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From: Stock, Mark <Mark.Stock@snco.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Martha Dorsey
Cc: Howell, Andrew
Subject: HB 2013 concerning elections; dealing with write in candidates - Shawnee County Information

Martha,

Per our discussion this afternoon regarding HB 2013 dealing with write-in candidates, the Shawnee County Election Office offers the following experience as requested:

1. Background Information – For the 2016 Primary Election, Shawnee County has twelve (12) townships with two positions each (Trustee and Treasurer) = 24 township offices times two parties (Democratic and Republican) = 48 township races
2. 2016 Primary Election Results:
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 - B. Of the 48 township races, eleven (11) were won by write-in votes and one (1) township race didn't have any candidate receive the minimum number of write-in votes to win (K.S.A. 25-213).
 - C. Of the 11 township races won by write-in votes, seven (7) accepted their nominations and were placed on the 2016 General Election ballot. Four (4) of the eleven withdrew/declined the nomination as they were four of the previously mentioned seven and won the nomination for office by write-in votes by both parties. They accepted the nomination of their identified party and subsequently withdrew the nomination by the other party per K.S.A. 25-306.
 - D. Side Note regarding the one township position that did not have a Primary Election winner due to insufficient number of write-in votes; In the 2016 General Election, this position resulted in two people tied with six (6) write-in votes each. Both candidates were notified by the Shawnee County Election Office prior to the breaking of the tie. The Board of Canvassers drew lots per K.S.A. 25-3108. The winner subsequently declined and the Board of County Commissioners recently filled the position by appointment.
3. 2014 Primary Election Results:
 - A. One Township Clerk race resulted in the same person winning both the Democratic and Republican nominations by write-in votes from each party. The winner accepted their party nomination and declined the other party's nomination.

I hope this information is helpful.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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From: Alisha Johnson <alisha.johnson@renogov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Martha Dorsey
Subject: Removing Write In from General Ballot

Hi Martha,

I spoke with Jenna regarding write ins asking to be removed from the general ballot. She said she does not recall anybody calling to ask to be removed from the general ballot. I do not remember anyone either. The only situation I can recall that would have been helpful to remove a person from the ballot for the general election was a lady that filed and passed away between the primary and general election. I have had three or four decline a position after they were elected in the last couple of years. But as for people asking to be removed from the General Election ballot none of us in the Election Office recall having a person call asking to be removed. If you have any other questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Thanks,
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From: Janet Schwerdtfeger
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Donna Patton; Jenna Fager; Alisha Johnson
Subject: FW: Hello

Jenna and Alisha,

Received a call from the Martha from the state. Needing this information. Alisha Said she can get what information she has. So I am forwarding it to her.

Thanks

janet

From: Martha Dorsey [<mailto:Martha.Dorsey@KLRD.ks.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Janet Schwerdtfeger
Subject: RE: Hello

Hello, Janet!

Here is the request:

- How many people were elected as write-in candidates in the last two election cycles? (even the last two years would be good)

Martha Dorsey

From: Martha Dorsey
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Keith Esau
Subject: quick update on HB 2013 (write-in) question

Representative Esau,

I have spoken with people from Johnson and Shawnee county election offices. Here is what I have so far:

- Johnson County – The office keeps track of all those nominated and elected by write-in; however, the office does not maintain a list of those who have resigned. But three election office staff members conferred on this question and none of the three were aware of any such occurrence (i.e., a write-in resigning immediately after election in November). Given the current Election Commissioner has been in office for only a year (he was out today), these individuals did not think they could do better than the answer they supplied.
- Shawnee County – I spoke with Mark Stock, who said the following:
 - He knows for certain of one such case in the 2016 election. He will email me the details.
 - He will look for others and let me know if he finds them.

I have not called Reno County yet; I will try to do so before my 1:30 meeting.

Best,
-Martha

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"Live every day as if it were going to be your last; for one day you're sure to be right."

--Harry Morant, Breaker Morant