lincoln County auditor Chandra Schumacher and Lincoln County, have thus far been represented by Deputy Prosecutor Paul J. Triesch, an attorney out of Bainbridge Island, who has actively sought dismissal of the action and sanctions against those seeking to protect the inherent political power of the people and protect our free and equal elections.

WEiCU notified the Deputy Prosecutor of his mandatory statutory duty to prosecute all violations of the election laws which come to his knowledge, and violation of the election related duty constitutes a class C felony and requires forfeit of office under RCW 36.27.020(9) and RCW 29A.84.720. Neither Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney Adam Walser nor the Deputy Prosecutor has responded to the notice, and have continued to pursue dismissal and seek sanctions based on heavily redacted fee schedules that appear to be hiding the identities of anyone with whom the Deputy Prosecutor has communicated about the case.

WEiCU formally notified the Court of the irregularity in the proceeding, and has asked the Court to appoint an independent special prosecutor to step in. Per the Deputy Prosecutor's own fee schedule, the Deputy Prosecutor spent part of only one day reviewing election data from the 2020 Election, with no investigation done between the time the complaint was filed and four days later when the Deputy Prosecutor commenced work on having the action dismissed.

WEiCU also has asked the Court to enquire into the potential conflicts of interest arising from the involvement of Perkins Coie, LLP in the action. Perkins Coie has filed eight motions to intervene on behalf of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee ("DCC") as a defendant in each of the election integrity actions filed by WEiCU. The Lincoln County motion was granted by Judge Price.

The conflict of interest arises from the intent of the intervention: whether Perkins Coie is acting to protect DCC (the ostensible client) or Perkins Coie itself. According to Perkins Coie attorney Kevin Hamilton during a hearing held on March 25, 2022, Perkins Coie has represented

Joseph Biden in election contests nationwide relating to the 2020 Election. Perkins Coie also has been identified as "Law Firm-1" in pending criminal cases brought by the United States of America, by and through its attorney, Special Counsel John H. Durham. (*See, e.g., United States of America v. Michael A. Sussman* United States Dist. Court Dist. of Columbia, Criminal Case No. 21-582 (CRC).)

The actions of Perkins Coie in seeking intervention for early dismissal of statutory claims ostensibly on behalf of the DCC appear to be part of a pattern and practice (as boasted to by Mr. Hamilton) of shutting down election integrity litigation nationwide.

To the extent Perkins Coie is assisting in a coordinated effort to protect Perkins Coie or its employees from potential liability in relation to election irregularities and associated election crimes, Perkins Coie would be acting in its own self-interest, and not the interest of its purported client.

Judge Price has been asked to address these issues at the next hearing in the matter scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2022.

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