TO**:** Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: March 28, 2023

SUBJECT**:** Voter Registration Rolls\_ERIC Part 2 of 3; Data Sent to ERIC

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**Introduction:**

* The State of MN contracted with ERIC (Election Registration Information Center) in 2014 to ensure accurate Voter Rolls.
* ERIC’s Bylaws require States (Members) to provide confidential and protected resident data, but the contract does not require ERIC’s disclosure regarding to/with whom they share our data.
* We are requesting Anoka County Elections & Voter Registration Department and/or County Commissioners investigate whether there may be a vulnerability to the people of Anoka County because of the data being provided to ERIC.

**Considerations:**

* **Purpose of Voter Registration Rolls:** To maintain a list of who is eligible to vote so that only those eligible to vote are allowed to cast their vote according to Laws.
* **Minnesota Voter Registration (SVRS)** 201.021 PERMANENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

A permanent system of voter registration by county is established, with a single, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered at the state level ... The county auditor shall be chief registrar of voters and the chief custodian of the official registration records... The secretary of state is responsible for…administering the centralized system.

* **Some of the Data Requirements in the ERIC Contract/Bylaws:**
  + Voter Registration and motor vehicles data fields to be submitted to ERIC by each participating jurisdiction, if collected by the Member State
    - All name fields
    - All address fields
    - Driver’s license or state ID number
    - Last four digits of Social Security number
    - Date of birth
    - Activity dates as defined by the Board of Directors
    - Current record status
    - Affirmative documentation of citizenship
    - The title/type of affirmative documentation of citizenship presented
    - Phone number
    - E-mail address or other electronic contact method

If the Member fails to transmit the required Member Data as described above, ERIC shall not deliver, nor shall the Member receive, any Data or services from ERIC until ERIC receives the required Member Data from the Member.

* + State Agency Records. The Member shall use its best efforts to transmit, on a regular basis, data relating to individuals that exists in the records of other agencies within its jurisdiction that perform any voter registration functions….
* There is question as to **why all of the data items** indicated in the ERIC Bylaws are necessary for their sole mission.
* **The agreement does not prevent ERIC from sharing the data with “agents, contractors or subcontractors.”**
  + There is no requirement for ERIC to disclose the names of the entities with whom they share this private information.
  + The agreement places no limits on when and where ERIC can share it.
* According to Verity Vote’s investigation and review of documents received in response to FOIA requests, **ERIC is sharing data with other organizations**, which are partisan in nature/mission. This information is now hitting [news outlets](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/03/bombshell-emails-show-eric-systems-were-sharing-voter-information-with-third-party-group-tied-to-zuckerberg-in-2020-election/) as well.
* We, citizens of Anoka County, are **concerned about how this data is being used and to whom it is shared**. We would like full transparency/disclosure on this matter.

**Conclusions/Requests:**

* While the State is responsible to maintain the State Voter Registration System, it is the County that is responsible for the accuracy of their data and election results. We have identified Voter Registration Roll accuracy issues in Anoka County.
* We are requesting an investigation regarding all data of the people of Anoka County being transmitted from the State of Minnesota to non-governmental agencies (NGOs). Specifically, we are requesting that by 8/30/2023 we receive a report from this investigation that includes a minimum of the following:
  + Every data type and item being shared with the NGO ERIC and any other entities
  + To whom our data is initially being shared and to whom those entities are then sharing our data
  + The legality of providing Anoka County citizens’ and non-citizens’ data to those entities
  + Specifically how data is being used by ERIC and any other entities with whom it is shared

**Additional Links/Resources:**

<https://ericstates.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/ERIC_Bylaws.pdf> ERIC’s Contract with [States] Members; see Exhibits A&B

<https://verityvote.us/eric-sharing-data-with-zuckerburg-funded-ngo/> Verity Vote Report; see Page 2