MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: July 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Six Key Ingredients for Secure & Transparent Elections

PRESENTER: Jeff Jindra

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Introduction

You have just heard the list of six key ingredients for a secure and transparent home-grown election. Now I would like to give you some details on each one.

Analysis

* **Secured Election Judge Data**: Since 2011 Anoka County contracts with InTech Software Solutions Inc. to manage election judge data on remote internet cloud servers. **Request** this function by the County be totally on-premise with no cloud storage.
* **Verified Registered Voters**: **Request** verification of all incoming voter registrations via forensic methods including fractal data analysis.
* **Validated Paper Ballots**: **Request** use of only counterfeit-resistant paper ballots having a publically and fully trackable chain of custody directly to each precinct on day of count.
* **Paper Poll Books**: Since 2018 Anoka County uses KNOWiNK LLC electronic poll pads, hot spots and ePulse internet connectivity. **Request** return to paper poll books.
* **Hand-Counted Paper Ballots**: Since 2013 Anoka County contracts with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S) to purchase and use electronic tabulators to count ballots/votes. These are propriety machines with no means of verifying internal functions or accuracy for all contests. **Request** ballots/votes be hand-counted after polls close. If machines are used, then hand count only races with multiple candidates.
* **Small Voting Precincts**: **Request** precinct sizes to maintain ballot counts under 2,500.

Conclusions/Recommendations

We respectfully request that Anoka County consider pursuing all six of these proposal goals.

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County

Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.