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WEiCU Show Cause Hearing For Public Inspection of Franklin County Election Records Scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

On July 11, 2022, Washington Election Integrity Coalition United (“WEiCU” pronounced “We See You”) will appear before the Franklin County Superior Court on a Show Cause hearing under the Public Records Act seeking inspection of election records for the 2020 General Election.

WEiCU petitioned the Franklin County Superior Court for an order finding cause to compel Franklin County to comply with WEiCU’s August 2021 Public Records Request for the public inspection, copying, testing and/or photograph of original ballots, ballot images, spoiled ballots, and returned (as undeliverable) ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

WEiCU’s request for a Show Cause hearing prompted Franklin County to file a cross motion to dismiss the action and seek sanctions against WEiCU.

WEiCU is informed and believes that Franklin County used a Dominion voting system (Democracy Suite 5.5) to electronically scan and tabulate ballots for the 2020 Election. A system well documented to have ‘vote flipping glitches.’

Franklin County refused to release the records, asserting that ballots are private and may not be produced under the election code as a whole and under appellate court opinion. However, by law, exemptions under the Public Records Act are only allowed by specific statute, not by court opinion, and WEiCU is asserting there is no statute that exempts ballots from public inspection.

WEiCU also has cited a Washington State election code statute that requires ballots to be de-identified with no mechanism for tying a voter to the voter’s ballot. WEiCU asserts that the de-identification statute (RCW 29A.08.161) renders any claims of violations of voter privacy or voter secrecy for ballot review as unsupported and contrary to state law.

According to WEiCU’s Director, Tamborine Borrelli, the election records have been unfairly and wrongfully withheld from public inspection: “We are hearing from both opposing counsel and the courts that there is no evidence to support WEiCU’s independently obtained, **verifiable** findings of votes being swapped and moved around among candidates in the 2020 Election, while at the same time, opposing counsel is seeking to dismiss before allowing any evidence for review. Moreover, the counties and auditors are stone-walling us on our attempts to inspect the election records to corroborate our evidence. If the 2020 Election was so safe, accurate and secure as they say, why are they stone-walling us on the evidence and seeking sanctions to deter and intimidate the public?”

The Show Cause hearing is currently scheduled for the 2:30 p.m. Franklin County docket on July 11, 2022. If held under normal court procedure, the hearing will be accessible via WebEx Telephone: Call in Number: 408-418-9388; WebEx Meeting Number: 187 839 9724 # (pound sign); Attendee ID Number: # (press the pound sign).

WEiCU is a non-partisan, Washington State non-profit dedicated to restoring transparent, secure and publicly verified elections to Washington State.

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